Library Guide
Tea Traditions in the East

The practice of drinking tea first developed in China, and later travelled to Japan and throughout Asia. By the 1750s tea was widely drank in England and by 1790 it had spread to New England. The ceremony and etiquette of tea drinking varied widely in the Eastern and Western tradition. This bibliography concentrates on the history of tea in Asia and includes general introductions on the history of tea in the East, the tea ceremony, and titles about the contrasting histories of tea in the East and in the West.

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**The Tea Ceremony**

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**Tea East and West**


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*Oribe Ware Side Dish for the Tea Ceremony Meal, Momoyama Period (1568-1615)*, Oribe ware; stone ware with green and transparent glazes, underglaze iron oxide and white slip-painted designs

Dimensions: 3 15/16 x 2 3/8 x 2 3/8 in. Gift of Mrs. George H. Bunting Jr. 80-39/7
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**Tea Bowl**
Late 16th-early 17th century,
Karatsu ware; glazed stoneware
Dimensions: 3 x 5 1/2 in.
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**Tea Caddy**
16th century,
Seto ware; iron-glazed stoneware with ivory lid
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