

Old Javanese Gold (Yale University Press) by John Miksic

Associate Professor John Miksic, the esteemed regional archaeologist of the Department of Southeast Asian Studies, sheds new light onto a fascinating aspect of Javanese history and culture.

While ancient Javanese bronze and ironwork have long elicited interest, there is a lesser-known yet equally fascinating aspect of the Indonesian island's history: gold artifacts, including jewelry, clothing accessories, statues, coins, and containers. Not only do these objects display exceptional craftsmanship, they also provide a significant source of information on Javanese society, culture, religion, economy, technology, and art from the 1st century BC to 1500 AD.

This revised and expanded edition of the 1990 publication *Old Javanese Gold* celebrates Valerie and Hunter Thompson's 2007 gift of Javanese gold objects to the Yale University Art Gallery and the subsequent founding of the Department of Indo-Pacific Art. Along with entirely new photography and a fresh design, the book's essays have been updated to incorporate recent discoveries — including the Wonoboyo hoard, one of the most important gold hoards ever excavated in Southeast Asia.

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