
PAGODA RED



BLUE & WHITE TEA LEAF JAR

\$480

c. 1900 • Southern China, China • Porcelain • Collection #CMWY018A

H: 7.0" Dia: 4.5"

Lidded jars like these were used in tea shops throughout China, where tea drinking was a symbol of taste and upper-class refinement. This tea leaf jar dates to the early 20th century and exemplifies the timeless allure of blue-and-white porcelain. Freely brushed in a cobalt-blue glaze, the jar is painted with an array of botanical motifs, including a lotus flower with leaves and a full peony blossom, symbols of spring and summer. Between these large flowers are various abstract florals and butterflies, filling the limited white space to create an all-over pattern. Continued...



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The tea leaf jar is complete with a circular lid adorned with two hibiscus flowers.



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