



## GREEN GLAZED MINGQI SPIRIT SCHOLAR

**\$680**

Unknown • China • Ceramic • Collection #CESB044

W: 2.5" D: 2.0" H: 9.25"

Molded of earthenware, this petite sculpture is a type of centuries-old burial figurine known as míngqì. Such model figures were placed in tombs of individuals with high status to ensure a safe journey to the afterlife. Meant to depict the pleasures of daily life, common burial figures were warriors, dancers, male and female figures and animals.

This míngqì is of a male attendant dressed in a bold green gown, hands folded in front and topped by a towering headdress. Continued...



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Though some of the glaze has now weathered from age, revealing the original ceramic form, the facial features are left intact with stunning detail.



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