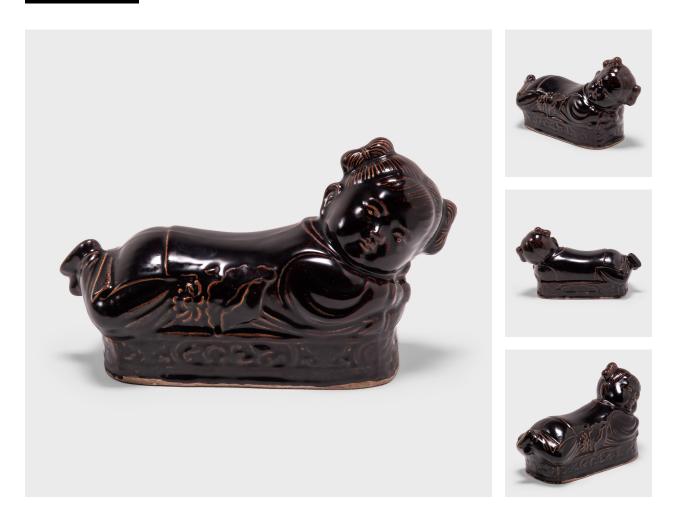
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LUCKY GIRL HEADREST

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c. 1900 • Northern China, China • Porcelain, Glaze • Collection #CJKA033 W: 12.0" D: 5.0" H: 7.0"

To keep her elaborate hairstyle intact while sleeping, a well-to-do Qing-dynasty woman would use a rigid headrest or neck pillow to keep her head elevated. Whether functional or purely decorative, such headrests were crafted from a variety of materials and were often decorated with elaborate patterns or symbolic motifs.

This porcelain headrest is shaped in the form of a reclining young girl and finished with a glossy dark brown glaze. Children were a popular motif in Chinese art and furniture, and were considered lucky talismans, especially for prospective parents. Continued...

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Perhaps this headrest was once used by an expectant mother, in hopes the pillow would give her dreams of a healthy baby.

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