



BLUE AND WHITE SNUFF BOTTLE

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c. 1900 • China • Porcelain • Collection #CESB051

W: 1.25" D: 1.0" H: 2.5"

A mixture of finely powdered tobacco, herbs, and spices, snuff was introduced to China in the 17th century by Western diplomats. Initially reserved for ranking members of Qing-dynasty society, the practice provided an opportunity to display one's refined aesthetic through collectible snuff bottles.

This petite ceramic snuff bottle has a hexagonal form and is glazed with cobalt pigments in the tradition of Chinese blue-and-white porcelain. A charming scene of a robed scholar alone in a courtyard garden decorates the sides.

The original cap and spoon have been lost.



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