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## LOTUS LEAF SNUFF BOTTLE

**\$380**

c. 1900 • China • Porcelain, Enamel • Collection #CFC204

W: 1.5" D: 0.5" H: 3.0"

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 snuff bottle is sculpted of porcelain in the form of a curled lotus leaf, finished with pastel green and purple overglaze enamels. Emerging from the mud of riverbanks yet pristine and beautiful, the lotus plant is a symbol of purity and perfection, an emblem of summer, and a sacred Buddhist symbol. Continued...



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