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Ritual Vessel (Ding)

Unknown Chinese

Chinese, Eastern Zhou dynasty, early 5th century BC
Bronze, vessel: 15 3/4 x 21 7/8 x 18 in. (40 x 55.6 x 45.7 cm)
lid: 3 5/16 x 18 1/4 in. diameter (8.4 x 46.4 cm)

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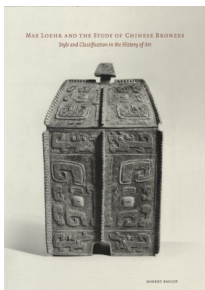
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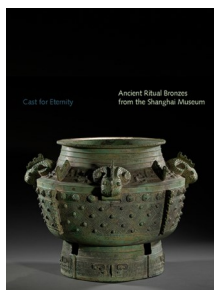
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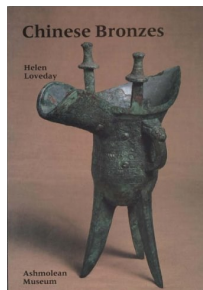
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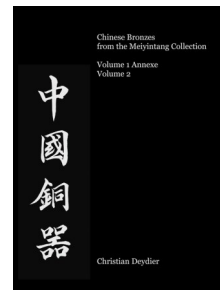
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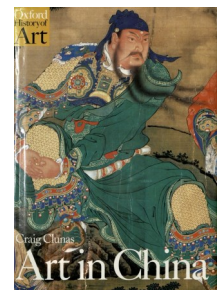
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