Spode & Copeland: Over Two Hundred Years Of Fine China And Porcelain (Schiffer Book for Collectors with Price Guide) by Steven A. Smith

Over 440 vivid color images display the wide range of ceramics produced by the English pottery firm, established by Josiah Spode in the 1760s and continuing today. From historic blue and white transfer printed wares of the early 1800s to popular dinnerware patterns of the 1900s, this book includes sprig decorated wares, delicate bone china table and tea sets, graceful figurines, and sturdy stoneware candlesticks and loving cups. The famous and much coveted patterns represented include Willow, Rosebud Chintz, Patricia, and Tower. Organized by periods of production, the fascinating text provides a history of the Spode firm through the centuries and its various name changes. Included are techniques for dating Spode ceramics, makers marks, a bibliography, and index. Values are found in the captions. This book is a must for everyone who appreciates fine English ceramics.

My Personal Review:
Steven Smith's book presents the information on his subject with all the characteristics of quality one would expect from a knowledgeable and experienced collector. Details, descriptions and outstanding photographs along with it's clear and sensible organization make it a valuable addition to serious collectors, dealers and appraisers who have an on-going need for specific reference materials. It was an easy choice to give it the highest possible mark.

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