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Carved Celadon Jade Covered Vase

19th century

China

Jade, colored stones

Overall: 10 x 4 1/2 in. (25.4 x 11.4cm) Other (a): 7 5/16 x 4 1/2 in. (18.5 x 11.4cm) Other (b): 1 3/16 x 3 in. (3 x 7.6cm) Other (c): 1 7/8 x 1 3/4 in. (4.8 x 4.4cm)

This vase is carved from white nephrite jade, inset with red and green stones, and delicately carved with floral motifs in low relief. The tradition of jade carving was brought to the Indian subcontinent by the Mughals whose Central Asian ancestors, the Timurids, prized the material. The art of jade carving excelled in the hands of Mughal artisans who employed a range of techniques, carving the stone in high and low relief and using an indigenous Indian technique called kundan to inset semi precious stones. This technique is also employed in traditional Indian jewelry.