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#### Review

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*(New York Times)*

"This updated edition of the classic by Leach (British potter and teacher) belongs on every ceramist's bookshelf. Minor text changes, a look at Leach's impact on the West, and numerous color photographs make this an even more valuable resource than the 1940 original.

Highly recommended."

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"This fine new edition of *A Potter's Book*, first published in 1940, shows representative images of his work (and sometimes his son David's) alongside Japanese or Korean wares made from similar bodies or using similar glazes. It is always easy to spot the Leach."

*(Times Literary Supplement)*

#### About the Author

**Bernard Howell Leach** (1887–1979) was a British studio potter and art teacher. He was the founder of the Leach Pottery at St Ives in Cornwall and went on to teach some of the most celebrated ceramicists of the twentieth century.

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