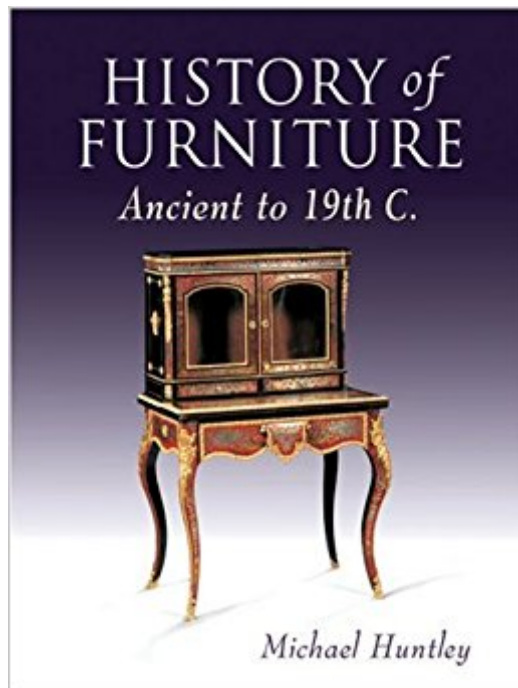




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I borrowed this book from the local library and the more I got into it, the more I was thinking that this one is a keeper. I am a woodworker and my woodworking skills have improved over the years (we won't discuss my earlier efforts). I use power equipment for most projects (as opposed to hand cut dovetails, spokeshaves, etc.), so reading something like this gives me a wider appreciation for the craftsmen who made earlier furniture using only hand tools, which is a skill I can only dream about. It is fun to read about the evolution of furniture, and how historical events shaped the transformation (think French revolution). Are any of you readers chairman of the board? Where and when did that term originate? Where do you store your dishes (cups and plates, etc.). I'm not gonna tell you, but it's in the book. Fascinating read, it is. Oh, about that borrowed book -- I "misplaced" it so bought a

replacement from and gave it to the local library. Two weeks later, the library book reappeared, to my delight, as I still peruse it on occasion.

I bought this book because I write fantasy and I needed to know what kind of furniture medieval and Renaissance era people were likely to have. I found it a better resource than anything I found posted on the web. The pictures were particularly helpful.

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