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## Netsuke, Inro, Sagemono

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The attention to detail here is really phenomenal.

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In the end beauty is in the eye of the beholder and when two willing buyers come together in the auction room sometimes the sky is the limit. While at first, netsuke were simple objects used to hold inro in place, they later became pieces of art in their own right. This one stands hunched, fan in hand, wearing an eerily ambiguous grinning mask.

## International Netsuke Society

In general the existence of a signature, unless proven to be authentic to a handful of the most famous master-carvers, does not have much influence on the value. Netsuke with Fox and Drum From noh to kabuki, netsuke often celebrated popular Japanese theater. Perfect pieces of black coral were difficult to obtain.

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