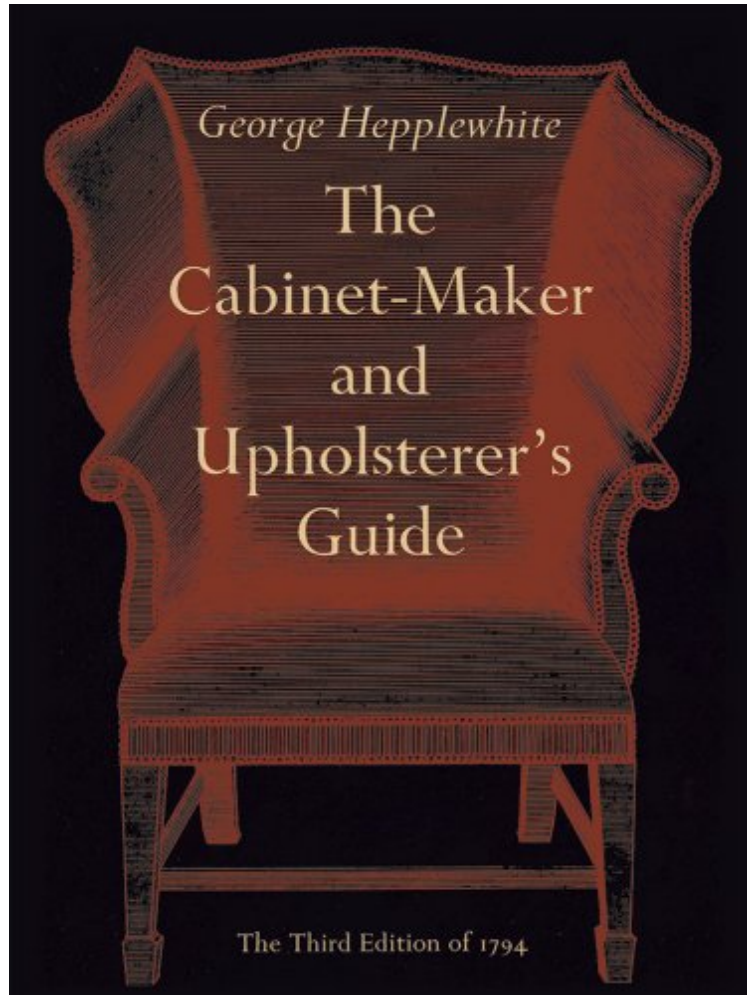


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George Hepplewhite (d. 1786) was the most famous of Chippendale's successors among England's master

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