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#### Review

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#### About the Author

Linda Bloomfield has been involved with pottery since 1973, although her career path led her to train as a materials scientist, and she received a BSc in Engineering Science and a PhD in Materials Science from Warwick University. After stints as a visiting scholar at MIT and as a researcher in Tsukuba, Japan and London, she set up her current studio in London in 2001. Since 2003, she has been selling through galleries across the UK and internationally, and her tableware is stocked by Liberty and David Mellor. She is a frequent contributor to Ceramic Review magazine, and is the author of Colour in Glazes, also published by Bloomsbury.

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