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Geographisch Handtbuch in welchem die gelegenheit der vornembsten lantschafften des gantzen erdtbodems in zwej und achtzig in kupffer gescheittenen taffeln furgebildt

Stock#: 84235mp2
Map Maker: Quad & Bussemachaer
Date: 1600
Place: Cologne
Color: (See Description)
Condition: VG+
Size: 7.75 x 10.75 inches
Price: \$ 19,500.00



Description:

Quad's First Atlas of the Whole World

First Edition with this Title, Early Variant.

Matthias Quad's *Geographisch Handtbuch* is the first atlas of the world published in German. It expands on his earlier publication of 1592, *Europae totius orbis terrarum*. The most important additions are the five maps covering the New World, which Quad based on the work of de Jode, Mercator and Ortelius. The map of the Strait of Magellan is taken from Wytfliet's *Descriptionis Ptolemaicae augmentum* of 1597.

This is an early variant with the maps of Germania and Waldeck not yet replaced by new ones, also the 2 leaves with dedication and preface including engraved coat of arms are not yet included. World map and engraved title colored (few colors only), 2 further maps with borders of the cartouche, town symbols colored in green. Mounted on guards when bound.

All maps with German text on verso. Contains World Map (Shirley 197), continents, area maps of Africa (1), Asia (5), America (3), North Pole & North America. Winds map, other European countries (including Cyprus and Asia Minor, Navari 47 & 48) and German regional maps. The two maps 11 and 33 (*Germania* after Ortelius and Waldeck, QUA 2 and 21) are not yet replaced by the new maps QUA 76 and 77; on map 66 (Greece) the initial "E" is still printed inverted (corrected later).

Meurer, page 202, noting the importance of the atlas in the Quad oeuvre:

Mit diesem Weltatlas mit 82 Karten geht er über den bisher vorgegebenen Rahmen hinaus. Diesem Werk kommt in der Kartengeschichte eine eminente Bedeutung zu. Es ist dies der erste Atlas in der



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von den niederländischen Editoren entwickelten Form, der in originaldeutscher Sprache erschienen ist.

[With this 82-map World Atlas, he goes beyond the limits set previously, and this work has eminent importance in the history of the map, being the first atlas in the form developed by the Dutch and published first in the German language.]

The five maps relating to America and the New World are:

Map 1: *Typus Orbis Terrarum* [world map]

Map 78: *Novi orbis pars borealis, America scilicet, complectens Floridam, Baccalaon, Canadam, Terram Corterialeam, Virginiam ...* [North America]

Map 79: *Hispaniae Novae Sive Magnae Vera Descriptio* [Mexico]

Map 80: *Peruuia id estl Novi Orbis pars Meridionalis a praestantissima eius in Occidetem regione sic appellata* [Peru]

Map 81: *Chica sive Patagonica et Australis Terra* [Strait of Magellan]

Detailed Condition:

Small folio (10.75 x 7.75 inches). 20th-century mottled calf antique, spine gilt (very slightly rubbed). Engraved title and 82 double-page engraved maps (3 hand-colored) with German text on verso. Light browning, occasionally stronger or some staining. Title somewhat dusty, with small marginal tears and 1 tear affecting image. 8 maps with underlining in red. Approximately 4-inch-long tear to world map restored, a few others with small and mostly repaired marginal defects, larger printer's crease to map of North Pole. All the sheets have been re-guarded at folds. Very early manuscript annotation on verso of map 60. Manuscript ownership note in lower margin of title: "M. Nicodemi Sitzlini (?)" dated 1612.