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(Balkans, Adriatic, and Eastern Alps) Quinta Europe Tabula [Fifth Map of Europe]

Stock#: 101346
Map Maker: Ptolemy / Reger
Date: 1486
Place: Ulm
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 20 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Rare 1486 second edition Ulm Ptolemy map covering parts of Switzerland, southern Germany, Austria, the Adriatic and the Balkans, one of the earliest and most sought-after of all maps of these regions.

Regions in Antiquity

Recia, Vindelitia, Noricum, Pannonia Superior, Pannonia Inferior, Illiris et Liburnia, and Dalmatia were regions in the Roman Empire, each significant for various historical, cultural, and military reasons. Recia, known today as Rhaetia, was a province in the Roman Empire covering parts of modern-day Switzerland, Germany, and Austria. Its strategic location made it crucial for controlling the Alpine passes. Vindelitia, adjacent to Recia, encompassed parts of modern-day southern Germany and was vital for its control over the upper Danube River and as a buffer against Germanic tribes.

Noricum, located in modern-day Austria and part of Slovenia, was famous for its mineral resources, particularly iron and gold, and for its developed metalworking industry. Pannonia, divided into Pannonia Superior (western part) and Pannonia Inferior (eastern part), covered areas of modern Hungary, Austria, Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia. These provinces were important for their role in defending the Danube frontier and as a crossroads of several key trade routes.

Illyricum, sometimes referred to as Illyris et Liburnia, was a region encompassing parts of the western Balkan Peninsula and was significant for its role in Roman military strategy, particularly in controlling the eastern Adriatic coast and as a defense against invasions from the east. Lastly, Dalmatia, located along the Adriatic coast, was crucial for its strategic naval bases, its role in trade and communication between the eastern and western parts of the empire, and for its rich deposits of minerals like silver and iron. Collectively, these regions played pivotal roles in the Roman Empire's military, economic, and cultural spheres, influencing the development of Europe in the ancient world.



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Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color, retouched and augmented.