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Monstra marina & terrestria, quae passim in partibus quilonis inveniuntur [Munster's Famous Chart of Sea Monsters]

Stock#: 48550
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1550 circa
Place: Basle
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the most famous charts of mythical sea monsters.

Munster's plate of monsters of both land and sea, taken from Olaus Magnus' "Carta Marina" of 1539, with abundant tusks, horns and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to outrun one monster by throwing their cargo overboard, while one sailor takes sight with a musket. Ortelius also adapted many of the monsters from Magnus and Munster, for use on his map of Iceland in 1587.

One of the most sought-after of all 16th Century curiosities.

Detailed Condition: