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Typus Orbis Terrarum

Stock#: 10589 Map Maker: Ortelius

Date: 1579
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored

Condition: VG

Size: 19.5 x 14 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

First edition of Ortelius' world map, one of the most widely copied and influential of all world maps during the late 16th Century. Both the Northwest & Northeast Passages are shown quite boldly, although based completely upon myth and conjecture. A massive Terra Australis Nondum Cognita is shown with equally bold conjecture in the Southern Hemipshere. South America is shown in its potato configuration, which characterizes the first edition of this map. An elongated Northwest Coast of America is shown, along with Anian. Civola is shown, along with Quivira. Includes several sea monsters, a sailing ship and other decorative embellishments. This early Latin edition bears the signature of Franz Hogenberg, the engraver, which is absent from later editions. An excellent dark impression with full wide margins and what appears to be old color, recently refreshed. One of the most important and recognizable maps of the World, based upon Mercator's large world map of 1569. From the 1579 Latin edition. A bit of creasing in the margins and two minor repaired tears in the margins, but generally a very nice and visually pleasing example, with nice wide margins. Van Den Broecke 1; Shirley 122.

Detailed Condition: