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Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio

Stock#: 11599
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1571
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative old color example of the first state of Oretlius' map of America. Ortelius map of America is without doubt one of the most recognized and influential maps of America from the 16th Century. The map first appeared in the 1570 edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. It went through three major revisions, as noted in Van Den Broecke. This is the rare 1st state, with the bulge in South America and the large ship in the Pacific sailing westwards, with the text on the verso indicating that it was issued in the 1571 Latin edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. Ortelius depicts the discoveries of a number of explorers, but the general shape of America is derived from Gerard Mercator's 21 sheet werold map of 1569. The bulge in South America is the most notable feature of the map, which was not corrected until the 3rd state. The cartouche hides the lack of knoweldge in the south Pacific, although the massive Terra Australis Incognita is still very much in evidence, a myth not disspeled until Cook's second voyage. The West Coast of North America has a wildly inaccurate western projection. This first state predates the appearance of the Chesapeake, which did not appear until the 3rd state. Also the Solomon Islands and Cape Mendocino and the name California are not added until the 3rd State. The lower margin and side margins have been added, with minor restorations to the printed image inside the neatline. Gorgelous old color, which has been refreshed. An essential map for American Collectors. Van Den Broecke 11, Burden 64; Schwartz & Ehrenberg 69.

Detailed Condition: