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Islandia

Stock#: 1377
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1591
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Ortelius' classic map of Iceland, one of the most decorative atlas maps of all time. The map provides a remarkable array of the sea monsters which appeared in prints and maps during the 16th and 17th Centuries, which are largely mythical examples of actual sea creatures, such as the sea horse, manta ray, walrus and whale. Some of the more purely fanciful images may derive from tales of St. Brendan, a sixth century Irish missionary who, according to legend, journeyed to Iceland and whose name is associated with a mythical island of the same name. Left and right margins extended, else a beautiful example. Campbell Pl. 40; Van Broeck 161.

Detailed Condition: