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Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio

Stock#: 20437
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1579
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Striking dark impression of Ortelius' 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 state two, which is essentially identical to state one, except for the correction to the Azores (Canary Islands in state 1). The second state of the map was first published in 1579, and the quality of the impression in this example is evidence of the quality of the newly engraved plate, being the first edition of the atlas to employ this plate.

The map is one of the most influential maps of the 16th and early 17th Centuries, having had a profound impact on contemporary American Cartography. Ortelius' ability to locate and draw upon Spanish and Portuguese sources is apparent throughout the map and is quite remarkable, given the manner in which each nation guarded its cartographic information. From the 1579 Latin edition of Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the World..

Detailed Condition: