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Descriptio Terrae Subaustralis

Stock#: 22300
Map Maker: Bertius
Date: 1600 circa
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 5.5 x 3.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Nice example of Petrus Bertius' map of the South Polar regions, the first printed map to focus solely on the South Pole.

Bertius' map shows a massive unknown continent, which he calls *Magallanica sive Terra Australis Incognita*, which includes Terra de fuoco, Psittacorum Regio, Promontorium terrae australis, and Beach Provinica. New Guinea and the Salomon Islands are also shown, as the southern tip of Africa (C. de bona Esperaca). The province of Beach is derived from the accounts of Marco Polo. The map shows strait discovered by Magellan, but pre-dates Jacob Le Maire and Willem Schouten's discovery of the Le Maire Strait and large open ocean between Tierra Del Fuego and the yet undiscovered land masses to the south.

A small ship, sea monster and two compass roses decorate the tiny map. The title page on the verso. The map appeared in Bertius' *Tabularum Geographicarum Contractarum Libri Quinque*.

An essential map for Polar map collectors.

Detailed Condition: