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Iaponiae Insulae Descriptio Ludoico Teisera auctore [Korea Shown As An Island]

Stock#: 40405mp2
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1595 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Old color example of Ortelius' landmark map of Japan, the first map of Japan published in a European atlas.

The map first appeared in the 1595 Latin edition of Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas.

Ortelius incorporated information derived from Ludovico Teixeira, a Portuguese Jesuit cartographer and mathematician. Teixeira utilized information generated from Japanese sources to present the first reasonably accurate and recognizable depiction of Japan, including numerous Japanese place names. Korea appears as an island, with its curious northern point named Punta dos Ladrones. The map is richly embellished with three large galleons, two elaborate cartouches and a boldly engraved border. This influential map was to become the basis for many other cartographer's maps of Japan for more than fifty years.

Detailed Condition:

Old Color. Minor offsetting and minor splitting at centerfold, reinforced on verso.