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(World & Continents) Typus Orbis Terrarum / Americae Sive Novi Orbis Nova Descriptio / Asiae Nova Descriptio / Africae Tabula Nova / Europae

Stock#: 42801
Map Maker: Ortelius

Date: 1581
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19.5 x 14 inches each

Price: SOLD



Description:

Finely colored set of maps of the World and Continents, from Abraham Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern World Atlas.

Ortelius' Theatrum was perhaps the single most influential set of maps published in the 16th Century. First issued in 1570 and expanded over the next forty two years to this final Vrients edition of Ortelius' masterwork, the Theatrum revolutionized the presentation of maps to an increasingly educated classes of Renaissance Europe and became the standard from which most cartographic works of the period were copied.

Ortelius meticulously searched Europe for the best available regional maps, constantly compiling, adding and updating his work. It is through Ortelius that the works of many regional mapmakers, whose works are virtually unobtainable to modern collectors, can be studied and appreciated.

Each of the five maps offered here were the standards for their time, drawn from the most important wall maps produced by Mercator, Ortelius and other leading European mapmakers and represented the completion of the shift of importance from the Italian mapmakers of the mid-16th Century (the so-called Lafreri School of mapmakers), to the Low Countries, marking the beginning of the Golden Age of Dutch Cartography.

Detailed Condition:
World Map - Restoration at centerfold, margins added left and right about 1/4 way top and minor at

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bottom left and right. Africa - Very, very small worm hole under V of Tropicvs, added margins left and right top and bottom, not as much as above. Asia - Minor restoration at bottom centerfold, margins added only on left hand side top and bottom Europe - Minor restoration at bottom centerfold, margins added only on left hand side top and bottom America - Added margins left top and bottom and right top, very little though