

# **Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.**

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# A Map of the Mediterranean Sea with the Adjacent Regions and Seas in Europe, Asia and Africa. London: Printed for W. Faden, Geographer to the King

**Stock#:** 49834 **Map Maker:** Faden

Date: 1785
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored

**Condition:** VG+

**Size:** 23.5 x 36.5 inches (approx size /

each sheet)

Price: SOLD



## **Description:**

Striking engraved map of the Mediterranean, extending from the Straits of Gibraltar to Persia and reaching north to the Black Sea and the Ukraine. Published by one of the most accurate, and most respected English cartographers of his day: William Faden.

This is one of the larger maps of the Mediterranean to appear in a commercial atlas; the map measures approximately 23.5 x 64 inches, if joined.

### William Faden

William Faden (1749-1836) was a prominent London mapmaker and publisher. He worked in close partnership with the prolific Thomas Jeffreys from 1773 to 1776. In 1783, Faden assumed ownership of the Jeffreys firm and was named Geographer to the King in the same year. Faden specialized in depictions of North America and also commanded a large stock of British county maps, which made him attractive as a partner to the Ordnance Survey; he published the first Ordnance map in 1801. The Admiralty also admired his work and acquired some of his plates which were re-issued as official naval charts. After retiring in 1823 the lucrative business passed to James Wyld, a former apprentice.

#### **Detailed Condition:**

Publisher's full hand-color. Four-sheet map, joined as two. Slight toning where joined.