

Africae nova descriptio . . . (First State!)

Stock#:	49850
Map Maker:	Blaeu
Date:	1617
Place:	Amsterdam
Color:	Hand Colored
Condition:	VG
Size:	22 x 16 inches
Price:	SOLD



Description:

Rare first state of Willem Janszoon Blaeu's map of Africa.

A cornerstone map of Africa in its first state by Blaeu (bearing his original latinized name Guillaume Janssonius), published as part of a set of the continents, and being reductions of his own wall maps of 1608.

With the decorative three border panels including views of Alexandria, Algier, Cairo, Ceuta, Tangier, Tunis, the Canarian island and Mozambique, and the mine at St. George in Guinea.

This map was issued until Blaeu's name was changed in 1621.

The body of the map is richly embellished with animals, including elephants, monkeys, ostriches, gazelles, lions, cheetahs and camels. In the oceans are numerous sailing ships, sea monsters, flying fish, and a gorgeous compass rose.

This first state is extremely rare. This is the first example we have ever seen on the market.

Detailed Condition:

Narrow margins. Slightly toned and soiled. Several minor tears, repaired on verso.