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Historia Mundi or Mercators Atlas.

Stock#: 55276
Map Maker: Hondius / Sparke
Date: 1637
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.5 x 11 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

One of the earliest World Atlases published in England

Full Title:

*Historia Mundi: or Mercator's Atlas. Containing his Cosmographicall Description of the
Fabricke and Figure of the World... with new Mappes and Tables; By the studious industry of
Iodocus Hondy. Englished by W.[ye] S.[altonstall].*

London: printed by T. Cotes for Michael Sparke and Samuel Cartwright, 1637. 2°. Engraved additional title, 182 maps by Hondius, R. Hall, Peter van der Keere and J. van Loon.

Second English edition, with the engraved title dated 1637. 141 of the maps are from Hondius's *Atlas Minor*, the remainder appear to have been engraved for the present work. 'The buyer should be careful to secure a copy of the second issue with the rare map of Virginia.' A change of owners took place two years after the first publication, and the fronticepiece. Hall Virginia and Smith Virginia are not present in this copy, as usual.

Second edition in English, translated from the Mercator Hondius 1607 *Atlas Minor* by Wye Saltonstall. With engraved decorative title page dated 1637 that is filled with allegorical female figures, geographers measuring the globe within an architectural surrounding, and additional title page from the first edition, dated 1635, with the imprint: Printed by T. Cotes for Michael Sparke and Samuel Cartwright.



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The atlas is in 1032 pages, includes frontispiece "Englised by W.S.," dedications signed by Wye Saltonstall. Also includes preface, notes, 26 pages of tables, index, illustrations, diagrams, portrait, 930 pages of text and 184 maps.

Detailed Condition: