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La Descrittione Della Prima Parte Dell' Asia Con i nomi antichi & moderni Di Jacopo Gastaldi Piemontese comografo . . . L'Anno MDLXI

Stock#: 55880
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1561
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 31.5 x 20.5 inches
Price: \$19,500.00



Description:

The Most Influential Map of the Ottoman and Persian Empires Published in the 16th Century

First edition of Giacomo Gastaldi's important 2-sheet map of the region bounded by the Black Sea and Mediterranean in the West and Afghanistan and Central Asia in the East. Cyprus is prominently shown in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Meticulously compiled by Gastaldi from contemporary sources, the map is perhaps the single most influential map of the region published in the 16th Century. The map would serve as the pro-type for the region well into the early 17th Century.

Giacomo Gastaldi was the most celebrated Italian cartographer of the sixteenth century. He was also one of the first true professionals in that field. Unlike most contemporary cartographers who also served as publishers and/or engravers, Gastaldi specialized in the drafting and design of maps, only rarely becoming involved in the technical aspects of their commercial distribution.

As official cosmographer to the Venetian Republic, moreover, Gastaldi had access to the most up-to-date geographical information in compiling his maps, and many of them represent the most accurate renderings of their time. Such is the case with his landmark maps of Asia, which were printed as three separate but complementary "parts."

Gastaldi's map was later copied in a single sheet edition by Cornelis De Jode, Abraham Ortelius, and a number of other early map makers.

Rarity



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The map is very rare on the market. We note no separate examples are recorded at auction or in dealer catalogs for several decades.

Detailed Condition: