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Granata Nova Et California

Stock#: 56817
Map Maker: Wytfliet
Date: 1597
Place: Louvain
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 11 x 9 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

The Earliest Obtainable Map to Focus on California

Fine example of Wytfliet's seminal map of California and the Southwest.

Wytfliet's map is the first printed map devoted to California and the Southwestern U.S., from the first atlas devoted solely to America. One of the map's most interesting features is the depiction of many of the fabled mythical places in the region, including the 7 cities of Cibola (*Septme ciuitaum Patria*), shown around a lake, out of which flows a river which empties into the Gulf of California.

The myth of the 7 cities originated in from a narrative of Fray Marcos de Niza in 1539. The lake was based upon reports received from Espejo's rescue party in 1582, sent to locate 3 missing Franciscan Missionaries. Much of the nomenclature on Wytfliet's map finds its origins with the explorations of Coronado.

The map is largely based upon Plancius' world map of 1592. The Tropic of Capricorn is incorrectly shown.

As seminal map for collectors of California and the Southwest.

Detailed Condition: