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Stock#: 56991
Map Maker: Myritius
Date: 1590
Place: Ingolstadt
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 11 x 16 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

With 16 Windheads and Classical Decorative Border

Scarce map of the world on an oval projection, published in *Opusculum Geographicum Rarum . . .*, by Joannes Myritius.

Myritius reverts to a style of map more reminiscent of the 1550s and 1560s, adorning the map with 16 windheads. The engraving style is bold and clean, rendering an image of strength and classical beauty.

One of the most interesting features of the map is Myritius's reliance upon early Giacomo Gastaldi-type world maps in showing Asia and America joined as one land mass.

There is no sign of Japan, Korea, the Philippines or the Straits of Malacca.

On the large Southern Continent (Terra Australis Non Dumbe Ne Cognita), the place names are primarily based upon Marco Polo.

Myritius was Maltese Hospitaller residing at Regensburg. His book consisted of introduction to astronomy and a survey of world geography.

Detailed Condition: