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Mappe Monde qui Comprend les Nouvelles decouvertes faites jusqua ce jour . . . 1748

Stock#: 58621
Map Maker: Le Rouge

Date: 1748
Place: Paris
Color: Outline Color
Condition: VG
Size: 12 x 9 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

Decorative map of the world, illustrating all of the best mythical cartographic information of the mid-18th Century.

In the Northwest part of America, the Sea of the West and wonderful misprojection of the Northwest Coast of America are still shown, relying in part on the pre-Cook Russian Voyages of the 1740s. Nouvelle Holland (Australia) is still shown as attached to New Guinea and Van Diemen's land, forming a curious ephemeral shape characteristic of the mid 18th Century. Only a portion of the New Zealand Coastline is known. No sign of Antarctica, but the Antipodes are still mentioned, as is a mythical landfall by Drake South of Tierra del Fuego.

Decorated by female representations of the 4 continents in the corners of the image and decorative scenes and cartouches top and bottom. Several explorer's tracts shown. From Le Rouge's scarce *Atlas Portatif*... As noted by the State Library of Queensland in its on line exhibition of the maps of the world,

George Louis Le Rouge was a prominent publisher in Paris from 1741 to 1789. The map shows the world in two hemispheres, with four cartouches that represent the crown, religion, conquest and trade. Geographical features include a vast Terra Incognita in North America, a misshapen Japan and New Guinea appended to Australia. Tasmania is depicted as a peninsula.

Detailed Condition: