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Isola Cuba Nova

Stock#: 60415
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 5.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Early Map of Cuba with the Yslas de Lagartos (Cayman Islands)

One of the earliest separately published maps of Cuba, which first appeared in the 1548 edition of Gastaldi's edition of Ptolemy's *Geografia*.

The map includes early appearances of Iamayea (Jamaica), Isola Espanola (Hispaniola) and Ysa de Lagartos (Lizard Islands), the original name for the Cayman Islands, dating to 1523.

The map is one of the "modern" maps to appear in Giacomo Gastaldi's *La Geografia*. Gastaldi was the most influential of the mid-16th Century Italian map makers and his work was copied and re-issued by various Lafreri-school and other map makers in Italy and elsewhere for the rest of the century.

The present example comes from a rare example of the atlas which was bound without a fold, therefore there are no binding holes in the center of the map, as is often the case with Gastaldi's maps and is an unusually fine example. The map is frequently seen with a much weaker impression and problems along the centerfold.

Detailed Condition: