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Stock#: 62056
Map Maker: Gastaldi
Date: 1548
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG+
Size: 6 x 5.5 inches
Price: Not Available



Description:

Early Map of the Middle East

Fine example of Gastaldi's map of Arabia, the Red Sea and the Gulf, based upon Claudius Ptolemy.

Includes a mermaid at the lower right corner.

Giacomo Gastaldi's Atlas of 1548 has been called the most comprehensive atlas produced between Martin Waldseemüller's *Geographiae* of 1513, and the Abraham Ortelius *Theatrum* of 1570. Gastaldi's maps were beautifully engraved on copper, marking a turning point in the history of cartography. From that point forward, the majority of cartographic works used this medium. As it was a harder material than wood, it gave the engraver the ability to render more detail. Gastaldi sought the most up-to-date geographical information available and are among the earliest obtainable maps for regional collectors.

Detailed Condition: