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## Descriptio Germaniae Inferioris

**Stock#:** 66707  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1581  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 20 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Decorative map of the Low Countries set in an ornate decorative border, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern atlas of the world.

Two cherubs hold an ornate banner cartouche aloft, with sailing ships and a sea monster.

Koeman (1964) attributes this map to Jan van Hoirne's 1556 map of the Oosterschreef, which only covers one eighth of the present map. Van der Heijden in *The oldest maps of the Netherlands*, Utrecht 1987, p. 20, map 14, thinks that another, unknown map by this cartographer, as mentioned in the *Catalogus* is more likely. Karrow (88/8, p. 619-620) attributes this map to the 1568 map of the Low Countries by Matthias Zuendt (1498-1571). Finally, Meurer (p. 91) makes a convincing case for de Jode's 12 sheet map of 1566, itself based primarily on Jacob van Deventer's province maps.

### Detailed Condition: