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## Guiana Sive Amazonum Regio (English Edition!)

**Stock#:** 68972  
**Map Maker:** Hondius  
**Date:** 1636  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:**  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 14.5 inches  
**Price:** \$475.00



### Description:

A nice example of Henricus Hondius' map of the coast of South America, between the Orinoco River and the Amazon, centered on Parime Lacus, the rumored home of 'El Dorado'.

This attractive map depicts the region of South America, which runs from the mouth of the Amazon in Brazil, and west through Guyana to the mouths of the Orinoco River in Venezuela.

The present map is from the rare English edition of Hondius's atlas, *A Geographicke Description of the World* (1636), and would have been of considerable interest to the contemporary English observers.

The great English explorer, adventurer and pirate, Sir Walter Raleigh (1554-1618) came to ardently believe in the rumor that the mythical "Parime Lacus", seen in the middle of the present map, was home to the apocryphal 'El Dorado', or 'City of Gold'. Indeed, the city of 'Manoa, o El Dorado, is noted on the map. Raleigh mounted two expeditions to the region, in 1594 and 1616, and although he returned empty-handed, the legend endured to tempt future adventurers.

The English edition is rare on the market.

### Detailed Condition: