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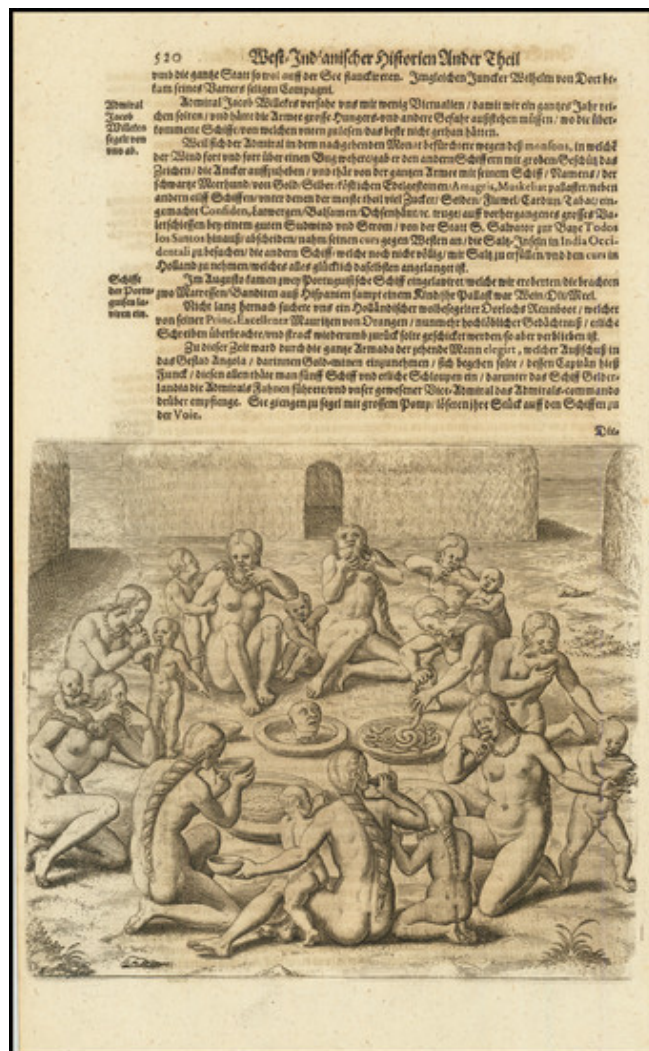
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(Hans Staden in Brazil - Cannibalism) ['West Indianischer Historien Under Theil']

Stock#: 75584
Map Maker: De Bry
Date: 1593
Place: Amsterdam
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 7.3 x 6.3 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fantastic depiction of cannibalism portrayed in a Brazilian travel account published by Theodor de Bry in Amsterdam.

The engraving shows a number of indigenous women sitting around platters of human flesh. Children can be seen feasting on sausage-like intestines, while a lifeless human head stares at the viewer.

This engraving originally appeared in a work containing a description of Staden's two voyages made to Brazil, from 1546 to 1548 and from 1549 to 1555, and Jean de Léry's voyage to Brazil made from 1555 to



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1558. De Bry included in this volume the account of Hans Staden, *Wahrhaftige Historia ... in der Newenwelt America gelegen*, Marburg, 1557, and Jean de Léry, *Histoire d'un voyage fait en la terre du Brésil*, La Rochelle, 1578, as well as two letters by Nicolas Barré dated 1552.

Hans Staden (c. 1525 - c. 1576) was a German soldier and explorer who voyaged to South America in the middle of the sixteenth century, where he was captured by the Tupinambá people of Brazil. He managed to survive and return safe to Europe. In his widely read account describing his travel and captivity, he claimed that the native people that held him captive practiced cannibalism.

Detailed Condition:

Minor seethrough to verso.