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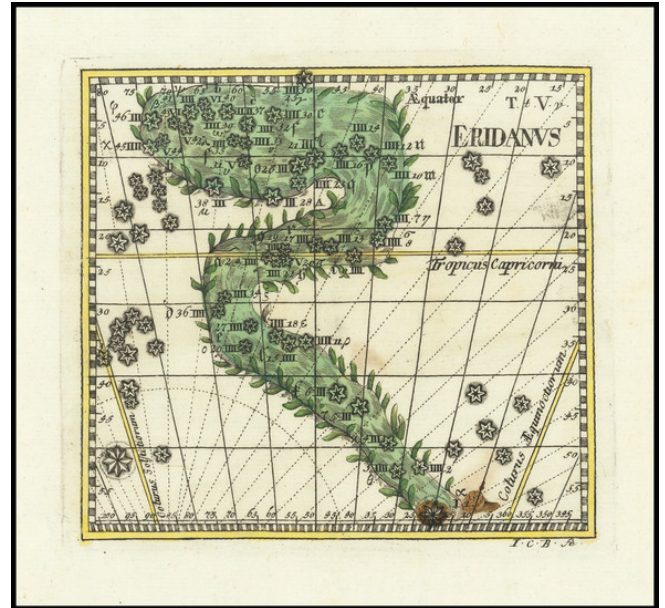
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### Eridanus

**Stock#:** 76368  
**Map Maker:** Thomas  
**Date:** 1730  
**Place:** Frankfurt & Leipiz  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 5 x 4.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 325.00



#### Description:

#### *"One of the Unsung Treasures of Celestial Cartography"*

Fine old color example of Corbinianus Thomas's remarkable depiction of the constellation Eridanus.

The derivation of the name Eridanus for this constellation is uncertain, but etymology is thought to originally trace back to the city of Eridu in southernmost Babylonia. Several competing mythologies exist to describe the constellation, with Greek mythology interpreting the winding path of the constellation as the scorched part of the sky left when Phaethon stole Helios's sun chariot and was unable to control it.

Thomas's work is remarkable for its detailed treatment of single and small groups of constellations, the meticulous detail in which these fine images are engraved, and the exceptional detail of the colorwork. Among its contemporaries, it is unquestionably a visual masterwork of great note.

#### Detailed Condition:

Old hand-color.