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Stock#: 78339
Map Maker: Munster
Date: 1550
Place: Basel
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 13.5 x 10.5 inches (including text)
Price: SOLD



Description:

Munster's very attractive map of Transylvania and the Balkans, published in the middle of the 16th century at his studio in Basel, Switzerland. The map shows the "seven cities" of the region, referring to the seven historically Germanic cities in this diverse region.

The map is attractively cut in Munster's classic gothic style, showing imposing mountains and cities, with bold and elaborate lettering. The map stretches from Bulgaria, in the southeast, to Cluj-Napoca (given the German name of Clauzenburg) in the northwest.

Northern European maps of this area tend to rename a majority of the cities, replacing the traditional Romanian names we know today with Germanic ones. This reflects a certain historical claim to the region, which would feature heavily in the German expansionism of the 20th century.

Detailed Condition: