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Schlavoniae, Croatiae, Carniae, Iстриae, Bosniae, Finitimarumque Regionum Nova Descriptio . . .

Stock#: 81985
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1592 circa
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 18 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Croatia and Slovenia, from the World's First Modern Atlas

Fine old color example of Ortelius' map of the region centered on the Drag and Sava Rivers, extending south to the Adriatic, near Zara, and east to the Danube and west to Trieste, Meron, Villach and Karlsberg.

The map covers an area that today is shared by Croatia, Italy, and Slovenia. It emphasizes the many settlements in the area, most along river routes, and also shows forests and mountainous areas.

An elegant vessel is sailing in the Adriatic. There is also a decorative compass in the lower right corner.

The title credits the map to Augustin Hirschvogel, a German savant known for his skill in mathematics and mapmaking. Originally from Nuremberg, he was initially trained as a glass painter. He worked for a time in Laibach (Ljubljana), where he produced his first known cartographic work, maps of the Turkish borders (1539) and another of Austria (1542). By 1544, he was working in Vienna; he worked there until his death in 1553. During his time in Vienna, he began etching on copper plates, making many landscapes and maps, one of which was the basis for this map. This map in turn draws on the work of Lazarus, Ziegler, and Apian.

Based on the addition of vertical lines to the edges of the title cartouche, this is a second state of the map, dating it to at least 1587. The verso text dates it to 1592.



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This is a nice full-color example with wide margins.

Detailed Condition:

Old color. Some minor adhesions and abrasions.