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Myths, Maps & Men - Merrill Lynch Salutes the Year of the Moon

Stock#: 82584
Map Maker: Ramus
Date: 1969
Place: n.p.
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 16.5 x 14 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Iconic Celebration of the First American Lunar Landings

Nice example of Michael Ramus' iconic map of the moon, commemorating the lunar landings of July 1969 and November. Published as a promotional item by Merrill Lynch, the images shows a Saturn V rocket launching the Apollo 11 into space. Neil Armstrong's famous words, "One small step for a man ... one giant leap for mankind" is shown in a banner above, held aloft by an eagle, with images of the three U.S. Presidents who supported the space program: John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard M. Nixon.

The moon's surface includes mythical sea creatures. Just outside the hemispheres are Selene, the Greek Goddess of the Moon, and the famous nursery rhyme's cow jumping over the moon. Below the lunar hemispheres are illustrations illustrating milestones in the history of astronomy and flight, including Galileo observing the moon and early aviation milestones of the Wright Brothers and Charles Lindberg.

Michael Ramus (1917-2005) was an American illustrator and cartoonist who studied at the Art Students' League in New York prior to serving 4 years in the US Military during WWII. During his military career he created several prize-winning posters for the Women's Army Corps and the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, and after his service illustrated for numerous U.S. magazines, including Life, Sports Illustrated, Smithsonian, Reader's Digest, Collier's, and American Heritage.

Detailed Condition:



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