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## **La Geografia di Claudio Tolomeo Alessandrino, Tradotta di Greco nell'Idioma Volgare Italiano da Girolamo Russcelli Et hora nuouamente ampliata Da Gioseffo Rossacio**

**Stock#:** 84249  
**Map Maker:** Russcelli / Ptolemy / Rosaccio  
**Date:** 1599  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 7 x 10 inches Book Size  
**Price:** SOLD



### **Description:**

#### ***1599 Edition of Ptolemy's Geography.***

Excellent example of Rosaccio's improvement on Russcelli's Ptolemy, adding contemporaneous knowledge and interpretations as well as extensively reworking the copperplate-engraved maps with decorative sea monsters and ships.

Rossacio also added a number of new maps to the 1598 and 1599 editions (including Europe, Africa, Asia, America, and a new double-hemisphere world map), updating the collation from the 1574 edition. The continental suite of maps represents reductions after Ortelius's maps while the world map is a reduction of Mercator's double-hemisphere map. Many additional maps have been updated, for example, the double hemisphere world map now has a large southern Terra Australis, occupying a vast portion of the globe. This is the seventh edition of Russcelli's Ptolemy, and the fifth to be published in Italian.

The work was published as the sun set on Ptolemy's millennia-long domination of the study of geography. Recognizing this, the work compares Ptolemy's geography to "modern" geography. The first section provides a full account of Ptolomaic geography, detailing coordinates for hundreds of localities, including cities, mountains, and supposed historical features. This section includes the traditional Ptolemaic suite of twenty-seven maps, with a world map, ten maps of Europe, four maps of Africa, and twelve maps of Asia. The second part, comprising four books, touches on more modern concepts of geography. This section includes thirty-seven maps and includes detailed descriptions of the regions of the world. These two sections are ordered similarly, allowing for easy comparison between the two schools of thought. As such, the work provides a fascinating look at how concepts regarding world geography were changing during the 16th century.



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**Collation**

[72, including title]; [84]; [1-372 including 27 double-page engraved maps]; [1-288 including 42 double-page engraved maps]; [1-55].

**Detailed Condition:**

Quarto. 16th- or early-17th-century limp vellum with "Geog. Del. Tol." to spine. Minor bumping and cracking to vellum, with a small area of abrasion to spine. Corners of A2, Zz3, Zz4 torn away. Small areas of internal dampstaining. Complete with 69 maps (of which 50 imaged, additional images available on request).