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Map Maker: Blaeu

Date: 1663

Place: Amsterdam

Color: Uncolored

Condition: VG

Size:

Price: SOLD



Description:

Blaeu Celebrates Tycho Brahe.

Volume one of the first French edition of the *Atlas Maior*, the greatest atlas ever produced.

The present volume contains the beautiful carte-a-figures map of Europe (Koeman II, 1000:2/a; Heijden Fig. p. 15), maps of the Arctic (including Iceland, North Pole, Nowaja Zemlya, and Spitsbergen), Norway and Denmark (together 22 double leaf size); also 17 double-page maps of Schleswig taken from Dankwerth's "Newer Landesbeschreibung" of 1652. Also noteworthy are the magnificent plates with plans, views, and instruments from Tycho Brahe's observatory on the island of Hven, where Willem Janszoon Blaeu had worked as Brahe's assistant for several years.

Detailed Condition:

NOTE: Lacking the double-hemisphere world map. Folio. 18th-century speckled calf. Spine in seven compartments separated by raised bands, red morocco lettering pieces in the second and third, the others with elaborate gilt tooling. Engraved frontispiece ("Geographia Blaviana"), with the additional extraneous engraved frontispiece from the Blaeu atlas of China, 60 (of 61) maps and illustrations on double-page plates (44, some folded) resp. in the text (16, 11 of them full-page) as well as 3 engravings and 7 woodcuts in the text. (The two copperplates on pp. 74 and 76 are mounted over misprints, as in other copies.) Incomplete. (Lacking printed title for the first section, and world map incl. 3 pages of letterpress description.) Collation: 16 (instead of 19) sheets, 50 pages and leaf 34b, 1 leaf, VII page, 1 leag, 14 pages,



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1 leaf, 116, XLVI pages and leaf VI b, 1 leaf index.