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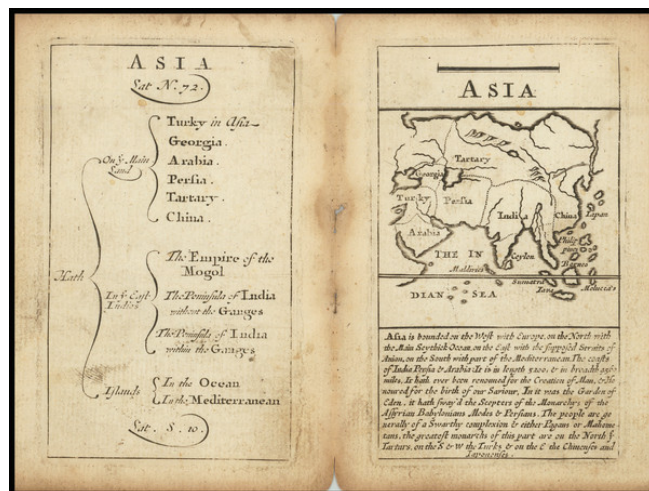
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Stock#: 92235
Map Maker: Seller
Date: 1679
Place: London
Color: Uncolored
Condition: Good
Size: 2.25 x 3.75 inches each
Price: \$ 345.00



Description:

A rare early miniature English map of Asia, featured in John Seller's *Atlas Minimus or a Book of Geography Shewing all the Empires, Monarchies, Kingdomes, Regions, Dominions Principalities and Countries of the World*, offering a unique perspective on the geography of the continent during the 17th century.

John Seller's *Atlas Minimus*, published in the late 17th century, is among the most sought-after and rare miniature atlases, with the last complete example to appear at auction being the Wardington copy in 2006.

This fascinating map of Asia provides a snapshot of the understanding of the continent's geography at the time, including regions such as Turkey in Asia, Georgia, Arabia, Persia, Tartary, and China. The map is accompanied by an engraved toponym key facing the map.

The text below the map offers insight into the contemporary perception of Asia's boundaries and its historical significance. It describes Asia as being bounded by Europe to the west, the Main Scythick Ocean to the north, the supposed Straits of Anian to the east, and part of the Mediterranean, etc. to the south. The text highlights the region's importance as the location of the Garden of Eden and "the birthplace of our Savior," as well as the center of power for various ancient empires, such as the Assyrians, Babylonians, Medes, and Persians.

The people of Asia are described as being "generally of a swarthy complexion" and adhering to either "Pagan or Mahometan" faiths. The map also mentions the significant rulers of the time, including the Tartars to the north, the Turks to the south and west, and the Chinese and Japanese to the east.



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Detailed Condition:

Wear at the centerfold between the map and placename table. Good to VG.