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## Asiae Nova Descriptio

**Stock#:** 50005  
**Map Maker:** Ortelius  
**Date:** 1574 circa  
**Place:** Antwerp  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 14.5 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

Nice old color example of Ortelius' map of Asia, from Ortelius' *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first modern world atlas.

A marvelous misprojection of Japan and Southeast Asia. Very distinct Northeast Passage. Includes sailing ships and other embellishments.

The map is based upon Ortelius's wall map of Asia, which in turn draws its cartographic data from Gastaldi and Albufeda.

This is an example of the second edition of Ortelius's map of Asia, the first having been published between 1570 and 1573. The first edition can be distinguished by the upper case "F" in Farfana at the top right corner, east of Japan, whereas the second edition (1574-1612) has a lower case "f".

### Detailed Condition:

Old color.