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(Mercator-Hondius Asia) A Leaf from the Mercator-Hondius World Atlas Edition of 1619 with an Essay by Norman J. W. Thrower [with map:] Asia ex magna orbis terre description Gerardi Mercatoris desumpta studio et industria G.M. Iunioris.

Stock#: 101528
Map Maker: Thrower / Mercator / Hondius
Date: 1619 (1985)
Place: Fullerton, California
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: Fine
Size: 13 x 19 inches
Price: \$ 2,800.00



Description:

With Hondius Map of Asia

One of 26 Examples in Full Vellum

A beautiful and elegant production, this is one of the only leaf books to include an original early map. This example with a nicely colored example of Jodocus Hondius's updated and improved map of Asia, which first appeared in the 1606 edition of the Mercator Hondius *Atlas Sive Cosmographia*. The present example is from the 1619 edition of the world atlas.

Hondius' map provides a magnificent early 17th century depiction of southeast Asia and the eastern Pacific, naming the Oceanus Orientalis, and Pars Oceanus Maris Pacifici, and including New Guinea. The map is embellished with sailing ships and monsters on a classically engraved Hondius style sea. Korea is now shown as an island, and the outlines of Ceylon and Borneo are improved from earlier maps.

The text of the book is by noted map expert Norman J. W. Thrower (1919-2020), professor of geography at UCLA. Thrower describes the careers of Gerard Mercator and Jodocus Hondius, and their successors, and gives an account of the publishing history of the Mercator-Hondius world atlas.

...the earliest leaf book to incorporate an original large double-page map is this 1985 publication by the California antiquarian bookselling and publishing firm Stone & Lorson... The physical production of this leaf book is superb, from the design by Vance Gerry to the press work of Patrick Reagh -



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Disbound & Dispersed.

One of only 26 deluxe examples, bound in full vellum. The total edition comprised 115 copies, with most copies in quarter vellum.

Detailed Condition:

Tall folio. Full vellum. Gilt title on spine. Gilt arabesque on front and back cover. In a cloth slipcase. Condition is fine. With original Hondius map of Asia. [8], 23 pages plus colophon leaf. With the July 1985 issue of the Book Collector's Ephemeron laid in, describing the present work and two copies of a nicely printed keepsake issued to commemorate Thrower's presentation to the Book Collectors of Los Angeles on July 17, 1985.