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Irlandia

Stock#: 18698
Map Maker: Ortelius / Marchetti
Date: 1598
Place: Brescia
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 4 x 3.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Detailed early map of Ireland, oriented with west at the top.

This fine miniature map is from "Il Theatro del Mondo," the famous plagiarized version of Ortelius' pocket atlas published specifically for the Italian market by Pietro Marchetti. Ortelius' original plates were re-engraved in 1598 in Brescia, where Italian titles were added. While the map is from different plates, it is all but identical to the 1593 Italian Plantijn "Theatro..." Marchetti's Italian publication was not immediately successful and more than 50 years passed until the second impression was issued from Turin in 1655. A further six editions were re-issued, the last 1724. This example is from the first edition in 1598.

The title appears beneath the lower neatline of the map and in the cartouche in the upper right corner. Major towns are named and an indication of rivers, castles and hilly areas are given. The map is quite decorative for a miniature and includes a lion's head in the cartouche, a sea monster, and two sailing ships. Italian text on verso.

A good illustration of the demand for maps at this time resulting in international re-issues of important works.

Detailed Condition:

Minor dampstain and some soiling and toning.