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## Americae Pars Magis Cognita -- Chorographia nobilis & opulentae Peruvanae Provinciae, atque Brasiliae . . . MDXCII

**Stock#:** 30489  
**Map Maker:** De Bry  
**Date:** 1592  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 17 x 15 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

#### *One of the Earliest Obtainable Maps of South America*

Important early map of South America and the Southern part of North America and the Caribbean, one of the earliest separately published maps of South America.

The map provides one of the best early depictions of South America, reporting the discoveries through the beginning of the final decade of the 16th Century. The map is elegantly engraved and embellished with 2 coats of arms, compass roses, a sailing ship and sea monster.

The map appeared in the 3rd Part of De Bry's *Grand Voyages*, illustrating the accounts of the voyages of Johann van Staden and Jean de Lery during the 1540s and 1550s. The cartography of North America is based upon Jacques Le Moyne's map of Florida, which De Bry published in 1591, making this the second appearance of Le Moyne's cartographic information on a printed map. A masterful engraving of what was then all of Spanish America, including the southern United States. South America is based on the 1587 Peter Martyr map and works by Gastaldi.

The beauty of De Bry's uncommonly intricate engraving is evident. De Bry's *Grand Voyages*, an illustrated collection of accounts of the Americas, defined the early European picture of the New World.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Upper margin extended. Upper neat line supplied in facsimile. Minor printer's crease.