



Barry Lawrence Ruderman Antique Maps Inc.

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

La Geografia di Claudio Tolomeo Alessandrino, Nuovamente Tradotta di Greco in Italiano

Stock#: 68091
Map Maker: Ruscelli / Ptolemy
Date: 1561
Place: Venice
Color: Uncolored
Condition: VG
Size: 6.5 x 9.5 inches Book Size
Price: SOLD



Description:

First Edition of Ruscelli's Ptolemy

This is the 1561 edition of Ruscelli's Ptolemy and the first of two to be published by Valgrisi. Two sections are included in the volume, with handwritten numbering.

This work was written as the sun set on Ptolemy's millennia-long domination on the studies of geography. Recognizing this, the work compares Ptolemy's geography to "modern" geography. The first section provides a full account of Ptolomeic geography, detailing coordinates for hundreds of localities, including cities, mountains, and supposed historical features. This section includes twenty-seven maps, and any superfluous descriptions and discussions of Ptolomeic geography are limited to the twenty pages of bridge text between the two sections. The second volume, comprising four books, touches on more modern concepts of geography. This section includes thirty-seven maps and includes detailed descriptions of the regions of the world. These two sections are ordered similarly, allowing for easy comparison between the two schools of thought. As such, this work provides a fascinating look at how concepts regarding world geography were changing during the 16th century.

The maps used in this edition were based on the Giacomo Gastaldi's Ptolemy, first issued in 1548. The plates created for this work would be used in the four subsequent editions of the *Geografia*.

Notable world maps included are a double-hemisphere map and a navigational chart. While both of these follow Gastaldi's work, Shirley is uncertain if these maps are from Valgrisi, or if these plates were created by the brothers Giulio and Livio Sanuto. This uncertainty is based on stylistic comparison.



**Barry Lawrence Ruderman
Antique Maps Inc.**

7407 La Jolla Boulevard
La Jolla, CA 92037

www.raremaps.com

(858) 551-8500
blr@raremaps.com

**La Geografia di Claudio Tolomeo Alessandrino, Nuovamente Tradotta di Greco in
Italiano**

Provenance

Final page with a manuscript note denoting the ownership of Hieronymous Fiaberto di Pavia, dated 1561. Included are two loose English-language sheets, documenting the work, apparently presenting it for sale in 1956.

Detailed Condition:

Small quarto. Early (17th century?) full calf, covers with large gilt-stamped arabesques at center, bordered by gilt and blind rules, and cornered with fleur-de-lis devices; spine in five compartments separated by raised bands, gilt-lettered "1561" at head. a.e.g. (Title page supplied from a slightly smaller copy and loosely inserted.)