



A 16TH CENTURY WOODCUT MAP OF LESBOS

£300.00

[De l'Isle de Metelin, dicte des Anciens Lesbos.]

Cartographer

[THEVET, André](#)

Date

1575

Stock #:

21643

Publication:

Paris, 1575. Coloured woodcut, printed area

135 x 160mm, set in a page of French text.

Condition:

A good example.

DESCRIPTION:

A map of Lesbos, with a letterpress description, from which the title is taken. There is no lettering on the map: instead the island is villed with illustrations, including , Doric columns and a battle scene of pikemen.

The map was published in the 'Cosmographie Universelle' by André Thevet (1516-90), a Franciscan priest who travelled to the Near East and Brazil. Thevet began writing his cosmography with François de Belleforest but, after a dispute, Belleforest left and published his own version three years before Thevet.