



Ptolemaic map of the Caucasus

WÄLDSEEMÜLLER, Martin.
[Tabula III Asiae.]

Lyons: M. & G. Trechsel, 1535. Coloured woodcut, printed area 335 x 420mm.

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The Fries reduction of Wäldseemüller's map of the Caucasus, with the title on verso. Originally intended not for a Ptolemy edition but for a new 'Chronica mundi' being written by Wäldseemüller, his death c.1520 caused the project to be shelved, so the reduced woodcuts were used to publish a smaller sized and so cheaper edition of the 'Geography'. On verso is a text surrounded by woodcut columnar decorations and another woodcut with numerous scenes including a woman sitting beside a tree with hanging body parts.

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