



An important cosmography with a world map and volvelles

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Cosmographia Petri Apiani, per Gemmam Frisium apud Louanienses Medicum & Mathematicum insignem, iam demum ab omnibus vindicata mendis, ac nonnullis quoque locis aucta. Additis eiusdem argumenti libellis ipsius Gemmae Frisii.

Antwerp: G.Bontius, c.1550. Small 4vo., full vellum; pp. (ii) + 64 numbered leaves + 2pp. index; woodcuts throughout, including four volvelles, & a folding world map by Frisius.

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A fascinating cosmography, as edited by the Dutch mathematician and cartographer Gemma Frisius, who is regarded as one of the three founders of the Netherlands school of cartography, alongside Mercator and Ortelius. The work is profusely illustrated with woodcut diagrams and initials, with four volvelles in working order. For his first edition, published in Antwerp in 1544, Frisius added a cordiform world map, with North America reduced to a sliver, a figure representing the Holy Roman Empire, and wind-heads including skulls for the 'plague-bearing' southern winds. The same woodblock is included here; later Antwerp editions used a new block.

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