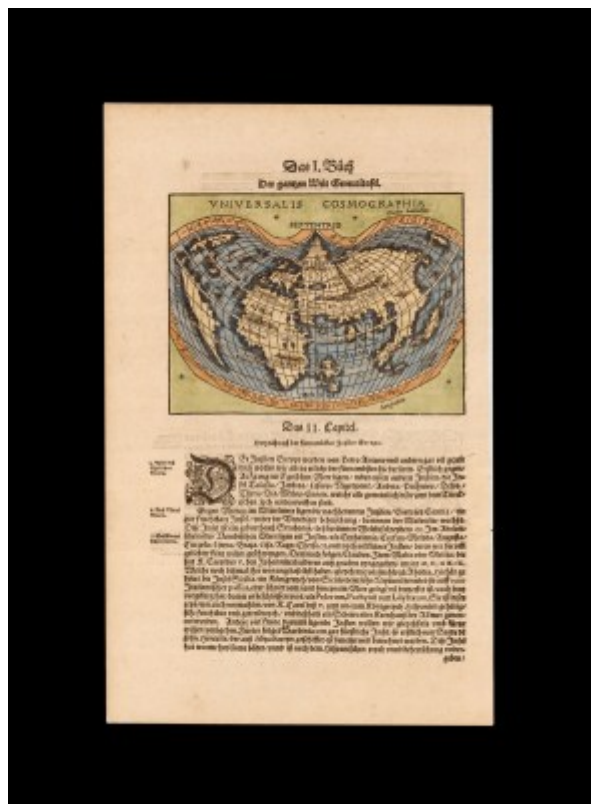




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A MINI VERSION OF APIANUS'S CORDIFORM WORLD MAP

Universalis Cosmographia.

Author

HONTER, Johannes

Publication date

1546, or later].

Publisher

Publication place

[Zurich,

Physical description

Later issue. Vignette woodcut map, German text beneath, with fine hand-colour in full.

Dimensions

208 by 175mm (8.25 by 7 inches).

Notes

Honter's second world map based on Apianus's cordiform world map of 1520 First published in Honter's 'Rudimenta Cosmographia' (1546), it is preceded by a more basic version published in 1530. The current map is a later issue, in which the woodcutter's initials and the date have been ommitted. The world map has been substantially updated from Honter's 1530 edition.

The mapmaker

Johannes Honter was a Romanian scholar. He studied at the university of Vienna, alongside Peter Apian. He moved to Regensburg in 1529 to get away from the Ottoman advance on Vienna, and then went to visit Apian in Ingolstadt. He was also in contact with other important geographers of the age, including Simon Grynaeus and Sebastian Münster. Honter would eventually produce the first printed map of Transylvania. He converted to Lutheranism and spent the rest of his life dedicated to his new religion, founding a school and a printing press by 1539, where he specialised in educational works like the 'Rudimenta'.

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