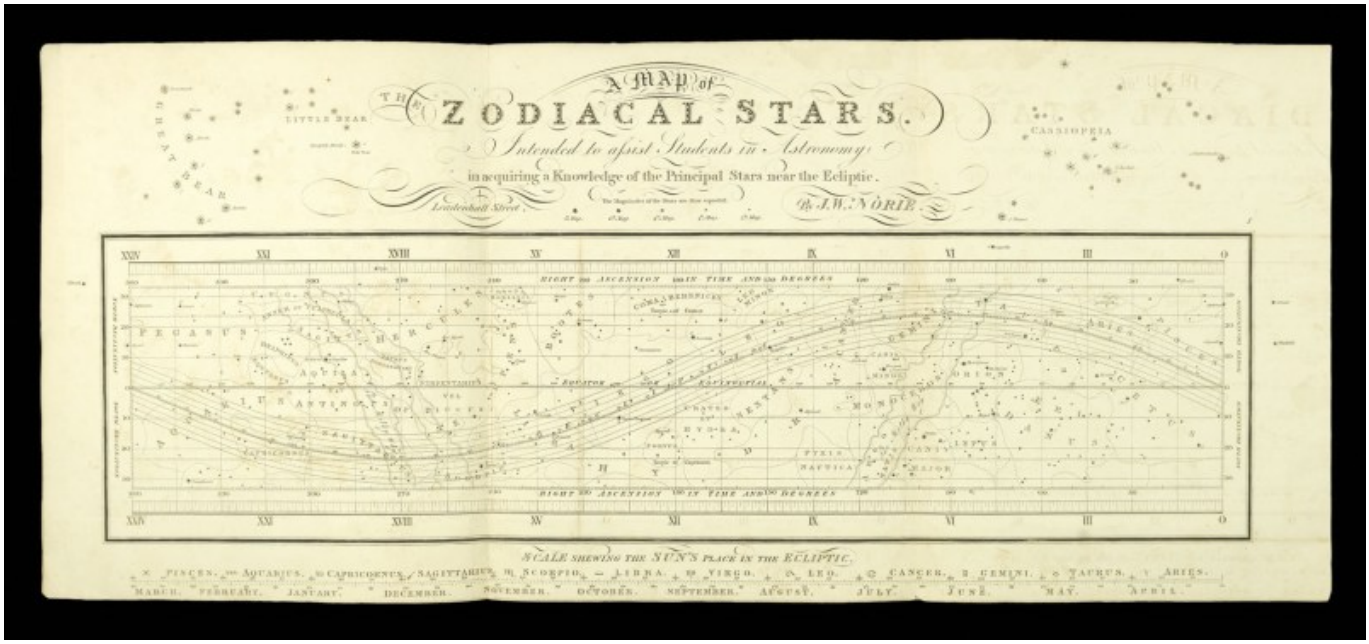


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NAVIGATING BY THE STARS

Norie’s Set of Celestial Maps, for finding The Principal Stars in the Heavens.

Author
NORIE, John William

Publication date
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Publisher
Published as the Act directs, by J.W. Norie & Co. at the Navigation Warehouse and Naval Academy, No.157, Leadenhall Street,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
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Dimensions

Notes
Norie’s rare celestial chart book,

The book was produced in order for the student to develop a basic understanding of the heavens so that he may gain a “knowledge of the principal fixed stars in the heavens: and peculiarly [sic] adapted to the purpose of finding the stars proper for ascertaining the latitude and apparent time at sea; the longitude by lunar observations” (Norie). This particular example bears the stamo of William Charles Cox, of Devonport, the noted scientific instrument maker and fellow of the Royal

Astronomical Society.

John William Norie (1772-1843) was a mathematician, hydrographer, chart maker and published of nautical books. His most famous work was the ‘epitome of Pracical navigation’ (1805), which became the standard work on navigation and went through many editions. Norie began his career working with William Heather, who ran the naval Academy and naval Warehouse in Leadenhall Street from 1795, which sold navigational instruments, charts, and books on navigation. Norie took over the naval Warehouse after Heather’s retirement and founded J.W. Norie and Company in 1813. After Norie’s death the company became Norie and Wilson, then in 1903 Imray, Laurie, Norie & Wilson.

Rare. OCLC records only two institutional examples of the 1825 edition (Osher Map Library in Sydney University Library) with Copac recording another (The National Library of Wales).

List of Charts
I. & II. A Map of the Zodiacal Stars. Intended to assist Students in Astronomy in acquiring a knowledge of the Principal Stars near the ecliptic. Leadenhall Street By John Norie. III. A Map of the Principal Stars from the North Pole to the Tropic of Cancer. IV. A Map of the Principal Stars from the South Pole to the Tropic of Capricorn. V. A Map of the Principal Stars from the North Pole to the Tropic of Cancer. VI. A Map of the Principal Stars from the South Pole to the Tropic of Capricorn.

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