

Engraved map with colouring.

SPEED’S MAP OF SPAIN

Spaine

Author
SPEED, John

Publication date
[1631].

Publisher
Are to be sould by George Humble in pops-head alley against the Exchange,

Publication place
London,

Physical description
Engraved map with colouring.

Dimensions
410 by 520mm. (16.25 by 20.5 inches).

Notes
A map of Spain, with a decorative border containing depictions of Spaniards in regional costume. The Balearics appear marked as the ‘Pyne Ilands’.

John Speed (1552-1629) was the outstanding cartographer of his age. His ‘Theatre of Great Britain’, first published in 1611 or 1612, was the first atlas of Great Britain: Speed prepared the maps himself

about two years before they were published. This map is from the ‘Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World’, produced in collaboration with Speed to accompany the ‘Theatre’ and published in a joint edition by George Humble in 1631. Many of the maps were anglicized versions of works by Dutch makers, who introduced the carte-à-figure style, with borders of figures in local costume and city views.

Bibliography
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