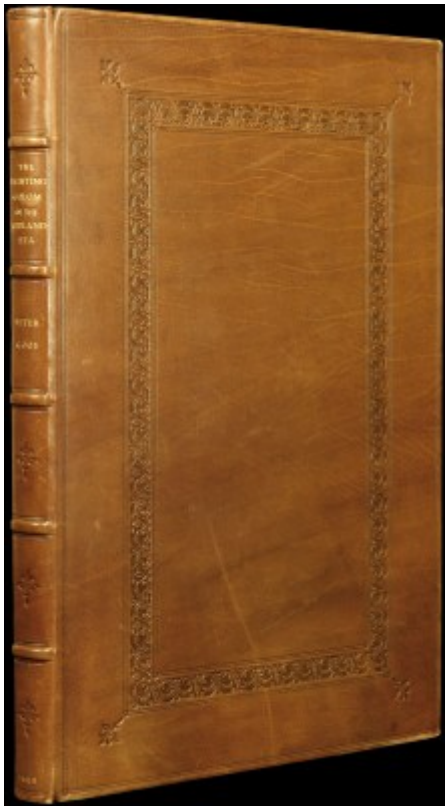


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A RARE MEDITERRANEAN ‘STRAIGHTS BOOK’

Lighting Colom of the Midland-Sea, containing a Description of all the knowne Coasts, Islants, Sands, Depthes, and Roads, begining from the narowest, of the Streat, unto Alexandrette in the Levant. at Amsterdam.

Author
GOOS, Pieter

Publication date
1669.

Publisher
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Publication place
Amsterdam,

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Bibliography
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