



The first English atlas map of Africa

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Africæ, described, the manners of their habits, and buildinge: newly done into English by J.S.

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£4,000

A landmark map of Africa, engraved by Abraham Goos for Speed's 'Prospect of the Most Famous Parts of the World', the first English atlas of the world. Along the top of the map are prospects of eight cities, including Alexandria, Cairo, Tunis and Algiers. Down the sides are ten costume vignettes of African natives, including an Egyptian, Abyssinian Madagascan and a man from the Cape of Good Hope.

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