



Munster's famous woodblock illustrating sea monsters

MUNSTER, Sebastian.

Les marins monstres & terrestres, lesquelz on trouue en beaucoup de lieux es parties septentrionales.

Basle, Henri Petri, c.1550, French text edition. Coloured woodcut, image size 250 x 350mm.

£2,950

One of the most iconic images issued in the 16th century by Sebastian Münster. A woodcut print depicting monsters of both land sea, inspired from Olaus Magnus' 'Carta Marina' of 1539, with abundant tusks, horns and twin-spouts. One vignette shows a galleon trying to outrun one monster by throwing their cargo overboard. Ortelius also adapted many of the sea monsters for use on his map of Iceland published in 1587.

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