THE CURIOUS MAP BOOK

ASHLEY BAYNTON-WILLIAMS
Since that ancient day when the first human drew a line connecting Point A to Point B, maps have been understood as one of the most essential tools of communication. Despite differences in language, appearance, or culture, maps are universal touchstones in human civilization.

Over the centuries, maps have served many varied purposes; far from mere guides for reaching a destination, they are unique artistic forms, aides in planning commercial routes, literary devices for illuminating a story. Accuracy—or inaccuracy—of maps has been the make-or-break factor in countless military battles throughout history. They have graced the walls of homes, bringing prestige and elegance to their owners. They track the mountains, oceans, and stars of our existence. Maps help us make sense of our worlds both real and imaginary—they bring order to the seeming chaos of our surroundings.

With *The Curious Map Book*, Ashley Baynton-Williams gathers an amazing, chronologically ordered variety of cartographic gems, mainly from the vast collection of the British Library. He has unearthed a wide array of the whimsical and fantastic, from maps of board games to political ones, maps of the Holy Land to maps of the human soul. In his illuminating introduction, Baynton-Williams also identifies and expounds upon key themes of map production, peculiar styles, and the commerce and collection of unique maps. This incredible volume offers a wealth of gorgeous illustrations for anyone who is cartographically curious.

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Civis in Nerviensis, Prussiae et Salisburgie
Sub poena armat, pro Statuto L:id.

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BOHEMIAE ROSA
Omnes sxis cruenta, in qua plures
quaus Bo magna praedae commissa sunt,
nones grannus his formae curate.

Civ. Vizin nove, et detersit.
Wolff Kistis fab. Argent.
Die ganze Welt in ein kleines Blatt, welches in der Stadt Hannover meines lieben Vaterlandes Waren.
Geography Bewitched!

or, a droll Caricature MAP of IRELAND.

This Portrait of LADY HIBERNIA BULL is humbly dedicated to her Husband the great Mr. JOHN BULL.
Evropa Prima Pars Terrae Forma Virginis.

MERIDIES.

En tibi, forma sub forma Europa Puella,
Visida fecundos pandit virilla finis,

Ridens Italianum ex grata Cimbrofas, sinistra
Obtinet,Hispaniam fronte geritis folum,

Pedum habes Gallos, Germanos corpore gelis,
Ac pedibus Graios, Sauromatafis nouet.
THE CRYSTAL PALACE GAME.
VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD,
an entertaining excursion in search of knowledge, whereby

THE CRONOGRAPH IS MADE EASY.

By Smith Evans, F.R.G.S.
THE EVIL GENIUS OF EUROPE

On a careful examination of this Panorama the Genius will be discovered struggling hard to pull on his Boot. It will be noticed, he has just put his foot in it. Will he be able to wear it?

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