

A CARTOGRAPHIC HISTORY OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS



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The Channel Islands have always enjoyed an importance out of all proportion to their size, from Neolithic times, through the Roman Empire, to the Venetian traders of the middle ages and beyond. The strategic importance of, and trading opportunities in the islands has meant that they have been mapped for over half a millennia.

The legacy of that interest is a wealth of stunningly beautiful maps, which chart both the world's changing perceptions of the islands and their actual development. We have assembled a unique collection of those maps in a new work to be published in the autumn of 2018.

The Cartographic History of The Channel Islands will be published as a limited edition of just 275 copies worldwide and hand bound in navy blue quarter leather with raised bands to the spine. The cover will be a specially commissioned marble paper based on an old map of the islands and the finished book will measure an impressive 500 x 325 mm. It will contain some 200 pages, including foldouts of the larger maps printed on 170gsm, acid free, archival quality paper using the latest, cutting edge, digital technology.

We have chosen to print digitally in order to effect the best possible reproduction. As the maps come from disparate sources spread over 500 years there is a huge range of tone and colour. Printing digitally enables us to treat each individual image as if it were a giclée print and we are pushing the press to the absolute limit with the page size as we wish to publish as many of the maps as possible in full size.

The book will start with images by kind permission of both the British Library and the Bodleian showing some of the earliest maps to depict the Channel Islands including the Gough map of Great Britain and one of the earliest Venetian "portolans" or Venetian merchants maps.



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We have also sourced an original colour copy of De Suasmarez's famous and very beautiful 1727 map of the Channel Islands from the UK Hydrographic Office and we will be reproducing it in the book in colour for the first time.

We have made sure to include images and charts of Alderney, Sark and Herm with some exceptionally beautiful hand drawn maps from the turn of the last century and Popinjay's famous map of Herm. By kind permission of Guernsey's Royal Court the book will also have Thomas Phillips' maps taken from the Legge Report [The King's Survey of The Channel Islands 1680], which we published in 2011.

The bulk of the material in the book will come from the Priaulx Library's extensive collection, which includes works by all the principal map makers of their day, including Wagenhauer, Mercator, Norden, Jansson, Blaeu, Speed, Dobre, Bellinni and Faden to name but a few.

The Priaulx material will be supplemented by maps from the Clarke Collection, which is held by The States of Jersey Archives. This hugely impressive collection of Channel Island and Jersey maps includes the rare Polyolbion, which rather bizarrely, depicts the islands as nymphs as well as a very high quality selection of Jersey material.

The Royal Court have also given us permission to create a new map of Guernsey in 1944 by combining some 13 coastal maps depicting the fortifications and taken from the Festung Guernsey, which we first published in 2007. These combine to create an image of the whole island and its principal fortifications. This and many of the hand drawn maps will be published here for the first time.

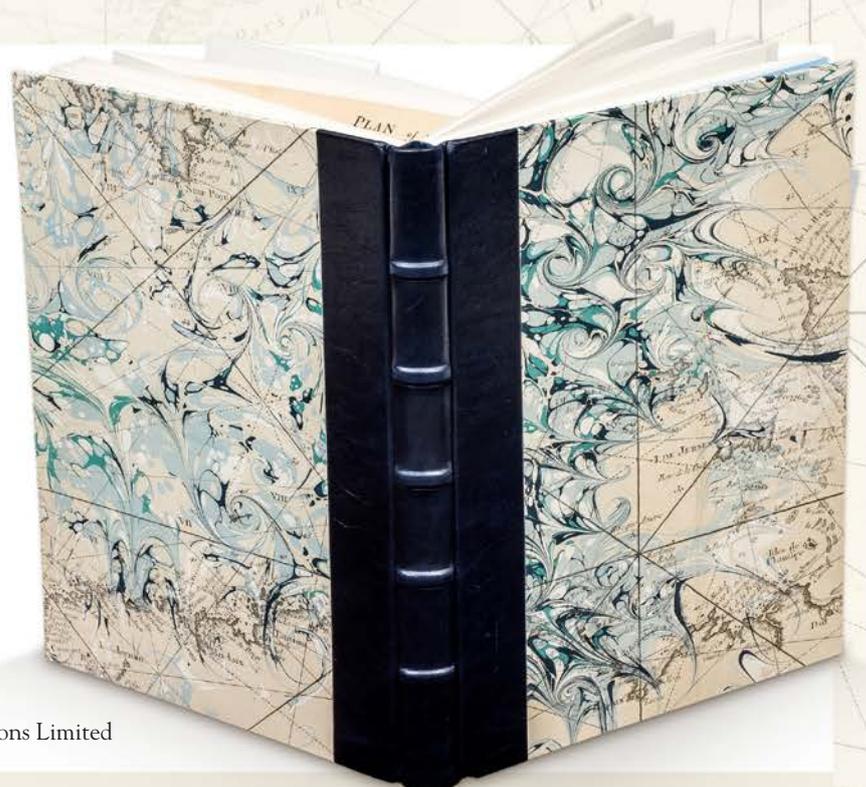
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However the book is now open to subscribers at a discounted price of £875 [An optional slipcase is available for an additional £100 if ordered in advance]

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