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**1527-1598**

Flemish cartographer who published the first modern atlas. Born in Antwerp, where he resided until his death, he was involved in the map trade from a young age. In 1570 he published his great work, *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, a collection of 70 maps by different cartographers printed in a uniform format. It appeared in more than 40 editions between 1570 and 1612 and was translated into Dutch, German, French, Spanish, Italian, and English.