A Complete Set of the Historiated Initials from Andreas Vesalius' *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*

1st Edition 1543
&
2nd Edition 1555

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HISTORIATED INITIALS FROM THE 2ND EDITION OF THE FABRICA, 1555.
Both the 1543 and 1555 editions of the Fabrica had large historiated initials I, O, Q, and T. The 1555 edition added the initial V seen at right. This is the only historiated initial that depicts a scene from Greek mythology.
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