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**1540?-1616**

German physician who investigated the practical application of chemistry to the discipline of medicine. Libavius wrote a number of books on medicine and chemistry, the best known is probably *Alchymia*, published first in 1597 then in 1606. He described in this book the methods of preparation for various chemicals; it is regarded as the publication that set the standard for seventeenth-century chemistry texts in France.