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**1515-1579**

Italian anatomist best known for his drawings of the muscles and their relationship to bones, particularly the upper extremity. Giovanni and Antonio Maria Canano studied muscles with Vesalius's brother and Bartolomeo Nigrisoli, whose father taught anatomy in Padua. Giovanni Canano's most famous work, published in 1542, had no title, no date, no name of publisher, and no place of publication given. A facsimile copy published in 1962 was entitled *Musculorum Humani Corporis Picturata Dissectio.* Although Canano had found valves in veins, Vesalius and Eustachius insisted that they did not exist. However, four years before his death, Fabricius rediscovered them. In 1552 Canano was appointed physician to Pope Julius III at Rome.