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• Theophilus Protopatharius – *De Urinis* c.640 AD
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• Magister Maurus – *De Urinis* 12th Cent AD
• Corfone – *De Urinis et Earumdem Significationibus*
• Andrew Borde – *De Urinis* c.1530
“My reading in their water all their ails
And conjuring medicine up that never fails....
To read the water of poor sickly clowns
And ease them not of illness but their crowns...

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