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## Volume Editor's Preface

Volume 20 of *Science of Synthesis* covers largely contemporary synthetic methods that produce carboxylic acid derivatives and their associated esters. The reaction products bear a carbon atom forming three formal bonds to heteroatoms, and include acid halides, carboxylic acids, and carboxylic acid salts. Coverage is also extended to esters, lactones, and peroxy acids as well as  $R^1(CO)OX$  compounds. Structural types such as  $R^1(CO)X$ , where  $X = S, Se, Te$ , are also covered. This volume has been divided into thirty-five sections, largely focusing on efficient and useful methods for the preparation of carboxylic acids.

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