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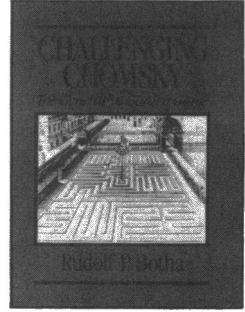
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Professor Polomé took his degrees in Belgium, where he studied classics, Sanskrit, and comparative religion, with emphasis on Germanic philology. At the University of Texas at Austin, he has been on the staff of the departments of Germanic Languages, of Linguistics, and Oriental and African Languages and Literatures, as well as several interdisciplinary, interdepartmental programs.

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