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Based upon original documents uncovered by the author in European national and private archives, *Acadian Odyssey* details the history of the Cajun people, whose traditions and beliefs stand as a cultural cornerstone of the state of Louisiana.

Oscar William Winzerling (1896–1989) a Roman Catholic priest and educator, received his Ph.D. in history from the University of California–Berkeley, where he worked under Lawrence Kinnaird.

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