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About the Author Kornelia Takacs has studied and collected antique pocket compasses for many years, and enjoys learning about their mysteries through her research. She lives in Los Angeles, California.