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As is still too common in the field, men dominate this index. It was difficult to avoid this in a work that engages with several long philological traditions; but also the parts of the book that build on mid to late twentieth-century historical linguistics and phonological theory also rely heavily on scholarship authored by men. In acknowledging this skew, I would like to particularly highlight the contribution made by many women to the unglamorous descriptive work in dialectology, which often gets effaced in scholarship that by necessity focuses on overarching, synthetic generalizations: in the context of this book, I should mention Hallfrid Christiansen, Brynhild Engen, Ingeborg Hoff, and Gunnvor Rundhovde in Norway; Carin Pihl in Sweden; and Gwenllïan Awbery and Ceinwen Thomas in Wales.

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