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It was important to me that this book honor the collaborative nature of this prior work, as well as be accountable to the femicide data activists that we have been working with since 2019. Toward this end, I formed an Academic-Community Peer Review Board comprised of Lauren, Silvana, and Helena, along with four others: Geraldina Guerra Garcés and Paola Maldonado Tobar (ALDEA & Alianza Feminista para el Mapeo

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In addition to feedback from the Academic-Community Peer Review Board, I received generous comments and questions from three anonymous peer reviewers. They pushed me to deepen theoretical discussions, broaden my ideas for who the audience could be for the book, and to make some of the pragmatic contributions, like the toolkit, even more accessible and useful. And, just as Lauren and I did with *Data Feminism*, I worked with the folks at PubPub to put the first draft of this book online for a wider community review. I am grateful for the many (hundreds) of comments I received on the book, ranging from copy edits to reference suggestions to larger structural and conceptual comments. I want to particularly acknowledge the comments from Alexis Henshaw, Bronwyn Carlson, Carl DiSalvo, Cynthia Bejarano, Débora de Castro Leal, Derya Akababa, Eric Gordon, James Scott-Brown, Jimena Acosta, Julia Monárrez Fragoso, Matt Bui, Milagros Miceli, Mimi Onuoha, Paola Ricaurte, Patricia Garcia, Renee Shelby, Saide Mobayed, and Susana Galan. I am also grateful to the many data activists who sent me comments and fact corrections as part of the community review process.

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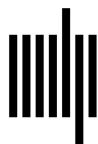
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