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Well, it looks like we're done. From here on the back cover is only a list of references away, and the book will be finished much like my four-year PhD project. What I've heard from a surprising number of people over the last few years is that their PhD programs have been filled with problems. I call it surprising, because that's not at all the experience that I have had. For me, this has been an interesting and fun time. I believe the reason I enjoyed it can be attributed to all the people around me who have supported me during my time as a PhD student.

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