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This latest annual index to Marquis Who's Who publications continues the basic approach used in previous editions (see ARBA 86, entry 74). Biographees from the latest editions of Marquis publications are indexed alphabetically with abbreviated references to the sources containing biographical information. The current edition indexes 11 titles: Who's Who in America and the four regional volumes; Who's Who in the World, American Law, Entertainment, and Finance and Industry; and Who's Who...
of Emerging Leaders in America and American Women. Who Was Who in America, indexed in earlier editions, is no longer indexed. For libraries that collect these titles, Index to Who's Who Books is a useful addition, but most libraries would be better served by Gale's Biography and Genealogy Master Index (BGMI). Gale's latest cumulation (1986-1990) indexes nearly 2 million entries in 250 biographical sources, including all the Marquis publications except the newest title, Who's Who in America. Its 1986 annual supplement covered 255,000 entries (compared to Marquis's 227,000). Gale's tool also covers the recent volumes of Who Was Who in America. For collections with BGMI, the Marquis index is an unnecessary purchase. — Robert Aken