ProLog Books User Manual

Hello Everyone!

My name is Andrew Deal. I'm the creator of ProLog Books. If you're reading this manual, I'm assuming you're new, so welcome! This project started as my capstone project at East Valley Institute of Technology but quickly grew into a product of extracurricular passion and effort. I am proud of what this site is growing into and hope to see a community that I can continue to provide benefit to. Take a look at this document for a brief introduction to the site and tutorials for each individual page. We're so glad to have you at ProLog Books!

Introduction to ProLog Books

What is the purpose of ProLog Books?

In 2023, I created the site ReadRover, which was a simple book inventory system. I am an avid reader of comics, manga, and science fiction novels, and I wanted a way to keep my collection stored, in any order I wanted, and leave reviews and notes about it. While it worked, it had limited features, could only

save your data to your local browser, and was frankly just not pretty. So I set out to make something better.

ProLog Books is my current project, and I am working hard to expand from just being a catalog into a one-stop platform for all your book-loving needs. From news, daily puzzles, and even social media features, I want you to be able to find everything you need right here.

While not every feature is available right now, I am working all the time (literally almost every day, you can check my GitHub - AndrewD25) to add all sorts of awesome new features to make this a better place to be. Right now, the daily puzzle - Comicle - is operational, and I encourage you to check it out! We also have the Home, Collection, and News pages in their beta so take a look at those too!

For updates on progress and other fun content, you can check my Instagram (@ProLogBooks) where I post about the daily Comicle and other news about the site, or keep an eye out for articles at ProLog Books News! If you want to support the development of this project, you can donate on Kofi at kofi.com/prologbooks.

Thank you to everyone who is reading this and continues to try out this little project of mine. I appreciate you all! Thanks for being a great community! This website is yours, and I hope to keep making you happy with every new feature I add.

System Requirements

None!

You can access ProLog Books on any device with a working browser and an internet connection! Our special layouts for different screen sizes make ProLog Books fun to access on any size of device. So share with your friends, whether they have an Android phone, an Ipad, or a massive gaming PC - ProLog Books is for everyone!

Home Page

The Home page is your quick path to the rest of the site. It is your starting point that can be used to access everything you need. Scroll through the organized sections, read the short description of each page, and use the links to navigate through the site. The home page has everything you need to navigate ProLog Books. But if you want more, continue on, dear reader.

Collection Page

The Collection page is the pride and joy of the ProLog Books site. It is probably the most complicated, although it is very simple to get the hang of once you get going. This manual entry will go through the features of the site.

You can find a list of folders on the left side of the Collection page. If you are new, the page will prompt you to create a new folder. Once you have a list of them going, you can also delete folders with the trash can icon next to the name of the folder.

Books are stored inside folders. To add a book to your collection, navigate to a folder and click on any button with a "+". Enter the details of the book (it doesn't matter too much how you structure it, just do it in the way that feels right to you!) To interact with an added book, use the "flip" button on the bottom right corner. When a book is flipped, you can copy it with the copy button on the left side or edit it with the edit button on the right side.

One feature that you may struggle with is adding an image to your books. Right now, we only support image urls for simplicity and space reasons. To get an image url, go to Google and find an image you like, then right click it and select copy image address. Just a note, many Fandom websites store their images differently and their image addresses may not work, so if you have an error with your image, try checking the source.

Social Page

The Social page allows you to share information about your collection and your own book reviews. This page is currently under construction so all you have to do is ignore it for now. It automatically redirects you to the Construction page so you just have to click another link and go to another page. This manual entry will update upon page completion. In the first Social update, user stats will automatically generate, so you still won't have to worry about doing anything for a while! So sit back, relax, and wait for an update on the ProLog Books Instagram page.

News Page

If you can read this manual, you can use the News page. Simply click on any thumbnails and titles that look interesting in the list and it will automatically bring you to the article for you to read. Hooray, you have successfully navigated the News page!

Puzzle Page

The Puzzle page hosts the daily puzzle game Comicle. Every day, an American comic (or occasionally a popular foreign one) will appear but with a pixelation filter over it. You have 6 guesses to figure out what the book is. Type the series of the book into the series input and an autocomplete will show you possible options. Type the book number into the number input. Upon submitting a guess, the game will tell you if it is correct or not and whether the number is higher or lower than the one you input. Are you having trouble with guessing it? Try these tips. Most likely, the number of important books featured on Comicle is 1. Otherwise try splitting the range of possible numbers (typically 1-1000) in half until the image gets un-pixelated enough to see it. If you need a hint, puzzles are posted every day on the ProLog Books Instagram (linked on the Puzzle page) with a daily hint.

Also linked on the Puzzle page is the Kofi page for the project. Donation goals for extra features can be found there, so support the site if you want to see its development get even better!

Profiles – Sign in and Sign Out

When you open the site, you probably aren't logged in. Use the link on the top right of the site or in the "Start Here" section of the Home page to create an account. You can also use the sign in link to sign in instead. When creating an account, if it seems to not be working, try to keep your username and password between 4 and 20 characters and make sure you use a mix of capital letters and symbols in your password.

Once signed in, you will be redirected to the Home page. If you use the link with your username on it now, you will see a new set of options in the dropdown. You can view your Profile page, which currently doesn't have any features and will probably redirect you to the Construction page. If it doesn't redirect you, you can find a sign out button on that page. You can also sign out using the link in the dropdown menu under your username.

Other Problems

If you have any other technical issues with the site or would like to request a new feature, feel free to DM me on Instagram (@ProLogBooks). If you want a feature urgently, leave a request in a message on Kofi with a donation. I hope that this manual has been helpful to you and that if you need anything else you will reach out and request help! Remember, all of you are the most important part of ProLog Books!