

## Website Development

### Requirements

### User-Friendly Design

Ensure the website is easy to navigate and visually appealing.

#### 1. Intuitive design

Ensure that layout follows a logical flow that aligns with user expectations.

1. Place the Best Reads logo at the top of the home page and add Meta description.

Meta description: a meta description to improve click-through rates (CTR) and it convinces users that the page offers relevant content.

Meta description: **Discover a wide range of books at BestReadsUK. From bestsellers to classic novels, find your next great read today. Free shipping on orders over £20. Shop now!.**

2. Include a sections like Home, Shop, Categories (Mystery, Science Fiction, Romance), About Us, and BestSellers for easy navigation. It provides user, a clear and simple navigation structure so users can find their way around the site with ease.
3. Consider using search and filter bars with clear icons to help users find what they are looking for quickly and efficiently.
4. Add next and previous buttons at the end of each book listing for smooth navigation. And give description to each book with optimized keywords.

For Example:

Book Title: **One Last Talk: Why Your Truth Matters And How To Deliver It**

Description:

If you were about to leave this planet, what would you say, and who would you say it to?

This shocking and provocative question is at the core of the remarkable and inspiring book, One Last Talk: Why Your Truth Matters And How To Deliver It.

This book emerged from the speaking series designed to help people **discover their**

**truth**, and then **speak it out loud**, developed by **renowned coach Philip McKernan**.

In this book, **McKernan** goes beyond the event, and dives into what it means to **discover your truth** and **speak it**, why people should do this, and then deeply explains exactly how this can be done. If you feel **living more authentically** could allow you to have a **greater impact on others**, or you can't find the words to **speak your truth** as boldly as you know you need to, this is the book for you.

Make no mistake, the path McKernan lays out is simple, but not easy, because your greatest gift lies next to your deepest wounds.

5. Opt for simple, recognizable button icons like magnifying glass icon 🔍 for search, filter icon for the filter ⌵.
  6. Important sections (FAQ, customer feedback, shipping terms) should be in the footer.
  7. Display new arrivals, popular book, bestseller books in the first to attract the customer more.
  8. Use high quality images for book to attract customer as visual appeal is very important.
  9. Use dropdowns and menu where they cannot be avoided. Try to show all the features offered by website so the users can't miss website actions.
  10. After every visit to the page ask customer for feedback for continuous improvement of the site would be greatly appreciated.
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2. Minimalistic-Focus on essential elements  
Avoid cluttering the menu with unnecessary options. Use concise language for product descriptions. Focus on essential elements related to books and relevant information, minimize distracting animations or graphics.
  3. Website responsiveness:  
Make sure that website loads quickly, it provides user a seamless and enjoyable browsing experience for users. Here are the ways how to minimize loading speed.

1. Compress book images without compromising quality.
2. Test loading speed using tools like Google PageSpeed Insights or GTmetrix.
3. Reduce HTTP requests by combining CSS and JavaScript files.
4. Use efficient hosting solutions to minimize server response time.

#### 4. Visual appearance:

Maintain a consistent color scheme reflecting BestReadsUK brand identity. Since our target audience falls between the ages of 25 and 34, these individuals preferably choose visual appearance that is modern, calming, and appealing. Consider pastel and neutral colors for a pleasant browsing experience. Use darker colors strategically (e.g., for discounts, offers, new arrivals).

Example:



The palette is inspired by the calming colors of a beachfront sunset, which symbolizes relaxation and a perfect escape, much like how we envision the reading experience on BestReadsUK. BestReadsUK is about offering a refined and enjoyable reading experience. This color palette helps us establish a distinct brand identity that is both elegant and approachable. These colors are known for their calming and soothing effects, which can enhance the overall reading experience on our website.

#### Responsive Design:

Design the mobile version of website BestReadsUK first, then scale up for larger screens. Use a fluid grid system to ensure elements resize and rearrange appropriately on different screens, ensure that content remains readable and visually appealing on mobile screens. Implement adaptive images that scale and adjust based on device resolution using srcset and size attributes.

Technologies used:

HTML5 and CSS3: For semantic structure and styling

JavaScript: For dynamic and interactive elements.

Frameworks-Bootstrap, Foundation: to simplify design.

Cross-Device testing tools: To ensure consistency across devices.

Fast load times: Optimize for speed to enhance user experience and SEO:

Some of the key metrics that google considers critical for user experience in terms of performance:

1. Largest Contentful Paint (LCP)
2. Interaction to Next Paint (INP)
3. Cumulative Layout Shift (CLS)
4. First Contentful Paint (FCP)
5. First Input Delay (FID)
6. Time to First Byte

Some of the diagnostics related to improve these metrics are:

- Reduce initial server response time: Implement a Content Delivery Network (CDN) to distribute content efficiently across geographically dispersed servers. This reduces round-trip time (RTT) for content delivery, enhancing user experience. It improves load times that leads to increased organic traffic
- Preload Largest Contentful Paint image: Use the <link rel="preload"> tag to preload the LCP image, ensuring it starts loading earlier. A faster LCP improves the speed perception of users, which lowers bounce rates and raises the possibility of sales and user retention.
- Reduce unused JavaScript, CSS: Eliminating unnecessary code improves search engine rankings and user satisfaction by reducing lower load times.
- Eliminate Render Blocking Resources: Ensure efficient code to reduce render - blocking resources. Minify code and optimize rendering processes for faster loading times.
- Optimize Files & Media: Compress files and media to improve loading speed. Adapt image resolution based on user device for optimal viewing. For instance, Utilize JPEG for book cover images and PNG for simpler graphics like Logos.

Impact: Optimized files and media load faster, providing a better user experience and reducing bounce rates, which can lead to higher sales.

- Better Hosting: Invest in reliable hosting to ensure consistent website performance. Avoid cheaper options that may compromise speed.

Consider Hosting services like AWS, Google cloud provides better resources and support

Impact: Reliable hosting ensures consistent performance, reducing downtime and improving user trust and satisfaction.

- Reduce Unnecessary HTTP Requests: Streamline webpage elements to minimize HTTP requests. Remove unnecessary images, scripts, stylesheets, fonts, and ads for faster page loading.

Use Google PageSpeed Insights to analyze the page's performance. This tool will provide a detailed report on the number of HTTP requests that are slowing down the page.

Impact: Fewer HTTP requests improve load times, enhancing user experience and search engine rankings, leading to increased traffic and conversions.

- Plugin Management: Evaluate and minimize plugin usage to avoid slowing down the website. Disable unused plugins and consolidate overlapping functionalities to streamline performance.

Impact: Efficient plugin management ensures faster load times, improving user experience and reducing potential security risks.

- Cloud-based Synthetic Monitoring Tool: Employ a cloud-based monitoring tool to continuously track website performance. Identify patterns and trends affecting loading speed, such as peak traffic hours, to address potential issues proactively.

Clear Call-to-Actions (CTAs): Strategically place CTAs to guide visitors towards desired actions (e.g., sign-ups, purchases).

Strategic placement:

1. Home page: Place prominent CTAs such as "Shop Now" button or a "Browse Best Sellers" section above the fold on the homepage to capture visitors' attention immediately.

2. Include add to cart button near to the book details to influence the customer to purchase it.
3. Ensure that CTA's like "Proceed to checkout", "go to Wishlist" are clearly visible throughout the checkout process to streamline the purchase journey.
4. Include some CTA's such as Shop Now, Best Sellers, special offers throughout their navigation journey to encourage the customers to go inside of the sections of the website.
5. Utilize sidebars or banners to showcase special promotions or limited time offers with clear CTAs like "Buy 2 get 1 sale", "The 50% off sale is open now", "get 25% discount on every purchase".
6. Include CTAs like social media accounts, customer support etc at the footer section of website.
7. Make use of contrasting or dark colours and visual elements that grab the attention of customers easily and using different colours makes CTAs stand out from the rest of content on the page.

**Analytics Integration:** Implement Google Analytics to track visitor behaviour and site performance.

Here is the step-by-step strategy for making the BestReadsUK website responsive and seamlessly integrating google analytics:

1. Define Clear goals and KPIs:

Set specific goals for the website such as increasing book sales, enhancing user engagement, reducing bounce rates, average time on page, pages per session. Identify key performance indicators (KPIs) aligned with these goals like average session duration, page view etc.

2. Conduct a comprehensive website audit:

Analyse the current website to identify areas that need improvement in terms of responsiveness, user experience and performance. Analyze existing traffic patterns and user behaviour.

3. Integrate Google analytics:

Set up google analytics for the website to track essential metrics such as Traffic sources- understand where visitors come from (organic search, social media etc.)

User demographics- learn about your audience's age, location, and interests.

Behaviour flow- Visualize how users navigate through the site.

e-commerce -monitor sales performance, revenue.

Obtain the tracking code snippet from google analytics and paste the tracking code snippet immediately before the closing `</head>` tag on every page of your website.

Save and publish the changes to your website.

Google Tag Example:

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<!-- Google tag (gtag.js) -->
<script async src="https://www.googletagmanager.com/gtag/js?id=G-C3LXM3EP6T"></script>
<script>
  window.dataLayer = window.dataLayer || [];
  function gtag(){dataLayer.push(arguments);}
  gtag('js', new Date());

  gtag('config', 'G-C3LXM3EP6T');
</script>
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Wait for data to start flowing into your Google Analytics account.

Continuously monitor google analytic data to identify the areas for improvement and optimize the BestReadsUK website on user feedback and analytics insights. Generate regular reports from google analytics to track progress towards goals and KPIs.

It provides the data to identify the areas of improvement, user behaviour flow, traffic sources where visitors come from, Track the performance of SEO, Measure Conversion Rates

Example of google analytics data:

DIAGNOSTICS		
▲	Avoid large layout shifts — 13 layout shifts found	▼
▲	Minimize main-thread work — 16.6 s	▼
▲	Largest Contentful Paint element — 11,620 ms	▼
▲	Eliminate render-blocking resources — Potential savings of 1,210 ms	▼
▲	Reduce JavaScript execution time — 11.0 s	▼
▲	Reduce initial server response time — Root document took 1,490 ms	▼
▲	Reduce the impact of third-party code — Third-party code blocked the main thread for 1,400 ms	▼
▲	Reduce unused JavaScript — Potential savings of 476 KiB	▼
▲	Avoid an excessive DOM size — 4,313 elements	▼
▲	Reduce unused CSS — Potential savings of 114 KiB	▼
▲	Properly size images — Potential savings of 468 KiB	▼

Secure and Trustworthy: Use HTTPS, display trust badges, and ensure a secure checkout process for e-commerce sites.

### 1. HTTPS Implementation:

Obtain an SSL certificate from a trusted Certificate Authority (CA).

Configure the web server to use HTTPS protocol.

Ensure all internal and external links, including images, use HTTPS.

Technologies: SSL/TLS, web server configuration tools like Apache or Nginx.

### 2. Trust Badges Display:

Integrate trust badges from reputable security providers like Norton, McAfee, or Trustpilot.

Place trust badges prominently on the website, especially on checkout pages.

Ensure the badges are clickable and link to verification pages for authenticity.

Technologies: HTML/CSS for website design, JavaScript for badge interactivity.

### 3. Secure Checkout Process:

Implement a secure payment gateway compliant with PCI DSS standards.

Encrypt sensitive customer data during transmission and storage.

Provide multiple payment options including credit/debit cards, PayPal, and possibly digital wallets.



Technologies: Payment gateway APIs (e.g., Stripe, PayPal), encryption algorithms (e.g., AES), secure database storage mechanisms.

4. SSL/TLS Certificate Renewal:

Set up automated certificate renewal to ensure uninterrupted HTTPS service.

Monitor certificate expiration dates and renew well in advance.

Technologies: Certificate management tools, cron jobs for automation.

5. Regular Security Audits and Updates:

Conduct regular security audits to identify vulnerabilities.

Keep software, plugins, and frameworks up to date with security patches.

Implement firewall and intrusion detection/prevention systems.

Technologies: Security scanning tools (e.g., Qualys, Nessus), version control systems (e.g., Git), firewall software.

6. Customer Education on Security:

Provide tips to customers on how to identify secure websites and avoid phishing scams.

Offer resources on creating strong passwords and protecting personal information.

Technologies: Email marketing platforms for sending educational newsletters, website FAQs and blog posts.

7. Customer Support for Security Concerns:

Have a dedicated support team to address customer concerns regarding security.

Provide clear contact information for customers to report security incidents.

Implement a system for handling and resolving security-related customer inquiries promptly.

Technologies: Helpdesk software (e.g., Zendesk, Freshdesk), secure communication channels (e.g., encrypted email).