

USER GUIDE

- **Sign Up on Bookstagram:**

Step by step guide to understand how to sign up on Bookstagram can be found [here](#). A user needs an username, password and email to sign up. Make sure the username is unique, email is valid and password is strong. Users will also need to verify their account using a link sent to them by mail.

- **Sign In, View and Update profile details:**

Step by step guide to understand how to sign in, view and update profile details can be found [here](#). A user can click on their profile image on the top right corner to see the relevant dropdown menu. On selecting profile users will be redirected to the profile page with all the attributes mentioned in detail. Users can click on edit and update these details and click on save. You can see in the demo that these changes will be immediately reflected.

- **Like, Comment and Share a post:**

Step by step guide to understand how to like, comment and share a post can be found [here](#). A user can view all the posts posted by them or by any of their friends on the dashboard. Users can like and comment on a post and it is instantly reflected under that post. Users are provided with a dropdown of all the books bought on the platform, so that they can share a review to encourage their friends to buy the books using their referral and improve the overall sales for the creator on Bookstagram platform.

- **Find, Add and Remove friends:**

Step by step guide to understand how to find, add and remove friends can be found [here](#). A user can search for friends by clicking on the add friends button on the dashboard. They can easily search for the username and send a friend request. Users can view their friends and friend requests under my friends list. Users can accept requests or remove friends by clicking on relevant buttons.

- **View My books, Buy New Books and rate books:**

Step by step guide to understand how to View My books, Buy New Books and rate books can be found [here](#). A user can click on my bookshelf to view all the books previously bought by the user at a single place. Users can visit the e-commerce marketplace named book list in the side menu to view different books uploaded by the authors on bookstagram platform. Every book consists of a description including title, preview, ratings and price. Users can buy the books and also put comments and ratings.

- **Read Books on the Platform:**

Step by step guide to understand how to read books on Bookstagram can be found [here](#). A user can click on my bookshelf to view all the books previously bought by the user at a single place. These books have an embedded link referring to their respective PDF files. Users can click on this link to read the book on the platform itself.

- **Author Dashboard:**

Step by Step Guide to understand about the Author Dashboard can be found [here](#). A user who signed up as an author can view a different dashboard on sign in. An author has a dashboard where there is a dropdown of owned books and their respective recommendation and referral tree to see how these books become viral on Bookstagram platform. The other option is to upload books.

- **Author Upload Book**

Step by Step Guide to understand how authors can upload books can be found [here](#). An author user can go to upload books using the side bar menu. Add details like category, title, description, cover photo and PDF. On uploading the book it shall immediately appear in the marketplace.

- **Recommendation Tree:**

Step by Step Guide to understand how authors can analyze a recommendation tree can be found [here](#). A recommendation/ referral tree consists of the author as the parent node always. There is not restriction on the number of child nodes, or users being added multiple times at different levels. In order to be added to the tree a user will be required to buy the book. Buying the book directly from the user will add the user on the first level below the author. Users can also buy from the reviews posted by friends on the news feed.