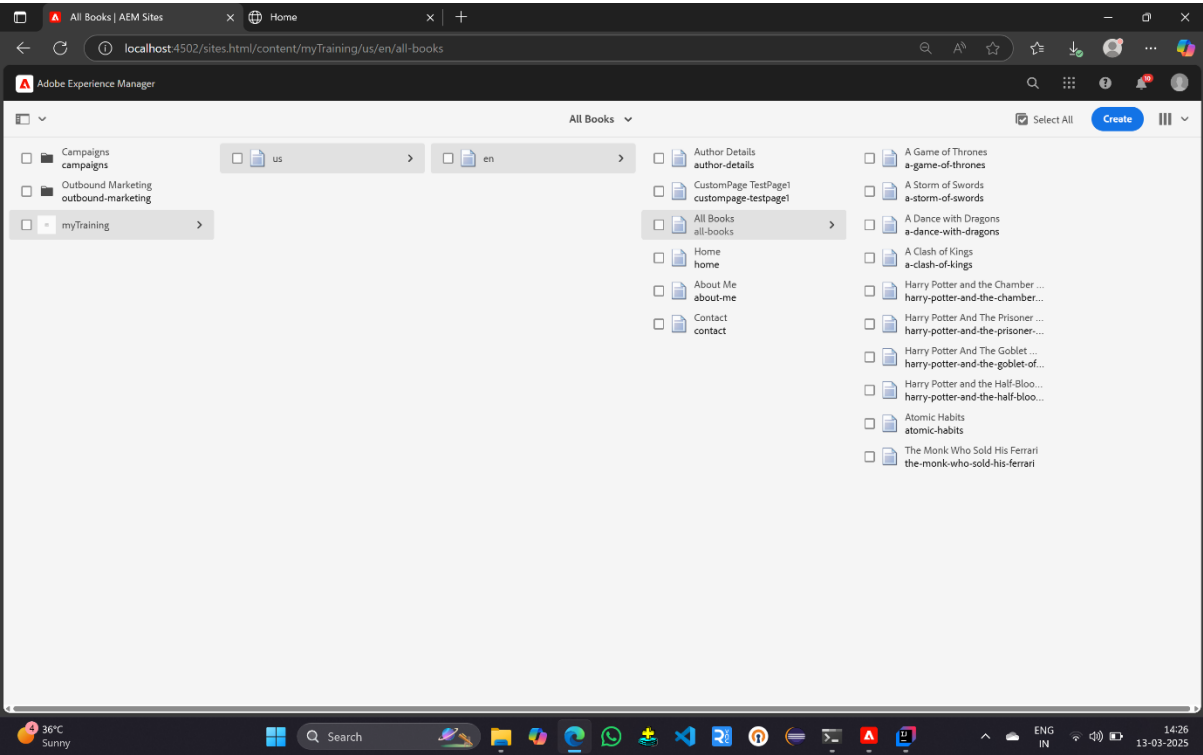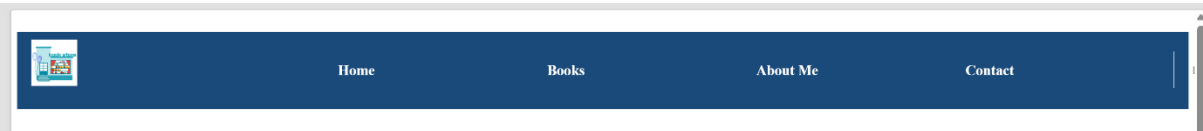**Author Portfolio**

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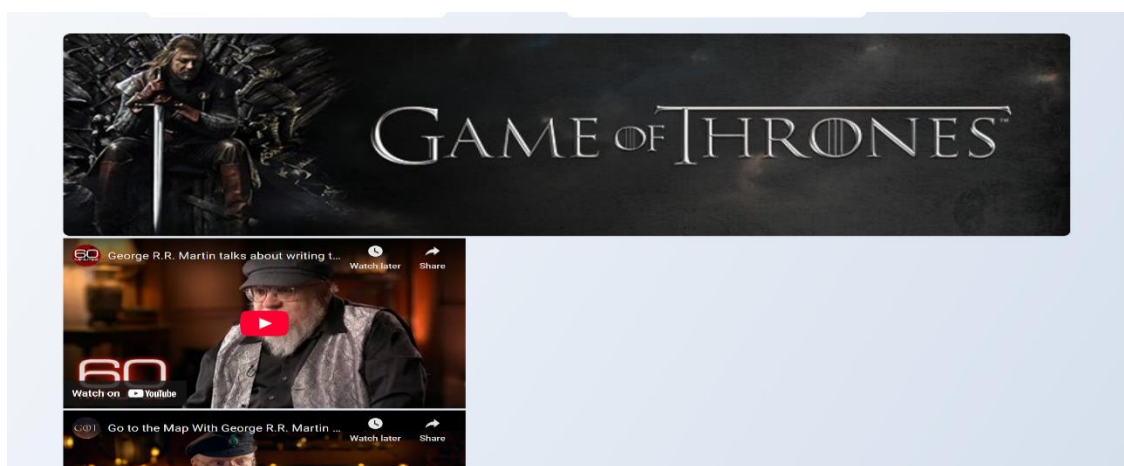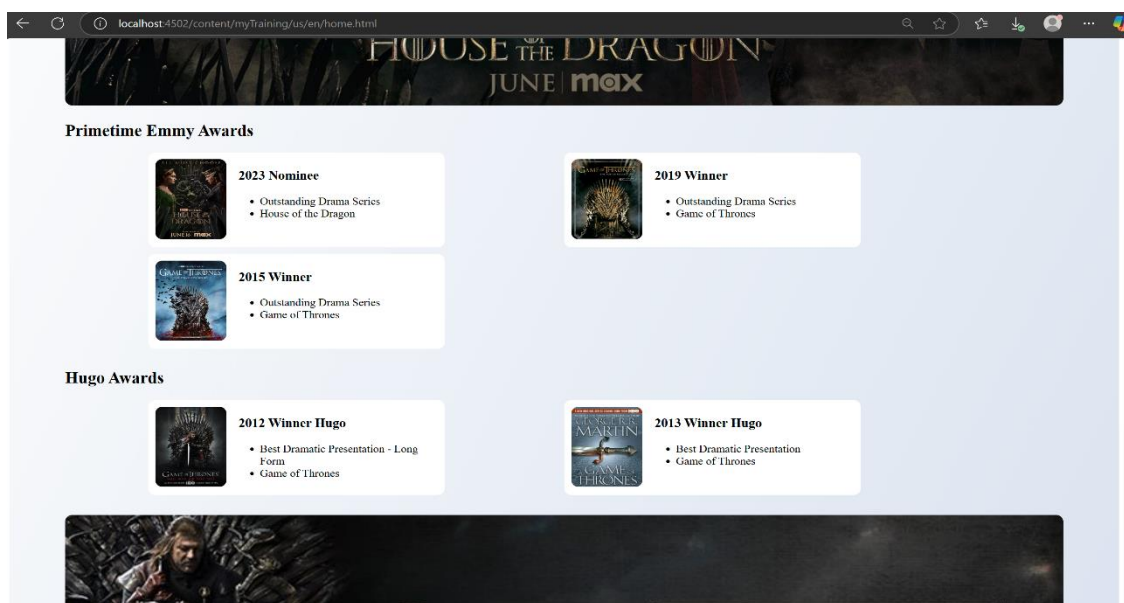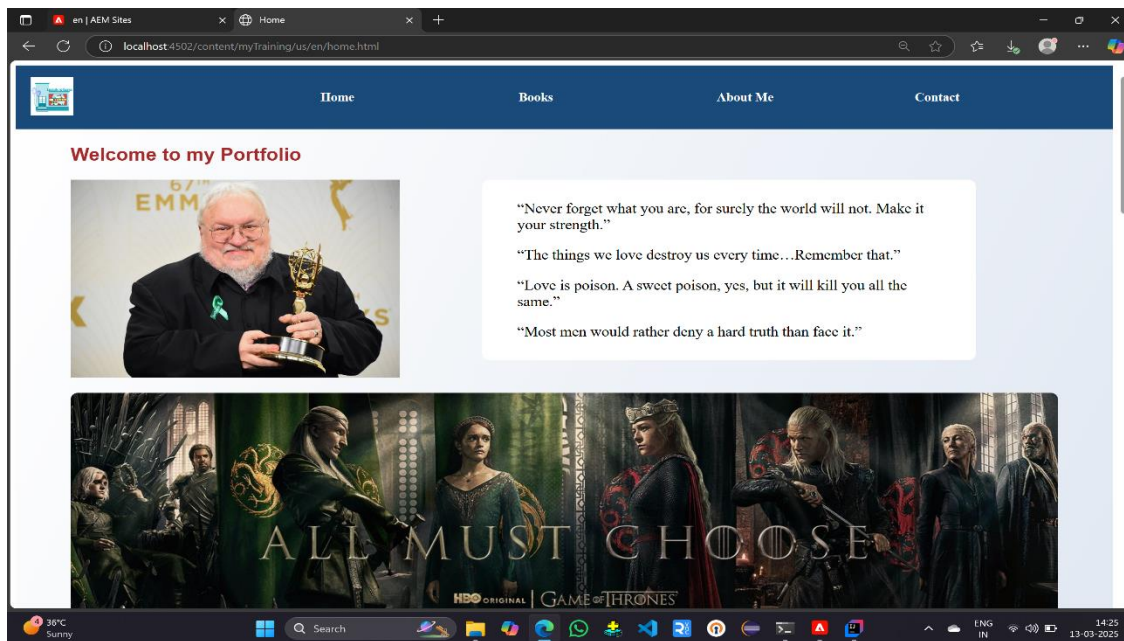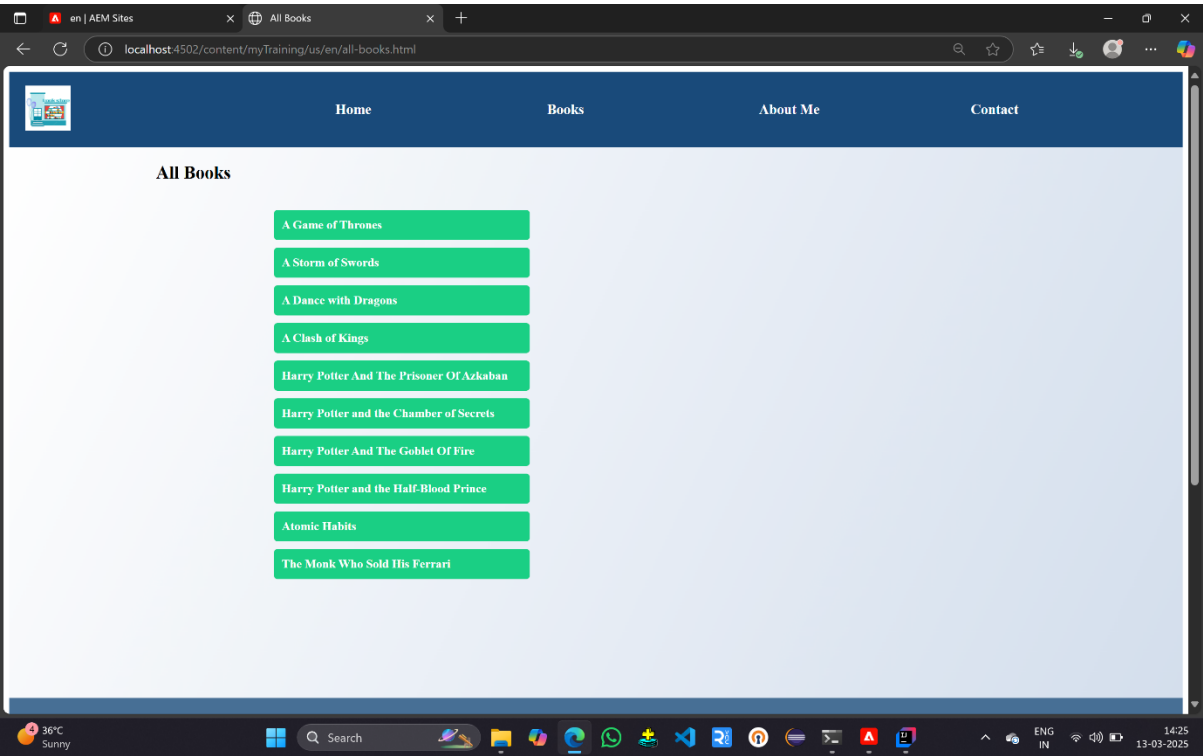

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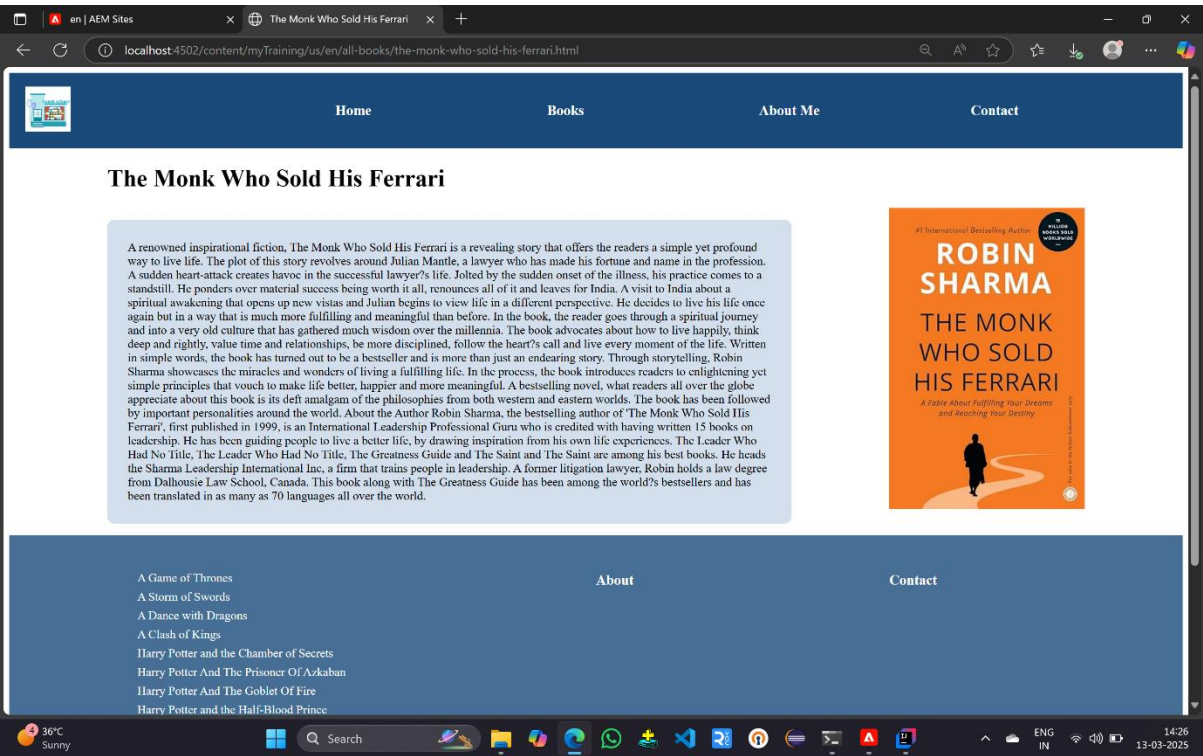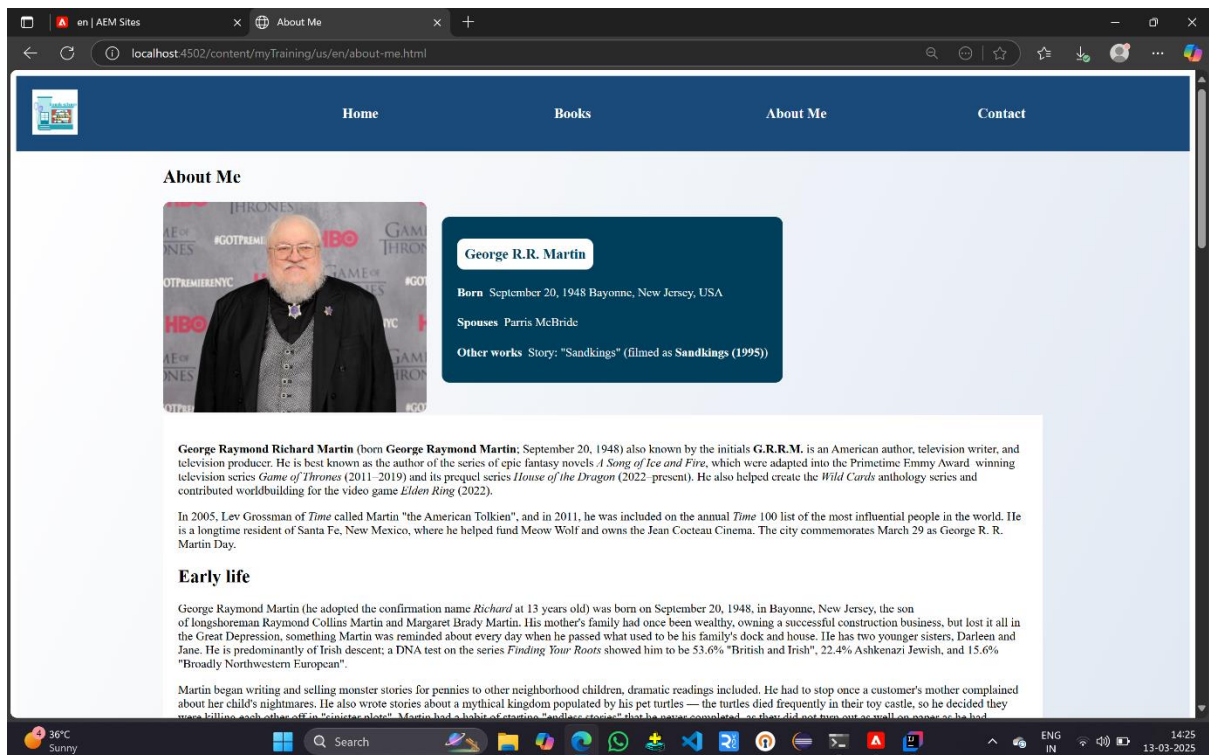Home Page

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George Raymond Richard Martin (born **George Raymond Martin**; September 20, 1948) also known by the initials **G.R.R.M.** is an American author, television writer, and television producer. He is best known as the author of the series of epic fantasy novels *A Song of Ice and Fire*, which were adapted into the Primetime Emmy Award winning television series *Game of Thrones* (2011–2019) and its prequel series *House of the Dragon* (2022–present). He also helped create the *Wild Cards* anthology series and contributed worldbuilding for the video game *Elden Ring* (2022).

In 2005, Lev Grossman of *Time* called Martin "the American Tolkien", and in 2011, he was included on the annual *Time* 100 list of the most influential people in the world. He is a longtime resident of Santa Fe, New Mexico, where he helped fund Meow Wolf and owns the Jean Cocteau Cinema. The city commemorates March 29 as George R. R. Martin Day.

Early life

George Raymond Martin (he adopted the confirmation name *Richard* at 13 years old) was born on September 20, 1948, in Bayonne, New Jersey, the son of longshoreman Raymond Collins Martin and Margaret Brady Martin. His mother's family had once been wealthy, owning a successful construction business, but lost it all in the Great Depression, something Martin was reminded about every day when he passed what used to be his family's dock and house. He has two younger sisters, Darleen and Jane. He is predominantly of Irish descent; a DNA test on the series *Finding Your Roots* showed him to be 53.6% "British and Irish", 22.4% Ashkenazi Jewish, and 15.6% "Broadly Northwestern European".

Martin began writing and selling monster stories for pennies to other neighborhood children, dramatic readings included. He had to stop once a customer's mother complained about her child's nightmares. He also wrote stories about a mythical kingdom populated by his pet turtles — the turtles died frequently in their toy castle, so he decided they were killing each other off in "sinister plots". Martin had a habit of starting "endless stories" that he never completed, as they did not turn out as well on paper as he had ...

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