

Inspiration

I looked on Reddit for some reviews of other writing apps, what was good and what was not good about these apps. There were 4 websites/apps I saw a lot, those were called Archive of our own (AO3), Wattpad, Scrivener and Google Docs.


The annoying part of the first two apps/websites were that a lot of people didn't like it that it wasn't filtered, so everyone can just put on these apps what they wanted. But the nice part about these two were that you can search on your preferred tags so you can find the stories you want, faster.

Scrivener is an app and not a Website, and I want to make a website so I didn't have an opinion about this one.






And the annoying part from Google Docs is that it is offline so you cannot share your stories with other people and you cannot find the stories of other people. But the nice part of Google Docs is that it is easy and not too much extra functionalities.


So out of these apps/websites I wanted to make a combination.


Reviews on Reddit

**knerys** · 2y ago






The best one is the one that you like and has the features you want. Really no other answer than whatever your preferences are. If you want to share some of the "must haves" for you, people can point you in some directions. But from Notepad to Scrivener to manual typewriter, it's seriously whatever makes it easiest for you.


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**blackastheace** · 2y ago






Word. I'm old school. Of course, it hardly matters; what is most important is the will to write.


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I second this. Word is so ubiquitous, every editor/formatter/whatever takes it. No matter what you want to do, or how esoteric, there's a plugin for it. If you have a problem, it was solved years ago, and the solution is only a Google away.


I write and format in Word, just shy of 1500 published pages in three novels.

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I started writing in Google Drive. Then I realised I really wanted notes which I could put into folders and access easily via a tree structure on the side, because that is a UI paradigm similar to note taking apps which matches the workflow when working on a book. Scrivener was the most popular writing software that allowed me to do that. It is like a note taking app on steroids that also supports ProWritingAid. It is exactly what I want.

**zaywolfe** · 4y ago






It's an ok site and you can get a small group of friends to work with. I joined one of my best writing groups there. But there's some truth to what people say. It seems to me Wattpad leans to the younger side and things like romance and fanfiction perform better.


But if you treat it more like a social network for writers you can still get a lot out of it. I found the community very friendly and welcoming and made some good friends there.

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**PikachuNebula** · 4y ago






I agree. It's great if you want a platform to experiment with new ideas and concepts. Not so great if you're looking for something to share your bigger, more serious projects.

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**sailormarsBars** · 6mo ago

Scrivener is good if you have long pieces. You can separate your scenes instead of just chapters and there's a way to export it all together when you want to share it. You can include pictures and write up things like character profiles and settings and keep them in the same file without putting them in your manuscript.

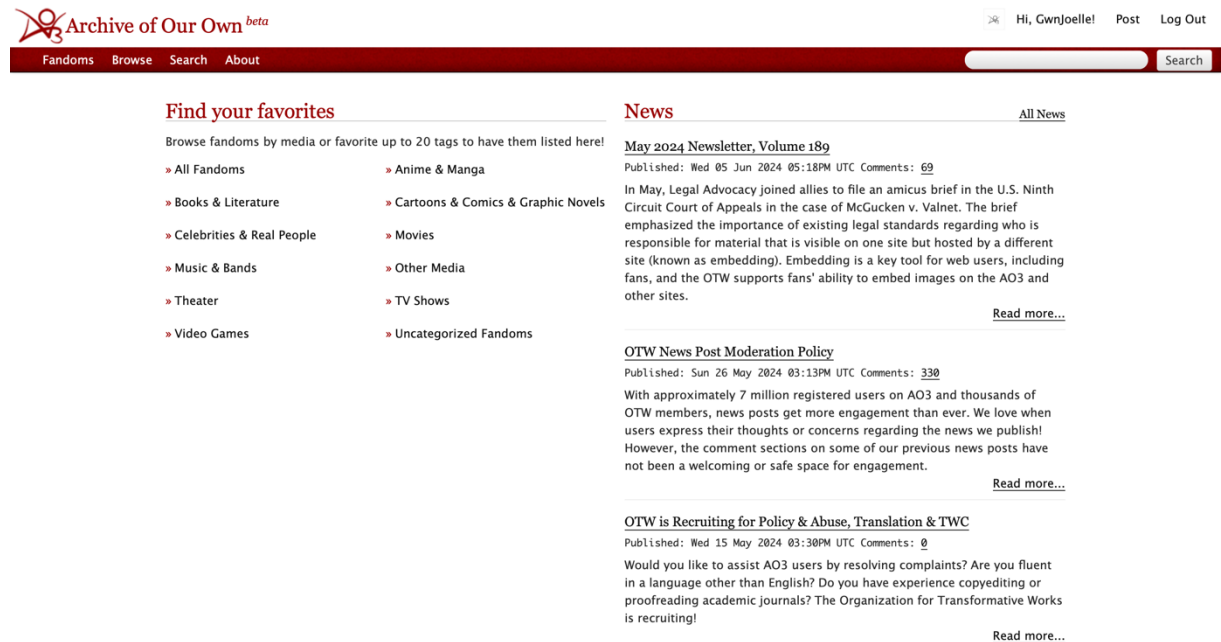
There's basically just a lot of easy ways to organize your writing which is nice if you want to be able to access a specific section easily or are like me and write out of order. You do have to pay for it, but it's a one time purchase, not a subscription, which is nice.

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Research

I also researched these Websites.

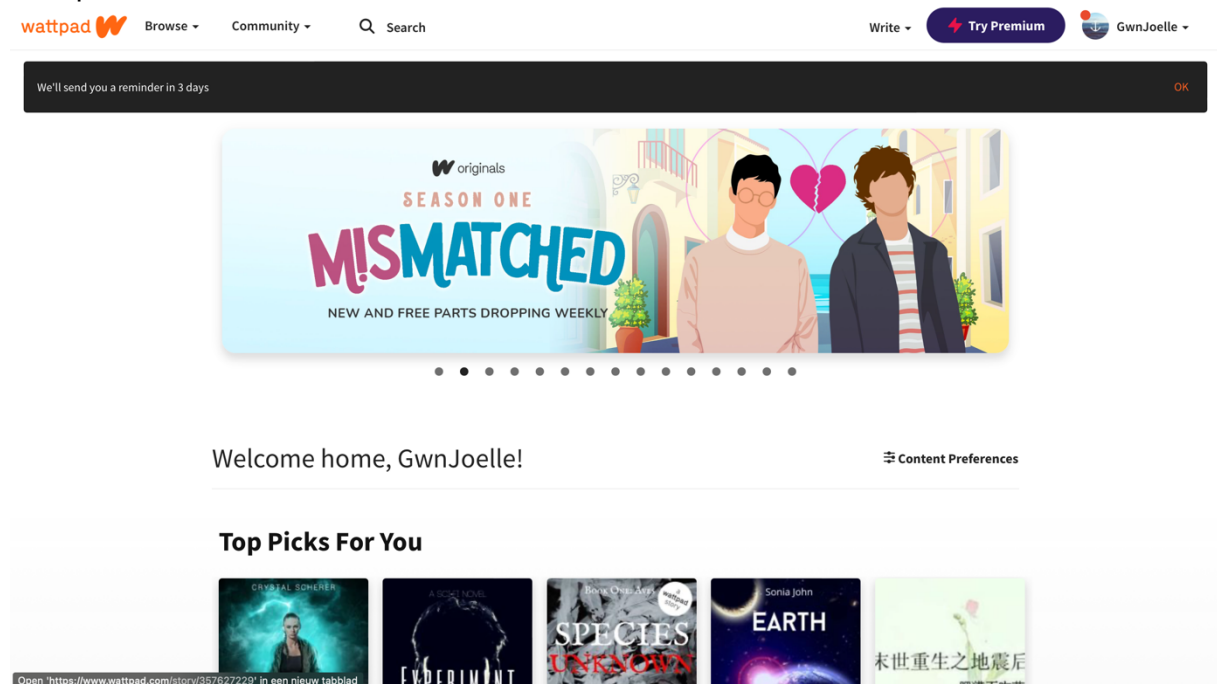
I started with AO3:



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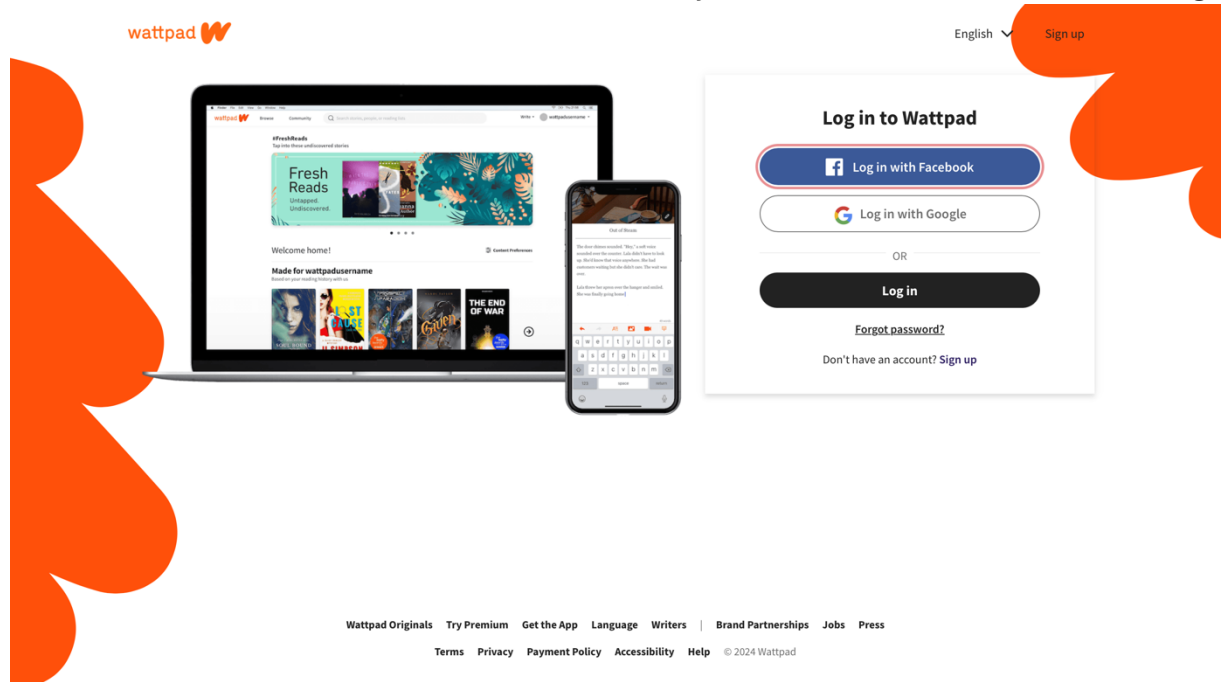
I think this website has an old fashioned look and that there is too much text on the page without any pictures so it makes it boring and unclear. I also thought it was weird that there's two times 'search' in the navigation bar. One where you can click on and the other with all the categories. I think that's unnecessary.

Wattpad:



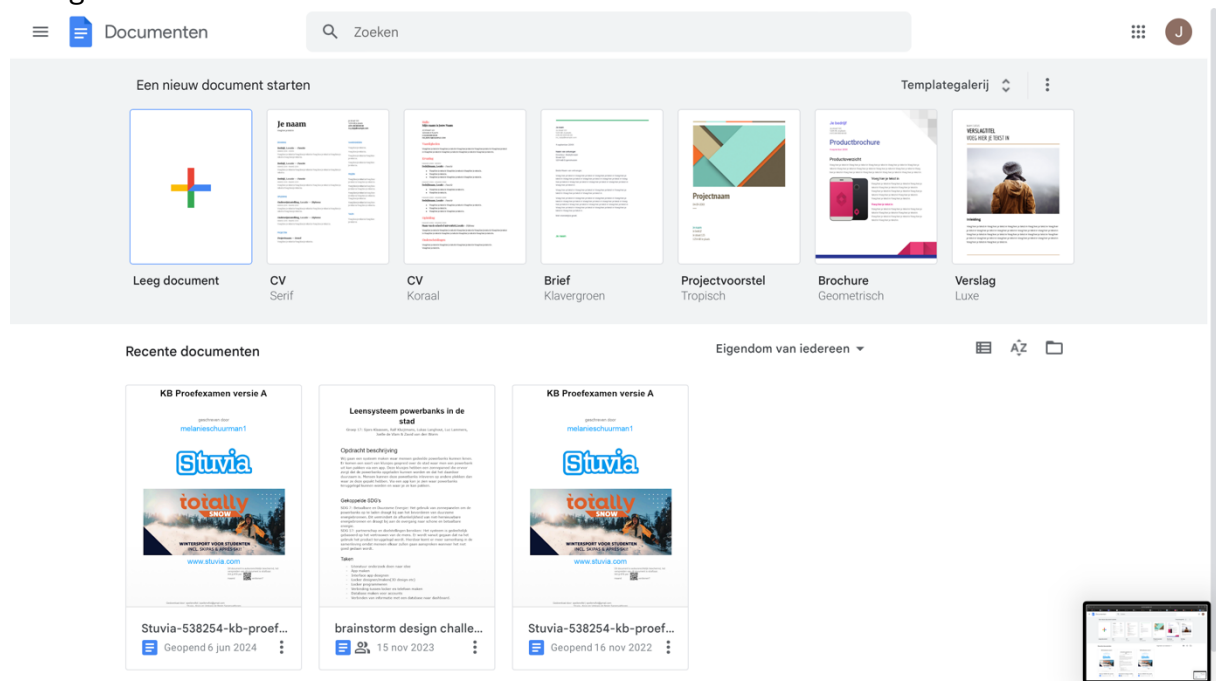
I think Wattpad has a clear lay-out, I also like it that they have book recommendations which you can read based on the books you've already read and liked. I prefer that they

work with pictures instead of a lot of text because that makes it more clear and I would press on it faster. And that they have recommendations on the front page, only the 'welcome home' text could be above that. And maybe the recommendations are too big.



I didn't like the sign in page, because I would prefer to read books without signing in since this is a free website. But you have to sign in or sign up first before you can read.

Google Docs:



Google docs is very clear. You can also use different templates for your work, the only thing I think misses is that you can't share your work online, so no one can rate it or read it.