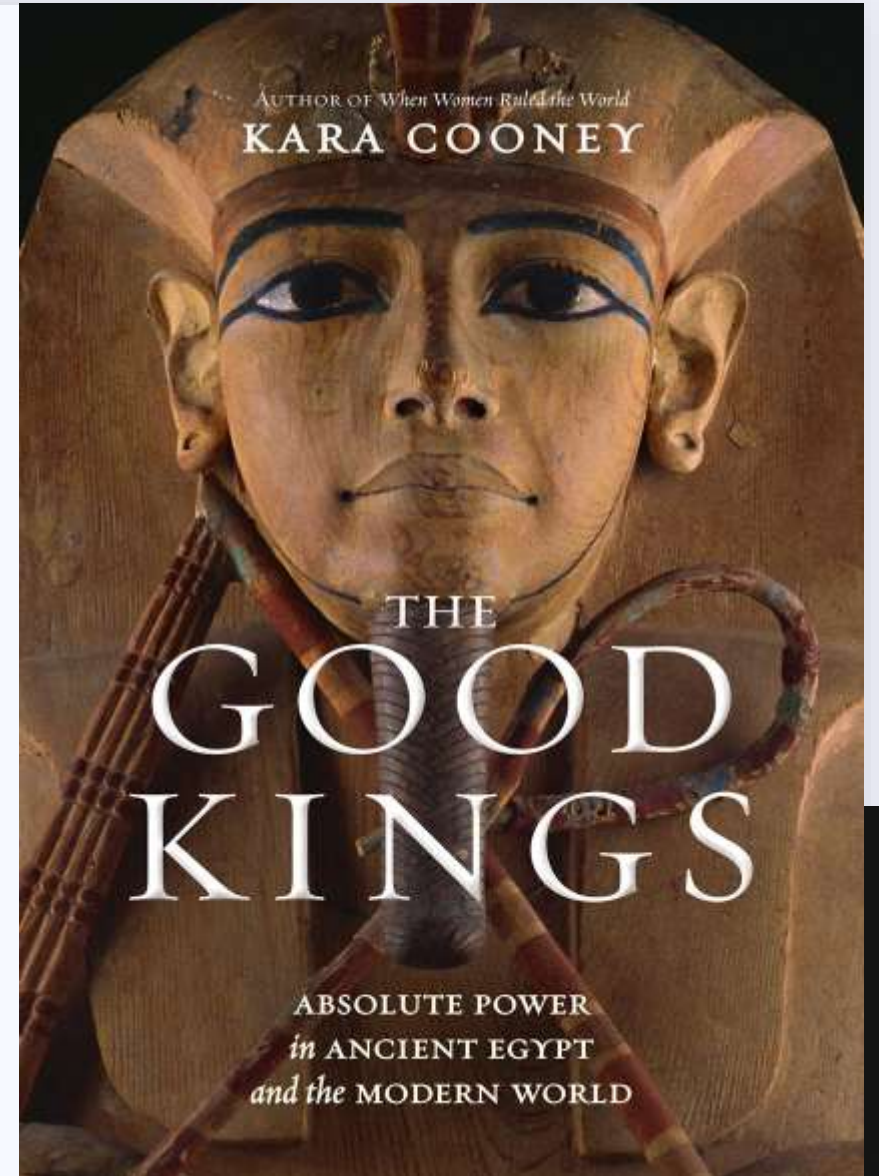


# BOOK RECOMMENDER



# INTRODUCTION

The project is primarily focused on building a **book recommendation system**, which typically falls under the domain of **collaborative filtering**. Collaborative filtering is an unsupervised learning approach used for recommendation tasks. It's neither regression nor classification, as the goal is to predict user preferences or item similarities rather than a specific numeric value or category.

The **k-nearest neighbors (KNN) algorithm** is commonly used for collaborative filtering in recommendation systems. In this case, it's used to find similar books based on user preferences or book characteristics. KNN is a type of unsupervised learning algorithm that belongs to the broader category of instance-based learning.

In the context of a book recommendation system, the primary learning task is generally considered unsupervised, as the goal is to find **patterns or similarities in user behavior or item features without explicit labels**.

# THE DATASET

The dataset was obtained from  
Kaggle:

<https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/jealousleopard/goodreadsbooks?resource=download>

- 12 columns
- 11126 unique entries

# EXPLORING DATA

```
df.head()
```

	bookID	title	authors	average_rating	isbn	isbn13	language_code	num_pages	ratings_count	text_reviews_count	publication_date
0	1	Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Harry ...	J.K. Rowling/Mary GrandPré	4.57	0438785860	9780438785869	eng	652	2095690	27591	9/18/2008
1	2	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Har...	J.K. Rowling/Mary GrandPré	4.49	0438358078	9780438358071	eng	870	2153167	29221	9/1/2004
2	4	Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Harry ...	J.K. Rowling	4.42	0438554896	9780438554893	eng	352	6333	244	11/1/2003

# EXPLORING DATA

```
: #Exploring the dataset:  
print(df.info())  
print(df.describe())
```

```
<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>  
RangeIndex: 11123 entries, 0 to 11122  
Data columns (total 12 columns):  
#   Column                Non-Null Count  Dtype  
---  ---  
0   bookID                 11123 non-null  int64  
1   title                  11123 non-null  object  
2   authors                11123 non-null  object  
3   average_rating         11123 non-null  float64  
4   isbn                   11123 non-null  object  
5   isbn13                 11123 non-null  int64  
6   language_code          11123 non-null  object  
7   num_pages              11123 non-null  int64  
8   ratings_count          11123 non-null  int64  
9   text_reviews_count     11123 non-null  int64  
10  publication_date        11123 non-null  object  
11  publisher               11123 non-null  object  
dtypes: float64(1), int64(5), object(6)  
memory usage: 1.0+ MB
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```
None  
      bookID  average_rating  isbn13  num_pages  \  
count  11123.000000    11123.000000  1.112300e+04  11123.000000  
mean    21310.856963         3.934075  9.759880e+12   336.405556  
std    13094.727252         0.350485  4.429758e+11   241.152626  
min         1.000000         0.000000  8.987060e+09    0.000000  
25%    10277.500000         3.770000  9.780345e+12   192.000000
```

# NULL VALUES

```
6]: #finding null values:  
df.isnull().sum()
```

```
6]: bookID          0  
    title           0  
    authors         0  
    average_rating  0  
    isbn            0  
    isbn13          0  
    language_code   0  
    num_pages       0  
    ratings_count   0  
    text_reviews_count 0  
    publication_date 0  
    publisher        0  
    dtype: int64
```

# DATA VISUALIZATION

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: # Select rows from the DataFrame where 'ratings_count' is greater than 1000000
top_ten = df[df['ratings_count'] > 1000000]

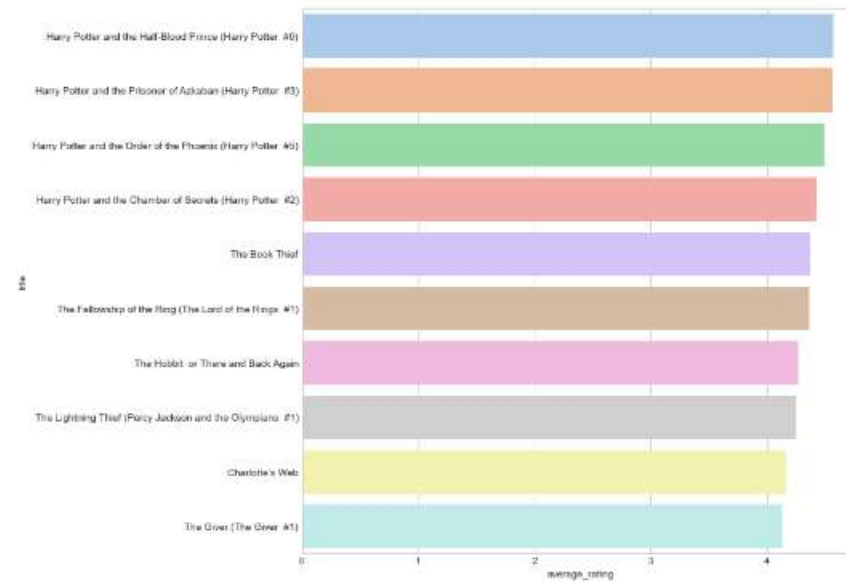
# Sort the selected rows based on 'average_rating' in descending order
top_ten_sorted = top_ten.sort_values(by='average_rating', ascending=False)

# Set the style of the plot to 'seaborn-whitegrid'
plt.style.use('seaborn-whitegrid')

# Create a new figure with a size of 10x10 inches
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 10))

# Select the top 10 rows from the sorted DataFrame based on 'average_rating'
data = top_ten_sorted.head(10)

sns.barplot(x="average_rating", y="title", data=data, palette='pastel')
plt.show()
```



# DATA VISUALIZATION

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26]: #Top 10 authors

# Group the DataFrame by 'authors' and count the number of books for each author
most_books = df.groupby('authors')['title'].count().reset_index()

# Sort the grouped data by the count of books in descending order and select the top 10
most_books_sorted = most_books.sort_values('title', ascending=False).head(10)

# Set the 'authors' column as the index for better readability in the plot
most_books_sorted = most_books_sorted.set_index('authors')

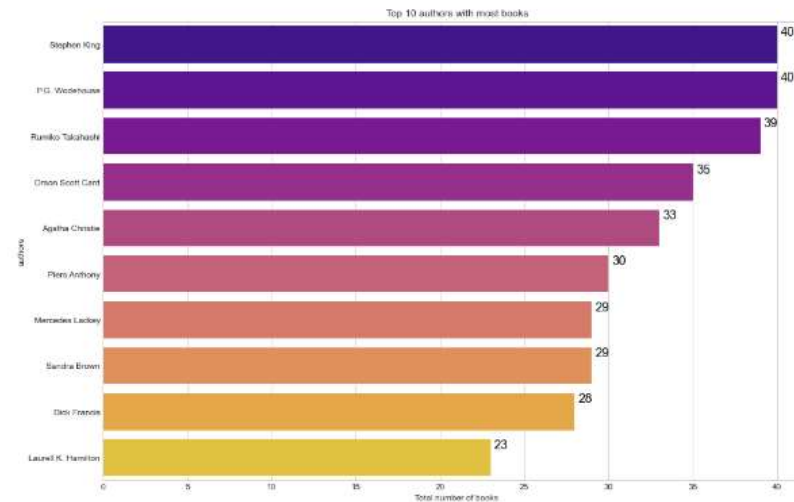
plt.figure(figsize=(15, 10))
ax = sns.barplot(x=most_books_sorted['title'], y=most_books_sorted.index, palette='plasma')
ax.set_title("Top 10 authors with most books")
ax.set_xlabel("Total number of books")

# Add annotations (total number of books) to each bar in the plot
totals = []
for i in ax.patches:
    totals.append(i.get_width())

total = sum(totals)

for i in ax.patches:
    # Display the count of books next to each bar, with a slight offset for better visibility
    ax.text(i.get_width() + 0.2, i.get_y() + 0.2, str(round(i.get_width())), fontsize=15, color='black')

plt.show()
```

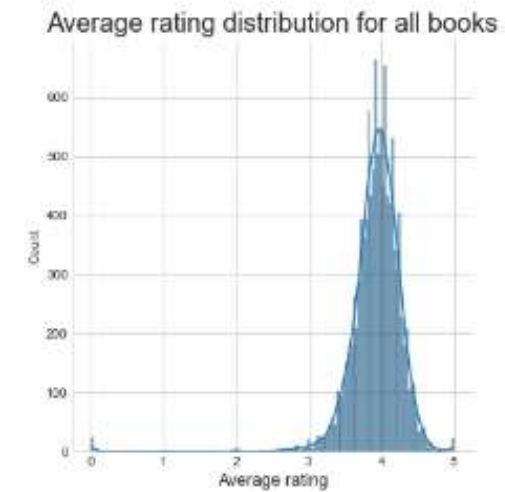




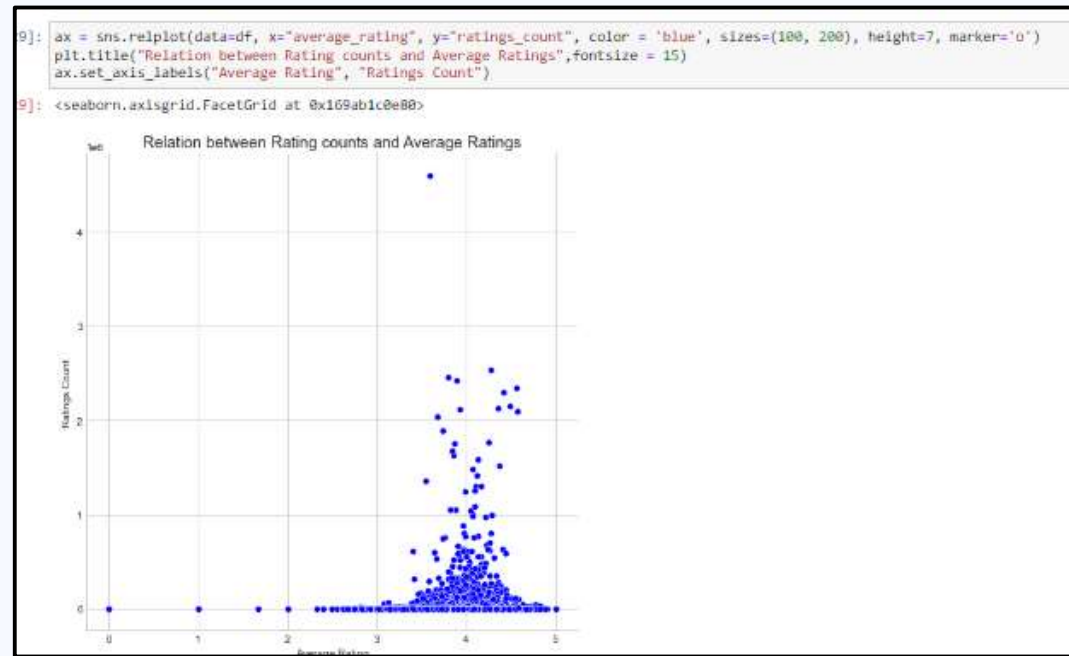
# DATA VISUALIZATION

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[23]: #Average rating distribution:  
  
# Convert 'average_rating' to float  
df['average_rating'] = df['average_rating'].astype(float)  
  
# Create a figure-level distribution plot  
fig = plt.figure(figsize=[15, 10])  
sns.displot(df['average_rating'], kde=True)  
plt.title('Average rating distribution for all books', fontsize=20)  
plt.xlabel('Average rating', fontsize=13)  
plt.show()
```

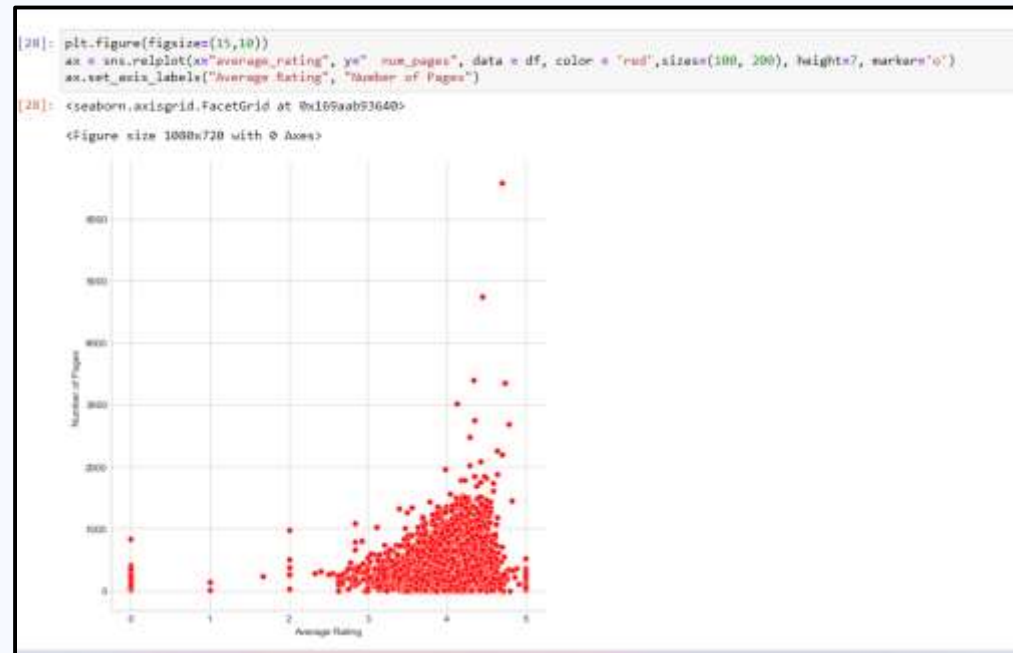
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# DATA VISUALIZATION



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# THE MODEL

11123 rows × 34 columns

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2]: #Scaling the values
    from sklearn.preprocessing import MinMaxScaler
    min_max_scaler = MinMaxScaler()
    features = min_max_scaler.fit_transform(features)

    #Building the model
    model = neighbors.NearestNeighbors(n_neighbors=6, algorithm='ball_tree')
    model.fit(features)
    dist, idlist = model.kneighbors(features)

21: def BookRecommender(book_name):
```

## EXAMPLE OUTPUT

```
def Recommender(book_name):
    """Initialize an empty list to store recommended book names"""
    book_list_name = []

    """Find the index of the input book_name in the DataFrame"""
    book_id = df2[df2['title'] == book_name].index

    """Extract the first (and only) element from the index array"""
    book_id = book_id[0]

    """Iterate through the indices of the k-nearest neighbors for the input book_name"""
    for newid in idlist[book_id]:
        # Append the title of each recommended book to the book_list_name
        book_list_name.append(df2.loc[newid].title)

    """Return the list of recommended book names"""
    return book_list_name

"""Use the BookRecommender function with a specific book name"""
book_recommendations = BookRecommender('Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (Harry Potter #5)')

"""Print the list of recommended book names"""
print(book_recommendations[1:])

Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (Harry Potter #5)',
The Fellowship of the Ring (The Lord of the Rings #1)',
Potter and the Chamber of Secrets (Harry Potter #2)',
Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban (Harry Potter #3)',
The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians #1)']
```

# OUTPUT WITH BOOK COVER

