

Product Requirements Document (PRD)

Product Name

Noted

1. What is Noted?

Noted is a web-based reading companion that lets users **read books (PDFs), take notes, save quotes, and capture story insights in one focused interface.**

Instead of switching between a reader and separate note-taking tools, users do all their thinking **directly beside the book they are reading**. Notes, quotes, and stories are always attached to the book, preserving context and making knowledge easier to revisit.

2. Target Users

- Students reading textbooks and academic PDFs
 - Researchers and knowledge workers
 - Serious non-fiction readers
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3. Problem Statement

When people read, they naturally want to:
- Take notes
- Save meaningful quotes
- Capture insights they don't want to forget

Today, this requires switching between multiple tools (PDF readers, note apps, documents), which breaks focus and disconnects notes from their original context.

Noted solves this by making **reading and thinking happen in the same place.**

4. Core User Flow

1. User signs up or logs in
2. User sees their personal book library
3. User uploads a PDF or selects an existing book
4. User opens a book
5. User reads the book
6. While reading, the user:

7. Writes notes
 8. Saves quotes
 9. Creates story insights
 10. User leaves the app
 11. User returns later and continues reading with all notes, quotes, and stories preserved
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5. Core Features (MVP)

Book Library

- List of books owned by the user
- Each book displays:
 - Thumbnail
 - Title
 - Date added
 - Filters:
 - All
 - New
 - Reading
 - Finished
 - Favorites

Reading Experience

- Open a book in a dedicated reading view
 - Smooth PDF reading experience
 - Reading progress is saved automatically
 - User can resume reading where they left off
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Notes

- Create notes while reading
 - Notes are always linked to the opened book
 - Notes remain available whenever the book is reopened
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Quotes

- Select text from the book
 - Save selected text as a quote
 - Quotes are linked to the book they come from
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Stories

- Create short story insights manually
 - Stories represent structured takeaways from the book
 - Stories are linked to the active book
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6. Technology Stack (High-Level)

- TypeScript
 - React
 - Next.js
 - Tailwind CSS
 - shadcn/ui
 - Framer Motion
 - Server Actions
 - PostgreSQL (via Neon)
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7. MVP Success Criteria

The MVP is considered successful if:

- Users upload at least one book
- Users create notes, quotes, or stories while reading
- Users return to continue reading a book they previously opened

This PRD intentionally focuses on product behavior and user flow. Detailed technical implementation is handled separately.