

Overview

The "Top Goodreads Books" API offers a comprehensive suite of endpoints that allow developers to interact with Goodreads' extensive book data.

Endpoints:

1. Get Book Info by ISBN

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/isbn/{isbn}`

Method: GET

URL Parameter:

isbn (string): The unique International Standard Book Number identifying the book.

Description: This endpoint provides comprehensive information about a book, including its title, author(s), series (if any), number of ratings, number of reviews, and a direct URL to its Goodreads page.

It's useful for retrieving metadata of a book when the ISBN is known, providing a quick way to integrate detailed book information in applications.

2. Search for Books

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/search`

Method: GET

Query Parameters:

keyword (string): The term used to search through book titles, authors, and descriptions.

Description: Enables searching the Goodreads database for books that match a specific keyword.

This can be used to implement search functionality in an app, allowing users to discover books by keyword.

3. Get Books by Series

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/series`

Method: GET

Query Parameters:

seriesName (string): The name of the series to fetch books from.

Description: Retrieves all books that belong to a specified series.

This endpoint is ideal for fans of a particular series, enabling them to easily find all books within that series.

4. Get Books by Genre

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/genre`

Method: GET

Query Parameters:

genre (string): The genre category to filter books by.

Description: Fetches books that fall under a specific genre, such as Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, etc.

Useful for genre-based exploration and filtering in book-related applications.

5. Get List of Sorted Books

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/list/sorted`

Method: GET

Query Parameters:

sortBy (string): Attribute to sort the books by, such as num_ratings.

order (string): Determines if the sort order should be ascending (asc) or descending (desc).

skip (int): Number of records to skip for pagination.

limit (int): Number of records to return, useful for limiting the response size.

Description: Provides a way to retrieve books sorted according to a specific attribute and order.

This can support various user interfaces that need to display books in a sorted manner, like most reviewed, top rated, etc.

6. Get Book Description by ISBN

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/description/{isbn}`

Method: GET

URL Parameter:

isbn (string): ISBN of the book whose description is to be retrieved.

Description: Returns the description of a specific book, giving insights into the plot or content without revealing too much detail. Ideal for showing a brief about the book in scenarios where full content display is not required.

7. Get Ultimate Book Statistics

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/statistics`

Method: GET

Description:Provides statistical data about the books cataloged on Goodreads, such as average rating score, number of books, average number of ratings and reviews.Useful for analytical purposes or to display general insights about book trends on a site or app.

8.Get List of Top 100 Books by Year

Endpoint: `/v1/book/read/top-books`

Method: GET

Query Parameters:

year (int): Year for which the top books are to be retrieved.

Description:Retrieves the list of top 100 books for a specified year based on their popularity and ratings.

Great for creating year-end lists or recommendations for readers looking for the best books of a particular year.