Betsy Sallee

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Product engineer committed to creating beautiful websites and intuitive user experiences. I'm experienced in JavaScript, React, Apollo Client, and HTML/CSS, and my background in book editing and creative writing taught me communication, critical thinking, and creative problem solving skills that I use every day as an engineer. It was my passion for language that first attracted me to web development; I fell in love with the way in which JavaScript (together with HTML and CSS) enables you to build another world inside of a browser. Knitting, hiking, and poetry enthusiast.

Employment History

Bustle Digital Group, New York, NY

Junior Engineer   September 2018-Present
- Build production-ready reusable and scalable components in React/Preact for use on all of BDG's properties, as well as its CMS
- Write and implement Apollo Client queries and mutations to interact with BDG's GraphQL API
- Use advanced CSS to create and maintain sleek user interfaces across all of BDG's properties

Penguin Random House, New York, NY

Assistant Editor   December 2015-March 2018
- Line edited manuscripts and composed editorial letters to award-winning and best-selling authors
- Wrote book descriptions for marketing and retail use

Editorial Assistant   July 2013-December 2015
- Liaised between the Editorial Department and the Production, Marketing, and Publicity Departments
- Communicated with external vendors to clear text and image permissions for upcoming titles

Technical Projects

Poesie – Github-Backend | Github-Frontend | Demo
A full stack React + Redux application that enables users to create poems out of randomly generated words
- Incorporated the Wordnik API to retrieve randomly generated words based on part of speech
- Implemented React-Draggable to imbue word tiles with drag and drop functionality
- Utilized CarrierWave to allow users to upload profile photos
- Leveraged ActiveRecord data modeling to create complex relationships between users

Gourmand – Github-Backend | Github-Frontend | Demo
A recipe search and storage app with React frontend and Rails API backend that enables users to search for, save, and create recipes
- Implemented React frontend with Rails API backend to create dynamic and responsive user experience
- Integrated the Edamam API and performed recipe queries based on user input
- Utilized JWT and bcrypt for user authentication and authorization, allowing users to safely login and retrieve data
- Co-developed project using Git branches to maintain an organized, efficient workflow

Technical Skills

JavaScript, React, Redux, GraphQL, Apollo Client, Ruby, Ruby on Rails, Git, HTML/CSS

Publications

- **Technical Publications:**
    - "A Beginner's Guide to React," *Noteworthy—The Journal Blog*, 2018
- **Poetry Publications:**
    - "Betsy, come to breakfast," *Pinwheel*, forthcoming
    - "My Tell," *DIAGRAM*, 2018
    - "In Case of Emergency," *Nat. Brut*, 2017
    - "Every Day I Don't Die Is a Near Miss," *No, Dear*, 2017

Education

Flatiron School, New York, NY   August 2018
    Software Engineering Immersive focusing on JavaScript, React, and Ruby on Rails

Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT   May 2013
    Bachelor of Arts, 3.88 GPA
    English (Creative Writing): Departmental Honors