

Re-styling a bad website

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HOME WORKS BIOGRAPHY INTERVIEW



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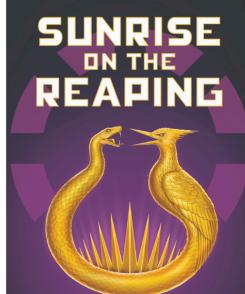
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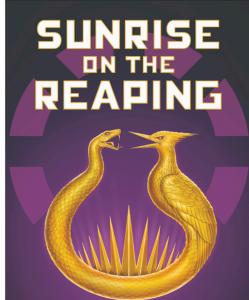
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Changes to be made

1. Change color scheme: white and dark grey-purple, plum purple and orange (using the colors from the Book Title, thus retaining similar colors)
2. Implement the 60/30/10 rule
3. Typography: Change font style to system-ui (easier to read) and heading weight increased
4. Responsive element behavior



Developer Tools

The image shows the front cover of the book "Sunrise on the Reaping" by Suzanne Collins. The title is at the top in large, bold, white letters. Below it is a purple circular graphic containing two golden snakes facing each other. The background is dark purple.

▶ <div class="notification-bar"> ... </div>
▼ <header id="sb_head">
 ► <div class="sb_nav_trigger_in_header_wrapper"> ... </div>

Console Issues Changes X

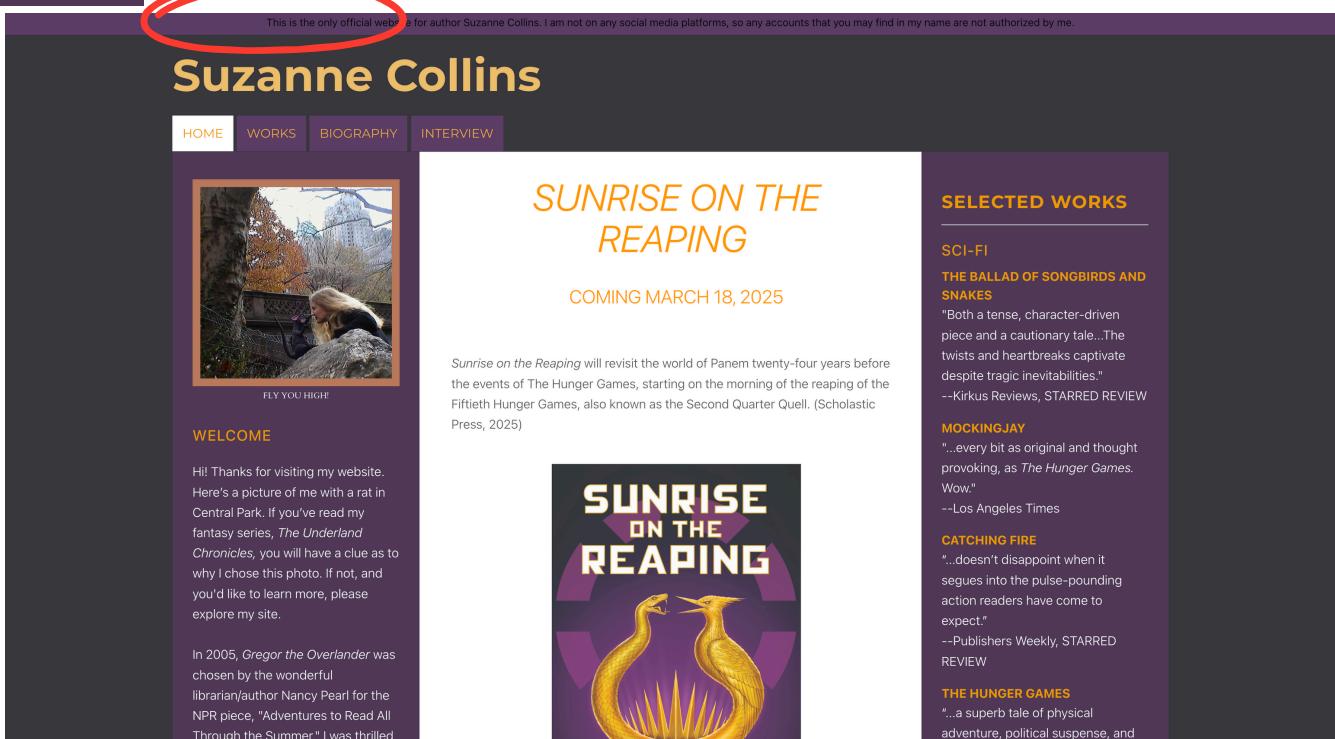
(index) sitebuilder.css theme.css

```
2834 2834 }  
2835 2835 }  
2836 2836 .column-sidebar-01,.column-sidebar-02 {  
2837 2837 padding: 1.618em;  
2838 - background-color: rgba(241,155,0,0.15);  
2839 2839 + background-color: rgb(80 59 88);  
2840 2840 @media screen and (max-width: 60.9375rem) {  
2841 2841     ( ... Skipping 72 matching lines ... )  
2913 2913 font-size: 2.935984em;  
2914 2914 margin: 0px 0px;  
2915 2915 font-weight: 700;  
2916 2916 color: #e4eddb;  
2917 + color: #ffffff;  
2918 2918 transition: all .3s ease  
2919 2919 }  
2920 2920 ( ... Skipping 73 matching lines ... )  
2982 2983 color: #f19b00  
2983 2994 }  
2984 2995 .column-primary h4 p {  
2985 2996 - font-family: "Montserrat", Verdana, sans-serif;  
2996 + font-family: system-ui;  
2997 2998 color: #cdcdad  
2998 2999 }  
2999 3000 ( ... Skipping 11 matching lines ... )  
3010 3011 aside h4,aside .h4 {  
3011 3012 font-size: 1.2em;  
3012 3013 line-height: 1.2em;  
3013 3014 }  
3014 - color: #5B5050;  
3015 + color: #E6E6E6;  
3015 + font-weight: 300;  
3016 + font-weight: 500;  
3016 + text-transform: uppercase;  
3017 3017 letter-spacing: 1px;  
3018 3018 padding-top: 0.4045em  
3019 3019 ( ... Skipping 13 matching lines ... )  
3031 3032 }  
3032 3033 p.work-description,.link-description {  
3033 3034 font-size: 1.02em;  
3034 3035 - font-family: "Cardo", Georgia, serif;  
3035 + font-family: system-ui;  
3036 3037 color: #5B5050;  
3037 3038 + font-style: normal;  
3038 3039 font-weight: 300;  
3039 3040 line-height: 1.6em  
3040 3041 }  
3041 3042 ( ... Skipping 10 matching lines ... )  
3049 3051 font-size: inherit  
3050 3052 }  
3051 3053 aside p,aside .work-description,aside .link-description {  
3052 3054 color: #5B5050;
```

Explanation of Design



1. Color scheme is more evocative and engaging. It ties in with the book cover advertised.
2. The title is a slightly paler orange so that the website doesn't look too "flat" with the use of 4 colors.
3. 60%: Dark grey, 30%: Plum purple, 10%: Tangerine orange.
4. White used to anchor the table, and draws the viewer's eye to the main attraction of the page i.e., the new book release.
5. Typography easier to read
6. Border around image also anchors it into the left bar.
7. Mini header/notification bar: I felt this was unprofessional. The fact that this is a disclaimer points to how unreliable the website looks. So, I made the text slightly visible so that the disclaimer is still present but does not 'tone down' the reliability of the site.



This image shows the full website design for Suzanne Collins. At the top, there is a purple header bar with the text "This is the only official website for author Suzanne Collins. I am not on any social media platforms, so any accounts that you may find in my name are not authorized by me." Below this is the author's name "Suzanne Collins" in a large, yellow, sans-serif font. Underneath is a navigation bar with four tabs: "HOME" (highlighted in yellow), "WORKS", "BIOGRAPHY", and "INTERVIEW". To the right of the navigation bar is a large image of the book cover for "Sunrise on the Reaping". To the left of the main content area is a sidebar with sections for "WELCOME" and "SELECTED WORKS". The "WELCOME" section contains a photo of the author with a rat, a short bio, and a note about her work on "The Underland Chronicles". The "SELECTED WORKS" sidebar lists "THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES", "MOCKINGJAY", "CATCHING FIRE", and "THE HUNGER GAMES", each with a brief quote and a link to the review.

Another Example: Re-styling a bad website

pittsburgh.craigslist.com

Original

The screenshot shows the original Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage. The layout is cluttered with many small, dark text links. A sidebar on the right lists 'nearby cl' cities. The overall design is functional but lacks visual appeal.

Re-designed

The screenshot shows the redesigned Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage. The design is more modern and organized. The main content area has a yellow background, and the sidebar on the right is better integrated and visually distinct from the main content.

Elements to re-style

craigslist

post an ad

search craigslist

event calendar

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15

help faq, abuse, legal
avoid scams & fraud
personal safety tips

about craigslist
best-of-craigslist
craigslist is hiring
what's new
system status

craigslist charitable

craig newmark philanthropies

community

- activities
- artists
- childcare
- classes
- events
- general
- groups
- local news

housing

- lost+found
- missed
- connections
- musicians
- pets
- politics
- rants & raves
- rideshare
- volunteers

jobs

- apts / housing
- housing swap
- housing wanted
- office / commercial
- parking / storage
- real estate for sale
- rooms / shared
- rooms wanted
- sublets / temporary
- vacation rentals

services

- automotive
- beauty
- cell/mobile
- computer
- creative
- cycle
- event
- farm+garden
- financial
- health/well
- household
- labor/move
- legal
- lessons
- marine
- pet
- real estate
- skilled trade
- sm biz ads
- travel/vac
- write/ed/tran

for sale

- antiques
- appliances
- arts+crafts
- atv/utv/sno
- auto parts
- aviation
- baby+kid
- barter
- beauty+hlth
- bike parts
- bikes
- boat parts
- boats
- books
- business
- cars+trucks
- cds/dvd/vhs
- cell phones
- clothes+acc
- collectibles
- computer parts
- computers
- electronics
- farm+garden
- free
- furniture
- garage sale
- general
- heavy equip
- household
- jewelry
- materials
- motorcycle parts
- motorcycles
- music instr
- photo+video
- rvs+camp
- sporting
- tickets
- tools
- toys+games
- trailers
- video gaming
- wanted
- wheels+tires

discussion forums

- apple
- arts
- atheist
- autos
- beauty
- bikes
- celebs
- comp
- cosmos
- diet
- divorce
- dying
- eco
- feedbk
- film
- fixit
- food
- frugal
- gaming
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- photo
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- recover
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- spirit
- sports
- super
- tax
- travel
- tv
- vegan
- words
- writing

jobs

for sale

discussion forums

for sale

jobs

gigs

resources

nearby cl

- akron-canton
- altoona
- ashtabula
- athens
- charleston
- chautauqua
- cleveland
- columbus
- cumberland val
- eastern wv
- erie
- frederick
- harrisburg
- harrisonburg
- mansfield
- meadville
- morgantown
- northern wv
- parkersburg
- sandusky
- state college
- tuscarawas co
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- western md
- west virginia
- williamsport
- winchester
- york
- youngstown
- zanesville

us cities

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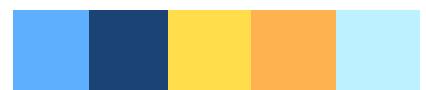
canada

cl worldwide

Change font color to dark blue

change font style to system-ui (easier to read)

Change color scheme for a more striking look and ease of reading



NOTE: Modifications to the margins will be made, but they will be slight. Since this is a table, I believe that the design should be centered in the middle of the page (which is already is)

Developer changes tracked

The screenshot shows a browser's developer tools with the 'Elements' tab selected. The 'Changes' tab is active, displaying the differences between the current page state and a previous version (version 176). The changes are color-coded: red for deletions and green for additions. The code editor shows the following snippet:

```
<div class="cl-home-search-field">...</div>
<div>...</div>
...<ul class="leftlinks" id="user_resources"> == $0
  <li>
```

Below the code editor, the 'Changes' tab has a dropdown menu with options: 'Console', 'Issues', and 'Changes'. The 'Changes' option is selected. At the bottom of the changes list, there are two buttons: a blue arrow pointing left labeled '7 insertions (+), 7 deletions (-)' and a blue square labeled 'Copy'.

Color scheme implemented



background

text

table contrasting

background

Text contrasting

background

accent

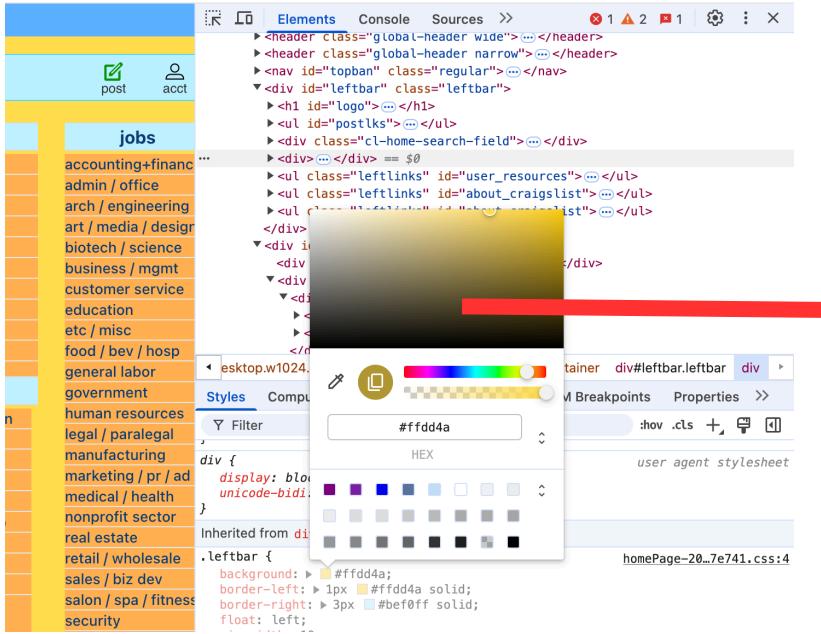
Margins and Padding

The screenshot shows a browser window with multiple tabs open. The main tab displays the Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage. The sidebar on the left includes sections for posting ads, searching, event calendar, help, legal information, and system status. The main content area features categories like community, housing, jobs, services, for sale, discussion forums, gigs, and resumes. A sidebar on the right lists neighborhoods and city names. The bottom right corner shows a developer tools element inspector with the 'Elements' tab selected, displaying the DOM structure and styles for the page.

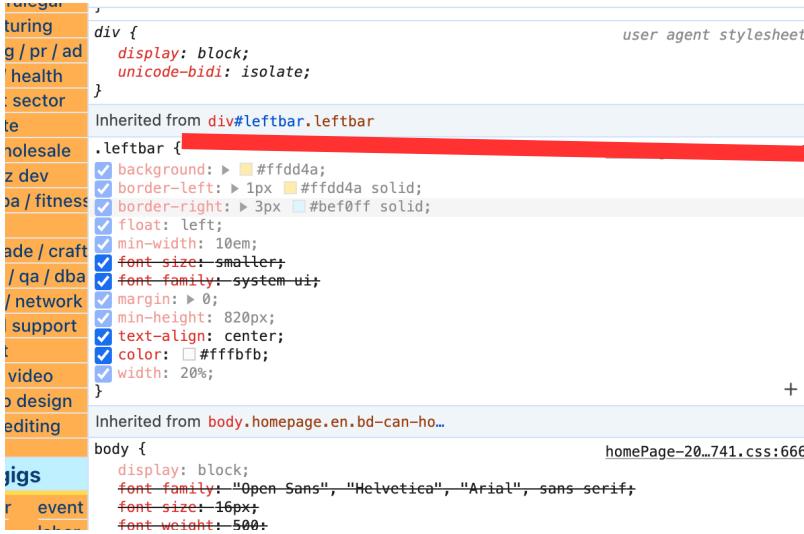
I changed the margins and padding (see above) but thought this made the website worse. I therefore recentered this table with my own padding values, but it is similar to the original (see below for my changes)

The screenshot shows the Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage. The top navigation bar includes links for 'post an ad' and 'search craigslist'. Below the header are sections for 'community', 'housing', 'jobs', 'services', and 'discussion forums'. A sidebar on the left lists 'event calendar' dates (19-24, 20-21, 22, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15) and 'personal safety tips' such as 'help, faq, abuse, legal', 'avoid scams & fraud', and 'about craigslist'. Another sidebar on the right lists 'craigslist charitable' items like 'craig newmark philanthropies'. The main content area features a large search bar for 'pittsburgh' and several search filters for categories like 'activities', 'childcare', 'classes', 'events', 'general', 'groups', 'local news', 'services', 'cycle', 'financial', 'household', and 'discussion forums' (apple, arts, atheist, auto, baby, bikes, celebs, comic, cosmos, food, divorce, dying, eco, feedstock, film, fixit, food). On the right side, there are sections for 'english', 'nearby cl' (akron-canton, alltoona, astabula, athens, charlton, chautauqua, cleveland, columbus, cumberland, eastern, erie, fredrick, harrisburg, homestead, mansfield, meadville, morgantown, northmont, pittsburgh, sandusky, state college, tuscawaras co, twin falls, west virginia, williamsport, winchester, youngstown, zanesville), 'us cities', 'us states', 'canada', and 'cl worldwide'. The bottom navigation bar includes links for 'resumes', 'gigs', 'jobs', 'housing', 'community', 'services', 'for sale', 'jobs', 'english', 'nearby cl', '2d areas', '3d areas', and 'cl worldwide'. The right sidebar displays the browser's developer tools, showing the element tree and styles for various page components.

Editing other elements



Changing the color



this shows which element you are inspecting/can change

Final Design

The screenshot shows the Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage with a light blue header and sidebar. The main content area has a white background. At the top left is the Craigslist logo and navigation links for 'post an ad' and 'search craigslist'. Below these are sections for 'event calendar' (with a calendar grid), 'help, faq, abuse, legal', 'personal safety tips', and 'about craigslist'. On the right side, there are three large, color-coded grids for 'community', 'housing', and 'jobs'. A sidebar on the far right lists various cities and regions under 'nearby cl'.

This screenshot shows the same Craigslist Pittsburgh homepage as above, but with a yellow background instead of light blue. The layout and content are identical, including the 'post an ad' button, search bar, event calendar, help links, and the three main category grids. The sidebar on the right also remains the same, listing nearby cities.