1. What goal will your website be designed to achieve?

The goal for the website is going to be to connect an avid reader to their favorite author/book series and give them the chance to dive further into the creation of the book. The overall goal will be to connect authors to their readers as well. I’m sure big-time authors would avoid something like this, but for independent authors it would give them a chance to login and see what people are saying about their work. It may even inspire new ideas for future projects. This would also allow a user to track their personal library, possibly create a wish list/interest list for future books to purchase.

Further goals could be set to finding the best prices for books possibly. Including a safe place for independent authors, or even mainstream authors to talk about their book/s online. A forum for people to bond over the books that they have enjoyed. A comments section for each book to facilitate the overall idea of community with authors at the head. I feel that authors should be shielded from hateful comments, but not constructive comments that show grievance toward story events. In this case a spoiler should cover the comment and it should ONLY be revealed IF a user gives consent.

2. What kind of users will visit your site? In other words, what is the demographic of your users?

According to statistics about readers the age range of potential users could be 18-65+. However adding the fact that some users will shy away from technology as a whole the age range will likely be 18-49. They will all be avid readers and will likely be more invested in news about the books they read.

3. What data do you plan on using? You may have not picked your actual API yet, which is fine, just outline what kind of data you would like it to contain.

Planned use API’s: GoodReads, google books, British National Bibliography

Adding all of them to the system, if I can, will give me the greatest library of books to use. The important data will be Author and title, but I would use release date and ISBN for sure. After researching the data provided this will likely be updated when schema and other plans for the site have a more solid footing.

4. In brief, outline your approach to creating your project (knowing that you may not know everything in advance and that these details might change later). Answer questions like the ones below, but feel free to add more information:

a. What does your database schema look like?

b. What kinds of issues might you run into with your API?

c. Is there any sensitive information you need to secure?

d. What functionality will your app include?

e. What will the user flow look like?

f. What features make your site more than CRUD? Do you have any stretch goals?