My Shelf

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My Shelf is designed and built to be a book review site. It has features such as key topic tags, a review, a brief explanation of the book, and an age rating. The site is meant to help people to learn about the books they or other around them may want to read. This site is targeted towards people who like to read and parents of kids who like to read. This site will hopefully allow them to find good books to read and to find out if a book is appropriate for their child who likes to read. Attached is the link to the finished site: [link.](https://orwinang06.github.io/wdd130/ms/index.html)

The hope of this site is to help people to be able to better understand what they’re reading or what would be appropriate for their kid to read. It could also be helpful for giving gifts to friends who like to read. It also aims to help people decide if they’d want to read a book without getting spoilers. It also aims to be very consistent with the content as it’s all written by one person, unlike some other reviewing resources where you can see various reviews from many people and some may even be anonymous.

I came up with the design and color pallet as I created the Logo. I knew I wanted a cute logo with books and fun colors. I though about other logos I likes as I designed it to kind of think about what makes a good logo. When I designed the logo, I decided I liked the cute books on the logo and decided it paired well with a gentle green. I then decided that I wanted to try and use the colors from the logo in the design, so I picked my two favorites, the light pink and green. I decided to use green more predominantly as it was the most used in the logo and my favorite of the logo colors. I then thought about using a beige or light tan, similar to one of the books, but then decided that it would seem too much too like another book platform called Goodreads as I tested the color, so I then decided to brighten the pink so that it didn’t just seem white or tan and had a bigger difference to the Goodreads color palette. While I did my site, it was pointed out that the contrast should be higher, so I darkened the green for the text. I designed the page layout as I thought about how I could make it easy to read and make it look good. I thought back to the designing principles and then adjusted accordingly with my tags and paragraphs. I also decided to add the overlays about finding and purchasing the books after learning about how to do it for the web component assignment. I don’t feel like I made any major changes while I designed and laid out my site. If anything, the biggest change I would say I made was the many changes I made to my wireframes for my child pages while I was making them and the addition of the hover overlay over the book covers.

I feel like I learned so much from this project. I started this class with no prior coding knowledge. I didn’t really know what HTML or CSS were before this course. I feel like I learned so much about web design and websites. I learned to have patience when trying to solve any problems. I learned to look for issues when something wasn’t loading right and to have patience when I struggled to find the issue. I learned to code with HTML and CSS. I learned to connect the HTML and the CSS files, to send them to GitHub. I learned how to use Git and GitHub and to send stuff to GitHub. I learned to code in Visual Studio Code. I learned to figure out how to design my own site and put it all together. I learn how to come up with an idea, how to make drafts of it, and how to turn it into a real website. I hope to continue to use these skills as I take further computer and web classes. I also might continue to use these skills if I decide to try and maintain and continue to build and improve this site, which I have thought about doing in spare time. I hope to potentially use many of these skill in my future career as well.