Floating the Aside element

The **aside** element represents a section of a page that consists of content that is tangentially related to the content around the aside element, and which could be considered separate from that content. Such sections are often represented as sidebars in printed typography.

So in a flowable eBook to put a block of content outside the normal flow of text, we will need to make use of the CSS rule 'float' to move the block to the left or the right of the content that follows it..

If this information is a block of text then we could use the HTML tag <div> to surround this content and then use CSS to float this left or right. If we are prepared to move with the times and use the latest iteration of HTML5 (used in the ePub3 format), then we can use the tag <aside>. In HTML5 the tag <aside> had been created just for this purpose. You can see this definition of the aside tag from the W3C web site in a floating block right here.

Limitations: Be aware that if you plan to convert your book to the MOBI format for the basic Kindle (ie not the Kindle Fire that supports the KF8 format), then the <aside> tag will not be recognised and may not display.

For future proofing and following ePub3 specifications use the semantically correct:

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<aside epub:type="sidebar">
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Pop-ups

- ePUB3 supports notes and glossaries and

- is also supported on latest Kindles