Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT®) 2.4

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CoverCrushing is a web-based book cover testing platform that enables authors to submit cover variants for evaluation by genre-matched readers. The platform includes a public voting interface, an author dashboard, analytics reporting, a blog, and account management features.

Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included in Report
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1, Levels A and AA	Yes
Revised Section 508 standards published January 18, 2017 and corrected January 22, 2018	Yes

Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

Supports: The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.

Partially Supports: Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.

Does Not Support: The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.

Not Applicable: The criterion is not relevant to the product.

Not Evaluated: The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can be used only in WCAG 2.x Level AAA.

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Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.1.1 Non-text Content	Supports	All meaningful images include descriptive alt text. Decorative images use empty alt attributes. Cover images in the voting interface include alt text with the book title and genre.
1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	The product does not include prerecorded audio-only or video-only content.
1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	The product does not include prerecorded synchronized media.
1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	The product does not include prerecorded synchronized media.
1.3.1 Info and Relationships	Supports	Semantic HTML5 elements (nav, main, header, footer, section, article) are used throughout. Form fields have associated labels. Tables include proper headers.
1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence	Supports	Content is presented in a logical reading order. DOM order matches visual presentation.
1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics	Supports	Instructions do not rely solely on shape, color, size, or spatial position.

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.1 Use of Color	Supports	Color is not the only means of conveying information. Error states include both color and text indicators.
1.4.2 Audio Control	Not Applicable	The product does not include auto-playing audio.
2.1.1 Keyboard	Partially Supports	Most interactive elements are keyboard accessible. Known limitation: the swipe gesture in the voting interface is primarily gesture-based; keyboard-accessible vote buttons (Heart/X) are provided as an equivalent alternative.
2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap	Supports	Keyboard focus is never trapped in any component. Modal dialogs return focus to the triggering element on close.
2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts	Not Applicable	The product does not implement single-character key shortcuts.
2.2.1 Timing Adjustable	Supports	The 3-second minimum view timer in the voting interface is a noise-reduction measure, not a session timeout. No content expires or auto-updates in a way that cannot be paused.
2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide	Supports	No auto-playing moving content is present. Animated transitions are brief and do not loop indefinitely.
2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold	Supports	No content flashes more than three times per second.
2.4.1 Bypass Blocks	Supports	A skip-to-main-content link is available at the top of each page for keyboard users.
2.4.2 Page Titled	Supports	All pages include descriptive, unique title elements.
2.4.3 Focus Order	Supports	Focus order follows a logical sequence that preserves meaning and operability.
2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)	Supports	Link text is descriptive in context. Icon-only buttons include aria-label attributes.
2.5.1 Pointer Gestures	Partially Supports	The swipe voting gesture requires a single-pointer path gesture. Equivalent single-tap button alternatives are provided.
2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation	Supports	No actions are triggered on the down-event alone. All actions can be aborted or undone.
2.5.3 Label in Name	Supports	Visible labels match or are contained within the accessible name of controls.
2.5.4 Motion Actuation	Not Applicable	The product does not use device motion for functionality.
3.1.1 Language of Page	Supports	The lang attribute is set to en on all pages.
3.2.1 On Focus	Supports	No context changes occur on focus alone.
3.2.2 On Input	Supports	No context changes occur on input alone without user initiation.
3.3.1 Error Identification	Supports	Form errors are identified in text and associated with the relevant field via aria-describedby.
3.3.2 Labels or Instructions	Supports	All form fields have visible labels. Required fields are marked with both visual indicators and aria-required.
4.1.1 Parsing	Supports	HTML is valid and well-formed. No duplicate IDs are present in rendered output.
4.1.2 Name, Role, Value	Supports	All UI components have accessible names, roles, and states communicated to assistive technologies via native semantics or ARIA attributes.

Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.2.4 Captions (Live)	Not Applicable	The product does not include live synchronized media.
1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)	Not Applicable	The product does not include prerecorded synchronized media.
1.3.4 Orientation	Supports	Content is not restricted to a single display orientation.
1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose	Supports	Autocomplete attributes are applied to all personal data input fields (name, email, etc.).

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)	Supports	Text and images of text meet a minimum contrast ratio of 4.5:1 for normal text and 3:1 for large text against their backgrounds.
1.4.4 Resize Text	Supports	Text can be resized up to 200% without loss of content or functionality.
1.4.5 Images of Text	Supports	Text is not presented as images. All text is rendered via HTML/CSS.
1.4.10 Reflow	Supports	Content reflows to a single column at 320 CSS pixels width without horizontal scrolling.
1.4.11 Non-text Contrast	Supports	UI components and graphical objects meet a minimum contrast ratio of 3:1 against adjacent colors.
1.4.12 Text Spacing	Supports	No loss of content or functionality occurs when text spacing is adjusted per the success criterion parameters.
1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus	Supports	Tooltip and popover content that appears on hover or focus is dismissible, hoverable, and persistent.
2.4.5 Multiple Ways	Supports	Users can navigate to content via the main navigation, footer links, and site search.
2.4.6 Headings and Labels	Supports	Headings and labels are descriptive and accurately describe the topic or purpose of the associated content.
2.4.7 Focus Visible	Supports	Keyboard focus indicators are visible on all interactive elements. Focus rings use a high-contrast outline style.
3.1.2 Language of Parts	Supports	No foreign-language passages are present in the product.
3.2.3 Consistent Navigation	Supports	Navigation is consistent across all pages. The main navigation and footer appear in the same relative order throughout the site.
3.2.4 Consistent Identification	Supports	Components with the same functionality are identified consistently throughout the product.
3.3.3 Error Suggestion	Supports	Error messages include specific suggestions for correction where possible.
3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)	Supports	Payment and account deletion actions include confirmation steps before submission.
4.1.3 Status Messages	Supports	Status messages (toast notifications, loading states, success/error feedback) are implemented with appropriate ARIA live regions so they are announced by screen readers without requiring focus.

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Chapter 3: Functional Performance Criteria (FPC)

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
302.1 Without Vision	Partially Supports	The core voting, dashboard, and account management features are operable without vision using a screen reader. The swipe gesture interface has a keyboard-accessible alternative.
302.2 With Limited Vision	Supports	The product supports browser zoom to 200% and high-contrast mode. Text is scalable.
302.3 Without Perception of Color	Supports	Color is not the sole means of conveying information.
302.4 Without Hearing	Supports	The product does not rely on audio for any functionality.
302.5 With Limited Manipulation	Partially Supports	Most interactions require only single-pointer actions. The swipe gesture has a single-tap button alternative.
302.6 Without Speech	Not Applicable	The product does not require speech input.
302.7 With Limited Cognitive, Language, and Learning Abilities	Supports	The interface uses plain language, consistent navigation, clear error messages, and logical task flows.
302.8 With Limited Reach and Strength	Supports	All interactive targets meet minimum size requirements. No time-limited interactions require sustained physical effort.

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