

# Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT®) 2.4

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**Product Name:** CoverCrush

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**Description:** CoverCrush 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.

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## Applicable Standards/Guidelines

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

| Standard/Guideline                                                                      | Included in Report |
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| 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                |

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## Terms

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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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# WCAG 2.1 Report

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**Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A**

| Criteria                                                   | Conformance Level  | Remarks and Explanations                                                                                                                                                             |
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| 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.                                                                                                          |
| 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                                                                                 |

| Criteria                               | Conformance Level  | Remarks and Explanations                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                        |                    | 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.                                                                                         |

| Criteria                     | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations                                                                                                                   |
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| 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                                                                                                         |
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| 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.).                                       |
| 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.                                            |

| Criteria                                        | Conformance Level | Remarks and Explanations                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 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                                                                                                                                                          |
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| 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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