

# 1 Overview

Penpeers is the first platform to bring together authors for easy collaboration to create a book, a magazine, or a newspaper. It enables anyone with a good book idea to create a project and work with co-authors to bring the book to completion. An existing group can join the platform to use its tools to coordinate the project, or an author with an idea can use the service to find suitable co-authors.

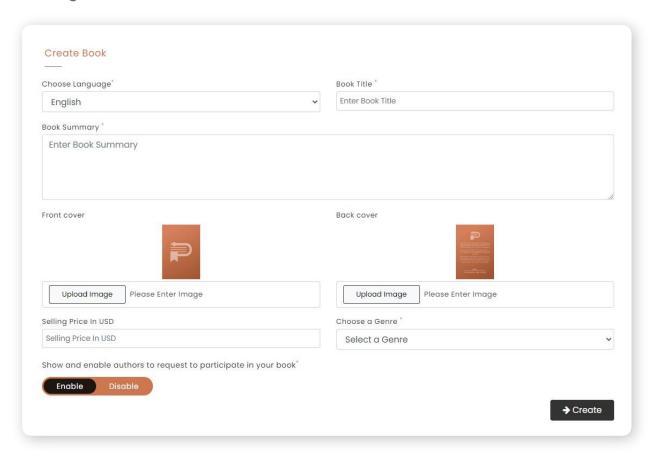
This service is designed for any book that is suitable for co-authorship in a wide variety of genres, including academic and scientific, courseware, travel guides, history, collections of poetry, and short stories. The subject matter must not violate the service's terms.

## 2 Features

#### 2.1 Start a new co-authorship project:

You can add a new book by adding its title, genre, description, or the language of the content.

You can upload the front cover image and back cover image of the book. You have the option to enable receiving the participating request to join in writing the book or not.

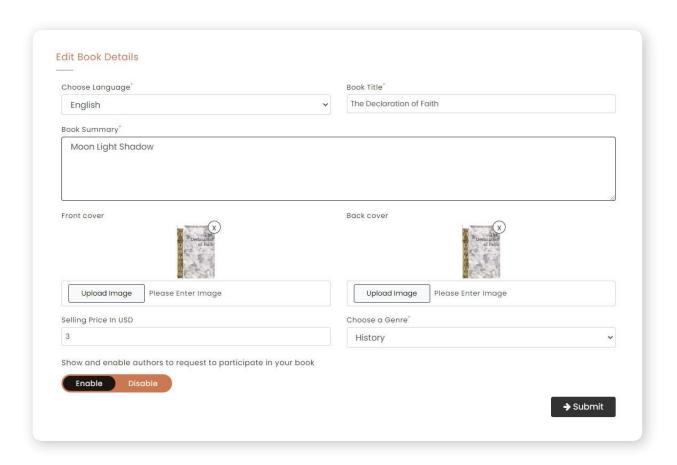


#### 2.2 Edit book details:

The lead author of the book can change any of the book details: its title, genre, description, or the language of the content.

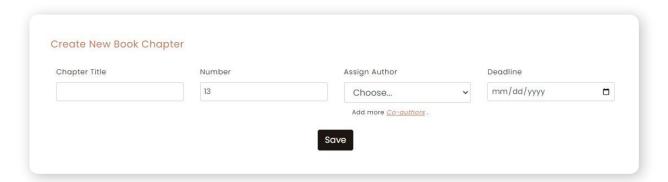
The author can change the front cover image or back cover image of the book.

The author can toggle the option of receiving the participating request to join in writing the book or not.



## 2.3 Add a regular chapter:

The author can add a chapter by adding the chapter title, choosing the author or the co-author to assign the chapter to him/her, setting the dead-line for editing the chapter, and writing the sequence of this chapter among other chapters.

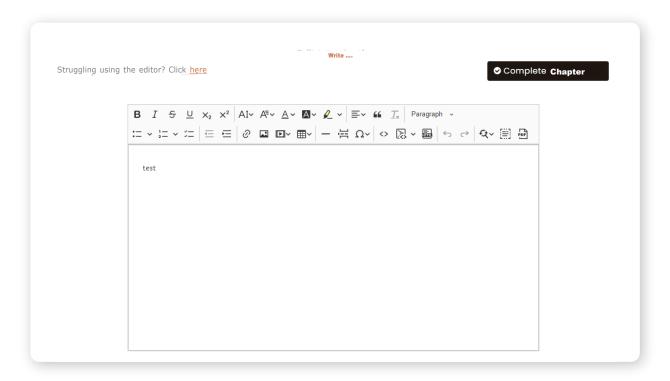


## 2.4 Edit a chapter/introduction chapter:

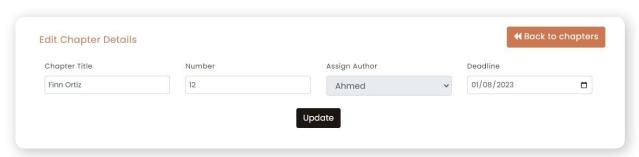
The author or the co-author - who was assigned to this chapter - (with a valid subscription) can edit the chapter content and style this content as he/she likes.

After completing the chapter content, he/she can finish this chapter and inform the main author by email (in case he/she is a co-author in this book).

The author can request to re-edit the chapter from the co-author and add his remarks.



Only the author can edit the chapter details.



#### 2.5 Delete chapter:

The author can delete any chapter.

#### 2.6 Complete book:

The author can complete the book (only if all chapters and the introduction chapter are finished).

#### 2.7 Re-edit book:

The author can re-edit the book again after completing it.

## 2.8 Toggle visibility on the system:

After completing the book, the author can toggle the visibility of the book (if any user can view this book and its contents or not).

#### 2.9 Read a book:

The author can read the book to check its contents by order: (introduction chapter then all regular chapters).

After completing the book, the author can read the full book by order: (front cover, title of the book, table of contents, introduction chapter, all regular chapters ordered by the sequence, and the back cover) to revise the book.

#### 2.10 Download book:

After completing the book, the author can download the book as a PDF

#### 2.11 Delete book:

The lead author can delete the book, then he / she will have 14 days before the book is completely deleted.

In this period the lead author can restore the book any time.

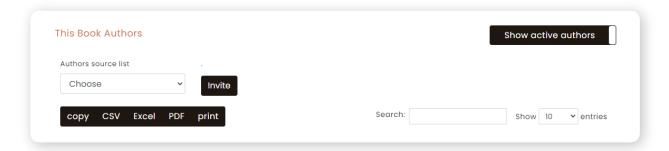
#### 2.12 Invite a co-author:

The author can invite a co-author to participate in writing the book.

The invitee co-author can be a registered user, in which case the author should choose the author and view the end date of the subscription of every author.

The invitee co-author can be a non-registered user, in which case the author should type his name and email.

The invitee will receive an email to accept or decline this invitation.



#### 2.13 View co-authors:

The author can show all active co-authors (who accept the invitation) and has the ability to remove them from this book.

Also, the author can show all inactive co-authors (who didn't respond to the invitation) and has the ability to remove this invitation or send an email a gain to remind them of the invitation.

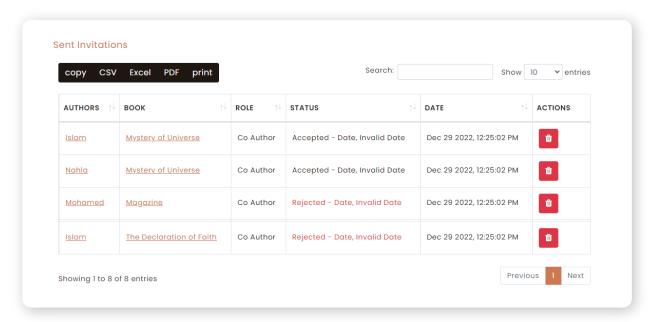
## 2.14 View book requests:

The author can show book requests to join the book and accept or decline them.

#### 2.15 View all invitations:

Any user can view all invitations (received invitations, sent invitations to registered users, and sent invitations to non-registered users).

Also, the user can delete any sent or received invitations.

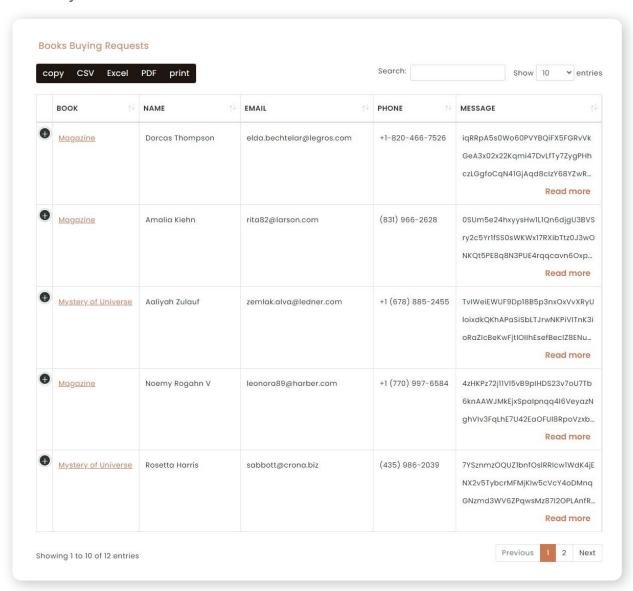


#### 2.16 Request to buy the book:

Any visitor can request to buy the book from the main author, and the author will contact the visitor accordingly.

#### 2.17 View all buying requests:

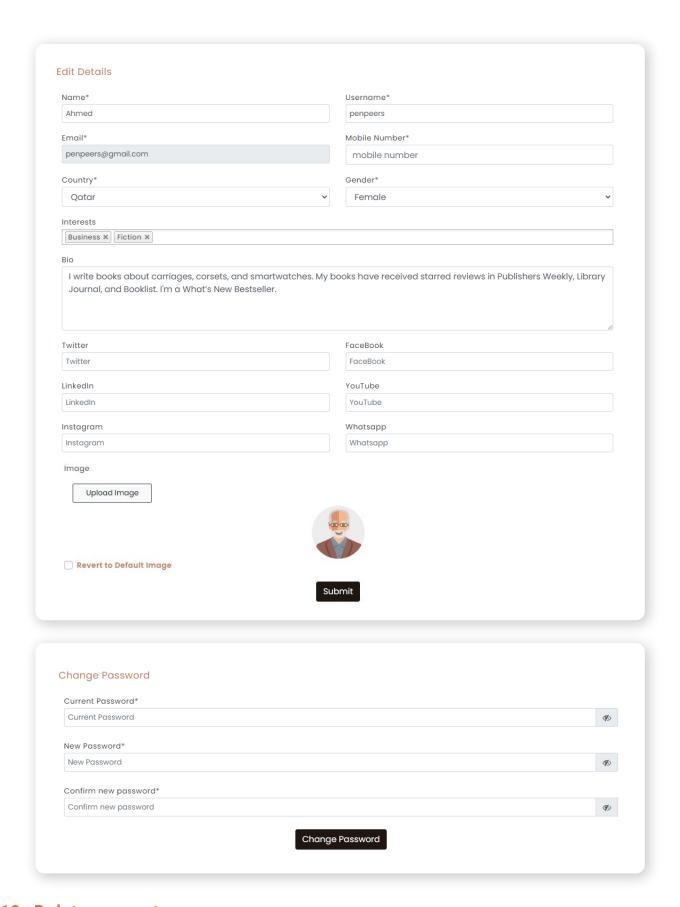
The author can view all the requests to buy his/her books, and contact them by email.



## 2.18 Edit profile:

Any user can edit his/her profile info, he/she has the ability to change his/her name, username, mobile number, country, gender, interests, bio, social links, or image.

Also, he/she has the ability to change his password.



#### 2.19 Delete account:

The user can delete his/her account permanently.

## 2.20 Subscribe to plan:

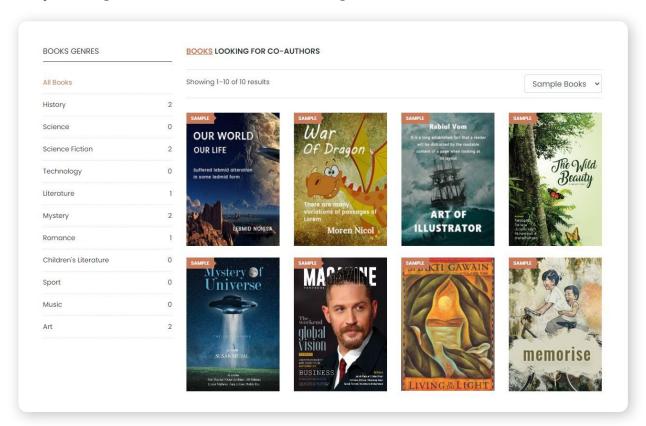
The user can try the platform for (15 days) for free and then subscribe to one of the plans (100 USD - annually) or (250 USD -triennially)

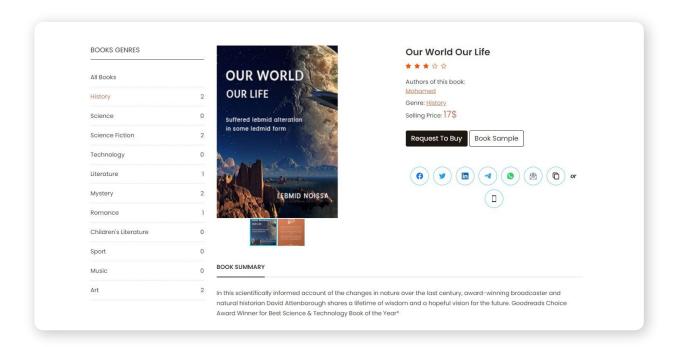
When the subscription expired and becomes invalid, the user has a 60 days grace period in which he/she can still perform any actions except
 create a new book –

#### 2.21 Explore all books:

Any visitor can explore all public books and show any book in detail (its title, front and back covers, description, genre, rate, and reviews).

Only the registered users can add a rating and review for the book.

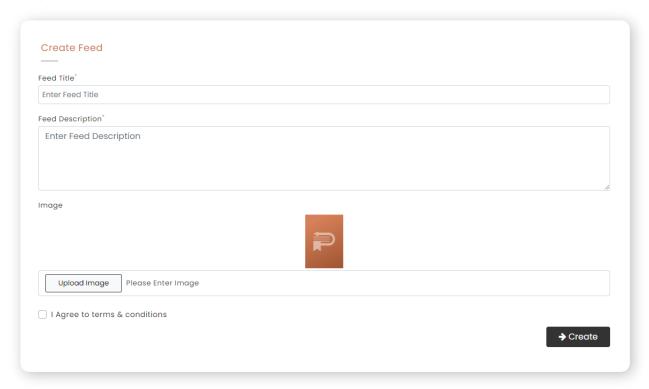




#### 2.22 Create a feed:

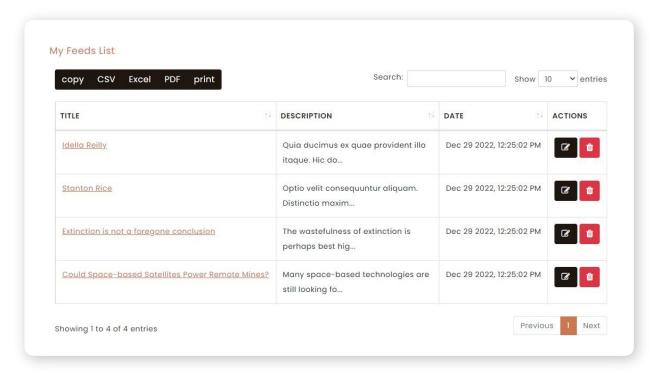
Any registered user can create a feed post, he should add its title, content, and image.

The feed will be pending until the admin approves it, then it will be visible to anyone on the feeds page.



#### 2.23 Control a feed:

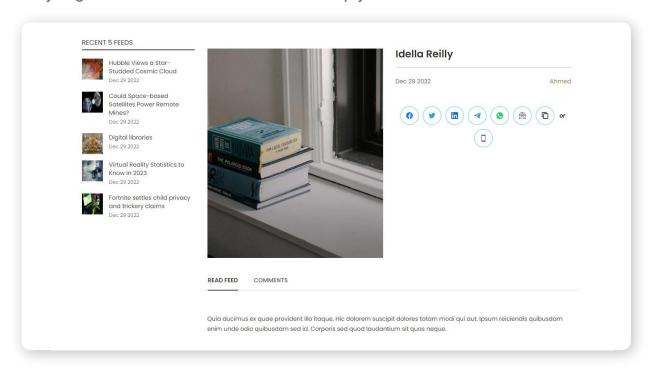
The author can show his written feeds and he has the ability to edit or delete them.



## 2.24 Explore all feeds:

Any visitor can view all feeds, read any feed, and show comments and replies.

Only registered users can comment or reply to the feed.



# 3 Guide to use the platform

#### 3.1 Explore feeds:

#### 3.1.1 If you are a registered user:

- 3.1.1.1 Under the **Leave a comment** heading, write your comment and click **submit**, to add a comment
- 3.1.1.2 To add a reply to any comment, click on the **Reply** button at the bottom of the comment
- 3.1.1.3 Write your reply and click **Submit** or **Cancel** to cancel the reply

## 3.2 Explore books:

- 3.2.1 Click the **BOOKS** link in the navbar
- 3.2.2 Click on any genre in the sidebar to filter the books
- 3.2.3 You can sort the books
- 3.2.4 Click on any book to start exploring
- 3.2.5 Click on social media icons to share the book on social media (Twitter tweet, Linkedin post, Facebook post, Telegram message, Whatsapp message, email, copy the link URL, or share by mobile)
- 3.2.6 Click on the **Reviews** button to show the authors' reviews of the book

#### 3.2.7 If you are a registered user:

- 3.2.7.1 In the reviews section, choose the rating of the book by clicking on the number of stars and write your review
- 3.2.7.2 Click SUBMIT REVIEW to add your review

#### 3.3 Request to join a book:

- 3.3.1 Click the **HOME** link in the navbar
- 3.3.2 Under the heading BOOKS LOOKING FOR CO-AUTHORS click on Show All button
- 3.3.3 Choose the book you want
- 3.3.4 Click on Request to join button

## 3.3.5 If you are a non-registered user:

3.3.5.1 Write your name, email, bio, and your message to the author

#### 3.3.6 If you are a registered user:

- 3.3.6.1 Write your message
- 3.3.7 Check I am not a robot checkbox
- 3.3.8 Check the checkbox
- 3.3.9 Click **Send** to send the request to the book author

## 3.4 Request to buy a book:

- 3.4.1 Click the **HOME** link in the navbar
- 3.4.2 Under the heading BOOKS LOOKING FOR CO-AUTHORS click on Show All button
- 3.4.3 Choose the book you want
- 3.4.4 Click on Request to Buy button
- 3.4.5 Write your name, email, phone, and your message to the author
- 3.4.6 Check I am not a robot checkbox
- 3.4.7 Check the checkbox
- 3.4.8 Click **Send** to send the request to the book author

#### 3.5 Register process:

- 3.5.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.5.2 Click on the **Register** link
- 3.5.3 Choose the plan that fits you
- 3.5.4 Write your name, username, email, country, password, and confirm password
- 3.5.5 Check I am not a robot checkbox
- 3.5.6 Check the checkbox
- 3.5.7 Click the **Register** button

## 3.6 Edit profile:

- 3.6.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.6.2 Click on the **My Account** link
- 3.6.3 Change/add data in the input fields (name, username, mobile, country, gender, interests, bio, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, You tube, Instagram, or WhatsApp)
- **3.6.4** To change your profile picture, you can revert the default image by checking the checkbox **Revert to Default Image**

3.6.5	Or click on <b>Choose Image</b> button, and choose the image from your
	device
3.6.6	Crop the image
3.6.7	Click the <b>Done cropping</b> button
3.6.8	To save all changes, click <b>Submit</b> button
3.6.9	From the second section
3.6.10	If you want to change your password, write your current password,
	new password, and rewrite your new password
3.6.11	Click the <b>Change password</b> button to submit
Delete your account:	
3.7.1	From the navbar click on the user icon
3.7.2	Click on the <b>Account Status</b> link
3.7.3	Click on the <b>Delete my account</b> button
Create a feed:	
3.8.1	From the navbar click on the user icon
3.8.2	Click on the My Dashboard link
3.8.3	Click on the My Feed link from the sidebar
3.8.4	Click on <b>Add New</b> button
3.8.5	Write a post title, description and choose an image
3.8.6	Click Create
Control feeds:	
3.9.1	From the navbar click on the user icon
3.9.2	Click on the My Dashboard link
3.9.3	Click on the My Feed link from the sidebar
3.9.4	From the Actions column, you can click on the brown button to <b>edit</b>
	the feed
3.9.5	Or you can click on the red button to <b>delete</b> the feed
Create a book:	

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- 3.10.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.10.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.10.3 Click on **Create book** link from the sidebar

- 3.10.4 Write a book title and description and choose the book genre and language
- 3.10.5 Upload the front cover and back cover images by clicking on Choose file button then choose the image from your device, crop the image, and click Done cropping
- 3.10.6 If you want to enable receiving requests to join in writing the book, then click on the switch button
- 3.10.7 Click **Create** button to save the changes

#### 3.11 Control a book:

- 3.11.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.11.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.11.3 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar
- **3.11.4** Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the **Status** column of that row
- 3.11.5 Click on the **Actions** tab
- 3.11.6 From the first section, you can edit the book by changing the desired data, and clicking on **Submit** button to save the changes.
- 3.11.7 From the last section, you can delete a book by clicking on the **Delete this book** button

## 3.12 Complete book:

- 3.12.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.12.1 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.12.1 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar
- 3.12.1 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the Status column of that row
- 3.12.1 Click on the Actions tab
- 3.12.1 From the second section under the heading Actions, click on the Complete the book button to publish the book (you must completeall chapters to enable completing the book)

#### 3.13 Re-edit book:

- 3.13.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.13.2 Click on the **My Dashboard** link
- 3.13.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- **3.13.4** Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the **Status** column of that row.
- 3.13.5 Click on the **Actions** tab

From the second section under the heading Actions, click on the **Re-edit the book** button, to continue editing the book *(the book must be in a completed state.)* 

#### 3.14 Delete / Restore a book:

- 3.14.1 From the navbar click on the user icon.
- 3.14.2 Click on the My Dashboard link.
- 3.14.3 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar.
- 3.14.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the **Status** column of that row.
- 3.14.5 From the last section under the heading **Danger zone**, click on the Delete This Book button.
- 3.14.6 Click on **OK** button in the popup.
- 3.14.7 To restore the book, click on **Restore book** button.

#### 3.15 Read / Download the book:

- 3.15.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.15.2 Click on the **My Dashboard** link
- 3.15.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- **3.15.4** Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the **Status** column of that row
- 3.15.5 The book must be complete to read or download the full book with the covers and table of contents.
- 3.15.6 Click on View all chapters button to read chapters
- 3.15.7 Click on **Download all chapters** button to download the chapters as

- a PDF file
- 3.15.8 Or if the book is completed:
  - 3.15.8.1 Click on the **Actions** tab
  - 3.15.8.2 From the second section under the heading **Actions**, click on the **Read this book** button, to read all book and revise it.
  - 3.15.8.3 From the second section under the heading **Actions**, click on **Download this book** button, to download the full book as a PDF file.

## 3.16 Show/hide the book on the system:

- 3.16.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.16.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.16.3 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar
- **3.16.4** Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the **Status** column of that row
- 3.16.5 The book must be complete to show or hide the book.
- 3.16.6 Click on the Actions tab
- 3.16.7 From the second section under the heading **Actions**, click on **Show** book on the system button, to enable the visitors and authors of the platform to read the book and review it.
- 3.16.8 From the second section under the heading **Actions**, click on **Hide book on the system** button, to prevent the visitors and authors of
  the platform to read the book and review it.

#### 3.17 Add chapter:

- 3.17.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.17.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.17.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.17.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.17.5 Click on the **Chapters** tab
- 3.17.6 From the first section
- 3.17.7 Write a chapter title and an author or co-author, and set a deadline f or chapter
- 3.17.8 Write a sequence number of the chapter (The order of the chapter in the book)
- 3.17.9 Click on the **Save** button.

## 3.18 Edit chapter:

- 3.18.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.18.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.18.3 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar
- 3.18.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.18.5 Click on the Chapters tab
- 3.18.6 From the second section in the table, find the chapter you want to edit (If the name of the author in the first column is red, then the author/co-author needs to renew his plan to edit the chapter)
- 3.18.7 Click on the chapter name
- 3.18.8 You can edit chapter details from the form by changing the data, then clicking the **Update** button (if you are the author of the book)
- 3.18.9 To edit a chapter's content, write the content in the text area
- 3.17.10Click on the **Complete chapter** button above the text area after completing the chapter, to inform the author that the chapter is

#### completed

3.17.11If you want to re-edit the chapter, click on the **Re-edit chapter** button above the text area to inform the author that the chapter is incomplete.

## 3.19 Request from co-author to re-edit the chapter content:

- 3.19.1 If you are the author of the book:
- 3.19.2 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.19.3 Click on the **My Dashboard** link
- 3.19.4 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.19.5 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.19.6 Click on the **Chapters** tab

- 3.18.7 From the second section in the table, find the chapter you want to edit (If the author's name is red, then the author/co-author needs to renew his plan to edit the chapter).
  - 3.18.8 Click on the chapter name (*The chapter must be completed*)
  - 3.18.9 Click on the **Re-edit chapter** button above the text area
  - 3.18.10Write your remarks to the co-author in the text area in modal
  - 3.18.11Click the **Send** button to send an email to the co-author with your Remarks.

## 3.20 Edit introduction chapter content:

- 3.20.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.20.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.20.3 Click on the My Books link from the sidebar
- 3.20.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.20.5 Click on the **Introduction** tab
- 3.20.6 Write the content in the text area
- **3.20.7** After completing the chapter, click on the **Complete introduction** button above the text area.
- 3.20.8 If you want to re-edit the chapter, click on the **Re-edit introduction** button above the text area to inform the author that the chapter is incomplete

#### 3.21 Delete chapter:

- 3.21.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.21.2 Click on the **My Dashboard** link
- 3.21.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.21.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.21.5 Click on the **Chapters** tab
- 3.21.6 From the second section in the table, find the chapter you want to edit
- **3.21.7** Click on the red button in the last column (**Delete chapter**)

#### 3.22 Invite a co-author:

- 3.22.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.22.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.22.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.22.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.22.5 Click on the **Authors** tab
- 3.22.6 Choose a type of invitee (registered or non-registered)

#### 3.22.7 If the invitee is registered:

- 3.22.7.1 Click on the **Continue** button
- 3.21.7.1 Click on any author to select him and click it again to unselect, you can view the end date of the subscription of each author (The authors with gray ribbon are invited before, and can't invite them another.)
- 3.21.7.1 Click on the Invite selected button

#### 3.22.8 If the invitee is non-registered:

- 3.22.8.1 Write the email of the invitee
- 3.22.8.2 Write the name of the invitee
- 3.22.8.3 Click on the **Invite** button

#### 3.23 Get inactive authors and co-authors:

- 3.23.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.23.2 Click on the My Dashboard link
- 3.23.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.23.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.23.5 Click on the Authors tab
- 3.23.6 Click on the **Show active authors** switch button
- 3.23.7 To return to active users, click on the **Show inactive authors** switch button

## 3.24 Get book requests:

- 3.24.1 From the navbar click on the user icon
- 3.24.2 Click on the **My Dashboard** link
- 3.24.3 Click on the **My Books** link from the sidebar
- 3.24.4 Find the book row you are looking for, and click on the book title in the **Book** column of that row
- 3.24.5 Click on the **Authors** tab
- 3.24.6 Click on the **Join Book** Requests tab
- 3.24.7 From the last column of every user, you can decline or accept the request