

What's New

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Here's what's new on Indieguna since April 11th. Two weeks of big upgrades — reader profiles, a proper onboarding flow, slicker book discovery, and a handful of author tools we've been excited to ship.

April 22, 2026

Tuesday

• NEW FEATURES

- **@username vanity URLs.** Your profile now has a shareable short URL — indieguna.com/@yourhandle — that redirects to your full profile. Click your @handle on any page to copy the link.
- **Author control room.** Author profiles now open with a three-column dashboard: **Start Here**, **Currently Writing**, and **Currently Reading**, plus a live micro-feed of your latest updates.
- **Social links with auto-detection.** Paste any social URL on your profile and we'll detect the platform and render it with the correct brand-color icon — no setup needed.
- **Inline edit for updates.** Edit your updates without leaving the page. A floating Edit button appears on single-update pages and opens a modal with the full editor.
- **Cleaner @handle for Google sign-ins.** Authors who signed up via Google SSO now get a clean @handle based on their username instead of their email address.

↑ IMPROVEMENTS

- **Quill editor loads inline.** The rich-text editor now loads directly on single update pages, so edits feel instant instead of bouncing you to a separate screen.

• FIXES

- **Update archive cards.** Fixed excerpt truncation and project pill placement on the updates archive so cards look consistent across the grid.
- **Inline-created updates.** Updates created from the inline modal now generate their excerpt correctly on first save.

April 21, 2026

Monday

• NEW FEATURES

- **First-login role selector.** New signups now see a welcome modal asking whether they're a **Reader**, an **Author**, or **Both** — and the rest of the site adapts to match.
- **Circular spotlight onboarding.** After picking your role, a gentle circular spotlight walks you through three steps — **Complete Profile**, **Edit Profile**, and **Add Your First Book** — with a celebration state when you finish.
- **Onboarding progress bar.** Your author profile now shows a live progress bar so you can see exactly how close you are to a complete setup.
- **Role-aware empty states.** Shelves, bios, the books tab, and the homepage hero now show different empty-state copy depending on whether you're a reader, an author, or both.

• FIXES

- **Nav avatar fallback.** If you haven't uploaded a profile photo, the top nav now shows a clean initials avatar instead of a broken image icon.

April 20, 2026

Sunday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Hover preview cards.** Hover any book cover in the archive and a preview card pops up with the title, author, genre, and blurb — no click required. Now live on homepage feeds too.
- **Filter side drawer.** The book archive has a new right-hand filter drawer with multi-select genre and status chips and a single **Apply** button.
- **Live faceted filter counts.** Each filter pill now shows how many books match — and recounts in real time as you refine your selection.

April 19, 2026

Saturday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Reader profiles.** Readers now have public profile pages at </readers/yourname/> and can be browsed from the new </readers/> directory.

- **Private profile toggle.** Prefer to stay lurking? Readers can now flip their profile to private with one click.
- **Drag-to-reorder books.** Authors can now drag books on their profile to reorder them — perfect for featuring your newest release up top.
- **Services Marketplace.** Browse the new services directory to find editors, cover designers, and more. Each listing has a full page with portfolio, deal details, a lead magnet, and an **Apply Now** button.
- **Initials avatar fallback.** Accounts without a profile photo now show a sleek dark-circle initials avatar in brand green instead of a generic placeholder.

April 18, 2026

Friday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Per-book stats panel.** Authors can now see views, shelf saves, and buy-link clicks for each book right from the book's dashboard.
- **Imported reviews with chyron.** Imported reviews now scroll across the page in a subtle chyron, carry a verification badge, and can be managed from a new admin meta box.
- **Onboarding tooltips.** A short three-step tour highlights the avatar uploader, the create-a-book button, and the editing bar so new authors know where to start.
- **Event tracking with Amplitude.** We're now tracking key moments — book views, shelf actions, reviews, and registrations — so we can make better product decisions based on what readers and authors actually do.

• FIXES

- **Tooltip and review polish.** Cleaned up several tooltip positioning quirks and review display glitches spotted during onboarding testing.

That's a wrap for this release. Got feedback or ideas? Drop us a note at hello@indieguana.com or tag [@indieguana](https://twitter.com/indieguana) on your favorite platform.