

What's New

Changelog • April 22 – 30, 2026

Eight days of heavy lifting — April 22 through 30. Always-on inline editing, a full sticker system, profile wallpapers, a Book Trailer landing page, the Indieguna Blog, and a long list of fixes that smoothed out the experience across the board.

April 30, 2026

Thursday

↑ IMPROVEMENTS

- **Footer newsletter.** Switched the signup form from MailPoet's unreliable public router to a proper WP REST API endpoint, and updated the headline to "Stay in the Loop with the Indieguna Newsletter." Confirmed working: emails now land in List.

• FIXES

- **Newsletter hang.** The form was stuck on "Subscribing..." indefinitely. Root cause: the message element lives outside the <form> tag, so `querySelector` returned null and a silent JS error killed the fetch before it ever fired.

April 29, 2026

Wednesday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Always-on inline editing.** Edit buttons are gone. Authors viewing their own book are always in edit mode — click any field and type. The inline toolbar anchors bottom-left and a single **Save** button commits everything at once.
- **One-click book create.** The "New Book" button now creates a draft instantly without a form step. Available to all logged-in users, not just authors.
- **Sticker system.** Authors can submit original sticker artwork, claim their own stickers once approved, and place them anywhere on their profile hero using a drag-and-drop canvas. A vertical palette dropdown lists available stickers with name labels, a scale slider (40–300%) lets you resize after placing, and stickers render with a white drop-shadow stroke so they pop against

any wallpaper.

- **Preview as Reader.** A “Preview” button in the inline editor toolbar opens your published book exactly as a reader sees it — hiding all owner UI, edit controls, stats, and the draft banner. An exit bar at the top snaps you back to edit mode.
- **Pill placeholders.** The five metadata pills on the book hero (Genre, Status, Intensity, Tone, Mood) now show their field name as a placeholder instead of the unhelpful “(None)” text.
- **Banner live-update.** Adding a cover image to a book now immediately updates the hero banner background if no custom banner has been set — no save/reload required.

↑ IMPROVEMENTS

- **Publish gating.** Required fields for going live are now: Book Title, Logline/Blurb, Overview Copy, and Genre. Cover image is no longer a hard gate. The error message names the missing fields explicitly.
- **Draft banner.** The trailer promo ribbon is hidden on draft books. The “Add a cover” line was removed from the banner. The Publish button is always enabled.
- **Nav profiles.** Both Author Profile and Reader Profile now appear in the nav dropdown for all logged-in users regardless of role.
- **Overview tab left column.** The cover card and metadata facts column now always renders in edit mode, with live mirroring when you update cover or taxonomy pills.

• FIXES

- **Quill stray bullet.** The body copy editor was appending a bullet point to existing content on load. Fixed by writing content directly instead of using `dangerouslyPasteHTML`, which was leaving Quill’s initial block in place.
- **Book slug stays “untitled-book-###”.** The permalink no longer stays stuck on the creation-time placeholder. The first title save detects the placeholder slug and auto-generates a real one via `wp_unique_post_slug`, then redirects the browser to the new URL.
- **Sticker palette.** Authors now see their own pending stickers in the palette. Stickers render below profile content (z-index:0). Self-claiming is blocked. Placed sticker images link to the creator’s profile.
- **Inline toolbar nudge.** The edit toolbar is pushed above the draft banner height so it stays accessible and doesn’t get clipped.

April 28, 2026

Tuesday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Indieguana Blog.** A full blog is live at indieguana.com/blog with a custom archive grid and single post template. Posts without a featured image fall back to the Indieguana logo. The Blog link appears in the header nav and the footer About column.
- **Gallery image upload.** Book owners and admins can now upload additional gallery images directly on the book page with a drag-and-drop uploader and inline preview.

- **FIXES**

- **Trailer landing copy.**

April 27, 2026

Monday

- **NEW FEATURES**

- **Book Trailer landing page.** A dedicated landing page ([\[genredb_trailer_landing\]](#)) showcases the trailer service with a live landscape reel of recent books, a five-step how-it-works section, and a video stats infographic. Payment links directly to Square.
- **Trailer ribbon.** A dismissible promo ribbon appears above the book hero for authors on their own published books, linking to the trailer landing page.
- **Discord links.** A Join our Discord link was added to the site footer, the avatar dropdown, and the Book Trailer link for authors was added to the dropdown too.

April 26, 2026

Sunday

- **NEW FEATURES**

- **Rotating taglines.** The sticky header and homepage hero eyebrow now cycle through a set of rotating taglines to keep the brand voice fresh on repeat visits.
- **Live saves without reload.** Saving your avatar, cover photo, or bio now updates the UI instantly without a full page reload.
- **Featured video alignment.** A new admin checkbox lets you toggle Homepage Featured book videos between top-aligned and center-aligned.

- **FIXES**

- **Book creation form rich text.** Rich text formatting (bold, italic, links) entered in the WPUF book creation form is now preserved on save. Late-priority content filters were stripping it.
- **Header tagline.** Removed the tagline, centered the header tagline under the logo, and widened its max-width so longer phrases don't wrap awkwardly.

April 24–25, 2026

Friday – Saturday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Profile theme wallpapers.** Authors can now choose a wallpaper theme for their profile from an admin-curated palette. The picker lives in the profile toolbar, shows a live preview via CSS variable injection, and persists on save.
- **Frosted follow panel.** The follow button moved into a themed frosted-glass panel above the control room, making it more prominent without disrupting the layout.
- **@handle links in feed.** Mentions typed as `@handle` in micro-feed posts are now automatically linked to the correct author or reader profile.
- **Control room themed cards.** Book cards in the author control room now inherit the profile's active theme colors via broadened CSS variable scope.

• FIXES

- **Role routing.** Users with published books are now always routed to their author profile regardless of their WP role assignment.
- **New taxonomy terms on inline save.** Typing a genre or tag that doesn't exist yet during inline editing now creates it automatically instead of failing silently.
- **Feed apostrophes.** Apostrophes in feed posts were being saved with a backslash prefix. Fixed with `wp_unslash` before sanitization.
- **Follow panel clipping.** Removed `backdrop-filter` from the follow panel to prevent the dropdown popup from being clipped by the compositing layer.

April 23, 2026

Wednesday

• NEW FEATURES

- **Custom footer.** Replaced the default Elementor footer with a branded three-column layout: About + nav links, Community links, and the Indieguna Newsletter signup form.

- **Author profile theme picker.** The first iteration of the profile theme system launched — a flyout picker in the toolbar with live CSS preview.
- **Beta/ARC reader CTA pill.** Books with Beta Reading or ARC status now show a glowing green halo pill below the shelf widget to attract interested readers.
- **Cover photo repositioning.** Authors can now drag their profile cover photo to reposition it with a dedicated overlay and save the crop offset.
- **Carousel improvements.** The homepage featured carousel now shows up to 6 slides, restarts videos on slide transition, and no longer loops videos automatically.

• FIXES

- **Footer newsletter list.** Newsletter signups were going to the wrong MailPoet list. Now correctly targeting List 3 (Indieguana Newsletter).
- **Status label formatting.** "beta-reading" now displays as "Beta Reading" and "arc" displays as "ARC" throughout the UI.

April 22, 2026

Tuesday

• NEW FEATURES

- **@username vanity URLs.** Every profile now has a shareable short URL — indieguana.com/@yourhandle — that 301-redirects to the full profile. Click your @handle anywhere on the site to copy the link to your clipboard.
- **Author control room.** Author profiles opened up with a three-column dashboard: **Start Here**, **Currently Writing**, and **Currently Reading**, alongside a live micro-feed of latest updates.
- **Social links.** Paste any social URL on your profile and Indieguana detects the platform and renders it with the correct brand-color icon automatically.
- **Inline update editor.** A floating Edit button on single-update pages opens a full inline modal editor, so authors never need to leave the page to update their posts.
- **Clean @handles for Google sign-ins.** Accounts created via Google SSO now get a clean @handle based on their display name instead of their email address.

• FIXES

- **Update archive cards.** Fixed excerpt truncation and project pill rendering on the updates archive grid — a nested anchor tag was pushing content outside the card.
- **@username routing.** The @handle redirect now uses the actual WP role (author vs. subscriber) rather than a "role intent" flag, with a fallback check for published books.

Got feedback or spotted a bug? Reach us at hello@indieguana.com or tag [@indieguana](#) on your favorite platform.