

What's New

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Two days of infrastructure work, new features, and quality-of-life fixes — including a full Tutorials section, follow-based bell notifications, reader profile image uploads, a username sync fix, and three new tutorial drafts seeded in the CMS.

May 26, 2026

Tuesday

* NEW FEATURES

- **Follow notifications — wall posts.** Posting to the author update wall now triggers a bell notification for every follower. The wall feed stores entries in a custom database table rather than as standard posts, so a dedicated hook was added directly to the feed submission handler. Notification type: 'new_wall_post', links back to the author's profile.
- **Follow notifications — books and updates.** Publishing a new book or a long-form devlog update now notifies all followers via the bell system. Fires on any transition to published status (draft → publish, scheduled → publish). Includes deduplication: re-publishing a post that already triggered a notification does not re-notify followers.

> FIXES

- **Username change breaks reader profile URL.** Changing a user's display handle on the Author Profile page updated the display meta but not the underlying WordPress user slug, causing the `/readers/{handle}/` URL to return a 404. The save handler now syncs the user slug on every handle change. Clearing the handle reverts the slug to a sanitized version of the login name. Existing out-of-sync accounts can be corrected via CLI.

May 25, 2026

Sunday

* NEW FEATURES

- **Tutorials section.** A new Tutorials content type is live at `/tutorials/`. The archive page matches the Blog's centered-hero layout — eyebrow, large title, subtitle — with a bare headline-and-excerpt list below, no images, divider-separated rows. Single tutorial pages include a back link, styled typography for headings, code blocks, blockquotes, and green-highlighted links. Nav links added in three places: desktop header (next to Blog), mobile hamburger menu, and the footer About column above Blog. Rewrite rules flushed on deploy to activate the `/tutorials/` slug.
- **Reader profile avatar and cover image uploads.** The Edit Reader Profile drawer now includes dedicated Profile Picture and Cover Photo upload fields. These use separate meta keys from the Author Profile image fields, so reader-only accounts can set their own images without touching author settings. Authors retain their author images on their author profile; the reader profile checks the new reader-specific keys first and falls back to author

meta if not set. Upload UI uses the standard media picker. The media library script is enqueued only on pages where the profile owner is viewing their own profile.

- **Tutorial content seeded.** Three tutorial drafts created in the CMS, ready for screenshot insertion before publishing: 'How the Sticker System Works,' 'How the Book Swap System Works,' and 'Reviews on Indieguaana.' The Reviews tutorial covers author-submitted verified reviews, reader-submitted off-site review links (YouTube, podcast, blog, etc.), and the planned five-axis native review system.

+ IMPROVEMENTS

- **Tutorials archive hero.** Initial deploy used a narrow centered container that produced wide side margins inconsistent with other archive pages. Revised to match the Blog's layout: full-width outer wrapper, centered hero block with eyebrow/title/subtitle, tutorial list constrained to a readable 760 px column.

> FIXES

- **Floating elements trapped below viewport on book pages.** A CSS rule applying 'position: relative; z-index: 1' to every direct child of the page body created stacking contexts that trapped fixed-position elements (miniplayer, notifications panel) inside those contexts rather than the viewport. Fixed by replacing the body-child rule with 'isolation: isolate' on content wrappers only. Removed backdrop-filter from the miniplayer pill (replaced with opaque background) and switched the miniplayer's initial hidden state from CSS transform to visibility:hidden to avoid creating an additional stacking context.
- **Background video removed.** After the stacking context fix, the full-page background video on book pages became more visually prominent than intended. With a corner miniplayer now handling the trailer experience, the background video was redundant. Removed entirely — the element, all associated styles, and the JS initialization block.
- **Bug Report floating pill removed.** The floating bug report button was repeatedly interfering with other fixed-position UI elements. Removed the floating pill entirely; a 'Report a Bug' link was added to the footer About column instead, using the same Tally form popup triggered via direct JS call.
- **Avatar dropdown z-index.** The user avatar dropdown menu was rendering beneath other page elements. Added an explicit z-index to the dropdown to ensure correct layering after the stacking context refactor.
- **Git push not executed after tutorials commit.** The tutorials CPT, archive template, single template, and nav changes were committed locally but the push to the remote repository did not complete in the prior session. Pushed manually at the start of this session; server pull and permalink flush completed after.

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