



LaTeX Class `yb-book`^{*}

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1 Introduction

The provided class `yb-book` helps me design [my books](#) and publish them [on Amazon](#). You are welcome to use it for your own books. It is as simple as this:

```
\documentclass{yb-book}
\renewcommand*\thetitle{New Book About OOP}
\renewcommand*\theauthor{Jeff Lebowski}
\renewcommand*\thevolume{1}
\renewcommand*\theversion{1.0}
\begin{document}
\ybPrintTitlePage
\chapter{First One}
\section{About Something Interesting}
Hello, world!
\end{document}
```

You are welcome to suggest additional options and commands, but the style of my books is intentionally as simple as possible, avoiding formatting as much as possible. Here is [why](#).

2 Options

There are a few class options you can use:

`compact` Use this package option when you need to make text more compact and take less vertical space. This may be convenient fiction books. I use this option to render [Code Ahead](#) book.

`sparse` With this package option every section will start from a new page.

*The sources are in GitHub at [yegor256/yb-book.cls](#)

`manuscript` When the format is not for Amazon printing, but for some other purposes (the page size is A4), this option may be convenient. I also use it when I want the book to be rendered for printing on paper for review purposes.

`authordraft` When it's a draft for reviewers (the page size is A4) and you want to have a watermark and a compact form of the content. This option goes together with `\therewviewer{}` command, which you may redefine, in order to embed the name of the reviewed in the watermark. This may help you prevent theft of your book:

```
\documentclass[authordraft]{yb-book}
\renewcommand*\therewviewer{Walter Sobchak}
\begin{document}
Hello, world!
\end{document}
```

3 Meta Commands

There are a number of commands that you may redefine in the preamble:

```
\documentclass{yb-book}
\newcommand*\thetitle{My New Book About OOP}
\newcommand*\theauthor{Yegor Bugayenko}
\newcommand*\thevolume{1}
\newcommand*\thedate{24 Feb 2022}
\newcommand*\theversion{1.4}
\newcommand*\therewviewer{Jeff Lebowski}
\begin{document}
... the content goes here ...
\end{document}
```

4 Printers

There are a number of printers — commands that print large blocks of text in the expected format:

`\ybPrintTitlePage` Prints the first page of a book. It expects at least `\thetitle` and `theauthor` to be defined:

```
\documentclass{yb-book}
\renewcommand*\thetitle{My New Book}
\renewcommand*\theauthor{Yegor Bugayenko}
\begin{document}
\ybPrintTitlePage
... the rest of the book goes here
\end{document}
```

`\ybPrintTOC` Prints the table of contents.

`\ybQuote` Prints a side quote:

```
\documentclass{yb-book}
\begin{document}
Hello, world!
\end{document}
```

```
\ybQuote{Never tell the truth to people who
    are not worthy of it}{Mark Twain}{}
\end{document}
```

`\ybPrintBibliography` Prints the list of bib references.

`\ybPrintIndex` Prints index with an optional name of the section (instead of “Index”):

```
\documentclass{yb-book}
\begin{document}
Hello, world!
\ybPrintIndex{Recommended Books}
\end{document}
```

5 Implementation

First, we parse package options:

```
1 \RequirePackage{pgfopts}
2 \pgfkeys{
3   /yb/.cd,
4   apa/.store in=\yb@apa,
5   authordraft/.store in=\yb@authordraft,
6   compact/.store in=\yb@compact,
7   manuscript/.store in=\yb@manuscript,
8   sparse/.store in=\yb@sparse,
9 }
10 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/yb}
```

Then, depending on the options like `authordraft` and `manuscript`, we preset options of the class `book` and then load it:

```
11 \makeatletter
12 \ifdefined\yb@authordraft
13   \PassOptionsToClass{11pt}{book}
14   \PassOptionsToClass{oneside}{book}
15 \else
16   \ifdefined\yb@manuscript
17     \PassOptionsToClass{12pt}{book}
18     \PassOptionsToClass{oneside}{book}
19 \else
20   \PassOptionsToClass{11pt}{book}
21   \PassOptionsToClass{twoside}{book}
22 \fi
23 \fi
24 \makeatother
25 \LoadClass{book}
```

Then, we load `inputenc` for UTF-8 encoding of the sources:

```
26 \RequirePackage[utf8]{inputenc}
```

`geometry` Then, using `geometry`, we setup page layout:

```
27 \RequirePackage{geometry}
28 \geometry{
29   paperwidth=6in, paperheight=9in,
30   bindingoffset=0.25in,
```

```

31   left=0.75in, right=0.75in, top=0.75in, bottom=1.25in}
32 \makeatletter
33 \ifdefined\yb@authordraft
34   \geometry{a4paper, margin=1in, left=1.5in}
35 \else
36   \ifdefined\yb@manuscript
37     \geometry{a4paper, margin=1.2in}
38 \fi
39 \fi
40 \makeatother

```

Then, we load `href-ul` to underline links correctly:

```
41 \RequirePackage{href-ul}
```

Then, we load `anyfontsize` to enable all sizes of fonts:

```
42 \RequirePackage{anyfontsize}
```

Then, we load `tikz` for graphics:

```

43 \RequirePackage{tikz}
44 \usetikzlibrary{positioning}
45 \usetikzlibrary{shapes}
46 \usetikzlibrary{fit}

```

Then, we load `chngcntr` for something else:

```

47 \RequirePackage{chngcntr}
48 \counterwithout{footnote}{chapter}

```

Then, we load `lastpage` to enable rendering of the last page number:

```
49 \RequirePackage{lastpage}
```

Then, we load `paralist` for inline enumeration:

```
50 \RequirePackage{paralist}
```

Then, we load `xcolor` for colors:

```
51 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
```

Then, we load `graphicx` to enable graphic files inclusion:

```
52 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
```

Then, we load `enumitem` for inline enumeration:

```

53 \RequirePackage[inline]{enumitem}
54 \setlist{nosep}

```

Then, we load `float` for floating figures:

```
55 \RequirePackage{float}
```

Then, we load `ulem` for inline lists:

```
56 \RequirePackage[normalem]{ulem}
```

Then, we load `xfp` and `xifthen` for if-then-else:

```

57 \RequirePackage{xfp}
58 \RequirePackage{xifthen}

```

Then, we load `soul` for highlighting:

```
59 \RequirePackage{soul}
```

Then, we load `csquotes` for better rendering:

```
60 \RequirePackage[autostyle=try]{csquotes}
```

\pagestyle Then, we set the layout of a page to plain:

```
61 \pagestyle{plain}
```

setspace Then, using **setspace** package we set the spacing between lines in the text, depending on the package options:

```
62 \RequirePackage{setspace}
63   \setstretch{1.2}
64   \makeatletter
65   \ifdefined\yb@authordraft\setstretch{1.1}\fi
66   \ifdefined\yb@compact\setstretch{1.0}\fi
67   \ifdefined\yb@manuscript\setstretch{1.1}\fi
68   \makeatother
```

biblatex Then, we configure **biblatex**, for citation management:

```
69 \PassOptionsToPackage{indexing=cite,
70   natbib=true,maxnames=2,minnames=1,doi=true,
71   url=false,isbn=false,isbn=false}{biblatex}
72 \makeatletter
73 \ifdefined\yb@apa
74   \PassOptionsToPackage{style=authoryear}{biblatex}
75 \else
76   \PassOptionsToPackage{style=numeric}{biblatex}
77 \fi
78 \makeatother
79 \RequirePackage{doi}
80 \RequirePackage{biblatex}
81   \DeclareCiteCommand{\citetitle}
82     {\boolfalse{citetracker}%
83      \boolfalse{pagetracker}%
84      \usebibmacro{prenote}%
85      \ifcriteindex
86        {\indexnames{labelname}%
87         {}%
88        \printfield[citetitle]{labeltitle}%
89        \multicitedelim%
90        \usebibmacro{postnote}%
91      \DeclareCiteCommand*\{\citetitle}
92        {\boolfalse{citetracker}%
93         \boolfalse{pagetracker}%
94         \usebibmacro{prenote}%
95         \ifcriteindex
96           {\indexnames{labelname}%
97            {}%
98            \printfield[citetitle]{title}%
99            \multicitedelim%
100           \usebibmacro{postnote}}
```

condensed Then, we define **condensed** environment for snippets (**lsstyle** is defined by **letterspace** in **microtype**):

```
101 \newenvironment{condensed}
102   {\begingroup\setstretch{1.0}\lsstyle}
103   {\endgroup}
```

`microtype` Then, we include `microtype` for better rendering:

```
104 \makeatletter
105 \ifdefined\yb@authordraft\else
106   \RequirePackage[letterspace=-50]{microtype}
107 \fi
108 \makeatother
```

`libertine` Then, we include `libertine`, for a good looking font:

```
109 \makeatletter
110 \ifdefined\yb@manuscript
111   \RequirePackage[tt=false,type1=true]{libertine}
112 \fi
113 \makeatother
```

`\section` Then, we redefine `\section` command:

```
114 \makeatletter
115 \let\yb@oldsection\section
116 \def\yb@secstart{\ifdefined\yb@sparse\newpage\fi}
117 \ifdefined\yb@authordraft
118   \RequirePackage[medium]{titlesec}
119 \else
120   \RequirePackage[raggedright]{titlesec}
121   \titlespacing{\section}{0in}{6pt}{6pt}[1in]
122   \renewcommand\section{\yb@secstart\yb@oldsection}
123 \fi
124 \ifdefined\yb@compact
125   \renewcommand\section{\yb@secstart\vspace{2em}\yb@oldsection}
126 \fi
127 \makeatother
```

Then, if it's a `authordraft`, we put a watermark comment:

```
128 \makeatletter
129 \ifdefined\yb@authordraft
130   \RequirePackage[absolute]{textpos}
131   \TPGrid{16}{16}
132   \RequirePackage{fancyhdr}
133   \pagestyle{fancy}
134   \renewcommand\headrulewidth{0pt}
135   \renewcommand\footrulewidth{0pt}
136   \setlength{\headheight}{16pt}
137   \fancyhf{}
138   \fancyhead[L,C,L0,C0]{}
139   \fancyhead[R,R0]{%
140     \begin{textblock}{16}[0.5,0.5](8,8)%
141       \tikz \node[minimum width=16\TPHorizModule] {%
142         \fontsize{64}{64}\selectfont\bfseries%
143         \rotatebox{45}{%
144           \tikz \node
145             [fill=gray!8, font=\ttfamily\color{white}]
146             {it is a draft};%
147         }%
148       };%
149     \end{textblock}%
150     \begin{textblock}{4}(11.5,1)%
```

```

151 \tikz \node [color=gray, rotate=270,
152     font=\ttfamily\scriptsize, text width=8in] at (0,0) {%
153     Copyright \textcopyright{} \the\year{} by \theauthor{}.
154     All rights reserved. No part of the contents of
155     this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any
156     form or by any means without the written permission
157     of the publisher. This particular manuscript is
158     printed for \textbf{\thereviewer{}} and may be used only
159     for one-time review. The manuscript has to be destroyed
160     after the review.%}
161 };
162 \end{textblock}
163 }
164 \fancyfoot[C,CO,C]{\small\ttfamily%
165     page \#\thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}}
166 \fi
167 \makeatother

```

\maketitle Then, we redefine \maketitle command:

```

168 \renewcommand\maketitle{
169     {\LARGE\textbf{\thetitle}}
170     \\[1em]
171     by \theauthor{}
172     \\[4em]
173     \ifx\thevolume\empty\else%
174         Volume \thevolume{}\\
175     \fi
176     \ifx\thedate\empty\else%
177         Rendered on \thedate{}
178     \fi
179     \ifx\theversion\empty\else%
180         \\
181         Ver. \theversion{}
182     \fi
183 }

```

\ybPrintTitlePage Then, we define \ybPrintTitlePage command:

```

184 \makeatletter
185 \newcommand\ybPrintTitlePage{
186     \ifdefined\yb@authordraft\else
187         \begin{titlepage}
188             \ttfamily
189             \vspace*\{\fill}
190             \noindent
191             \Huge\thetitle
192             \\[1em]
193             by \theauthor{}
194             \\[4em]
195             \ifx\thevolume\empty\else%
196                 Volume \thevolume{}\\
197             \fi
198             \ifx\thedate\empty\else%
199                 \thedate{}
200             \fi

```

```

201      \ifx\thedate\empty\else%
202          \\
203          \theversion{}%
204      \fi
205      \vspace*\{\fill\}
206  \end{titlepage}
207 \fi
208 }
209 \makeatother

```

\ybPrintTOC Then, we define `ybPrintTOC` command to print table of contents:

```

210 \makeatletter
211 \newcommand\ybPrintTOC{
212   \ifdefined\yb@authordraft\else
213     \ifdefined\yb@compact\else\cleardoublepage\fi
214     {\setstretch{0.7}\tableofcontents}
215   \fi
216 }
217 \makeatother

```

\ybPrintIndex Then, we configure `imakeidx` package and define `\ybPrintIndex` command:

```

218 \RequirePackage{imakeidx}
219   \renewbibmacro*{citeindex}{\indexnames{\labelname}{}}
220   \makeindex
221   \indexsetup{othercode={\hyphenpenalty=10000}}
222 \makeatletter
223 \newcommand\ybPrintIndex[1] [Index]{%
224   \ifdefined\yb@authordraft\else
225     \cleardoublepage%
226   \fi%
227   \setstretch{1.0}%
228   \small%
229   \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{\#1}%
230   \printindex%
231 }
232 \fi%
233 }
234 \makeatother

```

\ybQuote Then, with the help of `wrapfig` and `mdframed`, we define `\ybQuote` command:

```

235 \RequirePackage{wrapfig}
236 \RequirePackage{mdframed}
237 \RequirePackage{changepage}
238 \strictpagecheck
239 \mdfdefinestyle{quoteodd}{backgroundcolor=black!0,
240   leftmargin=6pt,rightmargin=0pt,
241   innerleftmargin=6pt,innerrightmargin=0pt,
242   innertopmargin=0pt,innerbottommargin=0pt,
243   skipabov=0pt,skipbelow=0pt,
244   linewidth=2pt,
245   topline=false,bottomline=false,rightline=false}
246 \mdfdefinestyle{quoteeven}{backgroundcolor=black!0,
247   rightmargin=6pt,leftmargin=0pt,
248   innerrightmargin=6pt,innerleftmargin=0pt,

```

```

249  innertopmargin=0pt,innerbottommargin=0pt,
250  skipabove=0pt,skipbelow=0pt,
251  linewidth=2pt,
252  topline=false,bottomline=false,leftline=false}
253 \makeatletter
254 \newcommand\ybQuote[3]{%
255   \ifthenelse{\isempty{#3}}{}{%
256     \ifx\hfuzz#2\hfuzz%
257       \index{#3}%
258     \else%
259       \index{#3, #2}%
260     \fi%
261   }%
262   \def\yb@body{%
263     \raggedright%
264     \ifx\hfuzz#3\hfuzz%
265       #1%
266     \else%
267       ‘‘#1’’\\ \raggedleft---#2 #3%
268     \fi%
269   }%
270   \ifdefined\yb@authordraft%
271     \begin{wrapfigure}{r}{0.4\textwidth}%
272       \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteodd]%
273         \yb@body%
274       \end{mdframed}%
275     \end{wrapfigure}%
276   \else%
277     \begin{wrapfigure}{o}[12pt]{0.4\textwidth}%
278       \sffamily\checkoddpage%
279       \ifoddpage%
280         \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteodd]\yb@body\end{mdframed}%
281       \else%
282         \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteeven]\yb@body\end{mdframed}%
283       \fi%
284       \vspace{-12pt}%
285     \end{wrapfigure}%
286   \fi%
287 }
288 \makeatother

```

Then, we use and configure footmisc as suggested [here](#):

```

289 \RequirePackage{perpage}
290 \RequirePackage[bottom,perpage,multiple]{footmisc}
291 \makeatletter
292 \let\yb@oldfootnote\footnote
293 \newcommand\yb@nexttoken\relax
294 \newcommand\yb@isfootnote{%
295   \ifx\footnote\yb@nexttoken\textsuperscript{,}\fi}
296 \renewcommand\footnote[1]{%
297   \yb@oldfootnote{\#1}\futurelet\yb@nexttoken\yb@isfootnote}
298 \makeatother

```

\ybPrintBibliography Then, we define \ybPrintBibliography, to print a list of references:

```

299 \makeatletter
300 \newcommand\ybPrintBibliography{%
301   \AtNextBibliography{\small}%
302   \raggedright%
303   \ifdefined\yb@manuscript%
304     \setlength\bibitemsep{0pt}%
305     \newpage%
306     \begin{multicols}{2}%
307       \setstretch{1.0}\printbibliography%
308     \end{multicols}%
309   \else%
310     \printbibliography%
311   \fi%
312 }
313 \makeatother

```

Then, a few layout configurations at the beginning of the document:

```

314 \AtBeginDocument{%
315   \raggedbottom%
316   \setlength\topskip{0mm}%
317   \setlength\parindent{0pt}%
318   \setlength\fboxsep{0pt}%
319   \setlength\parskip{6pt}%
320   \interfootnotelinepenalty=10000%
321 }

```

Finally, a few meta commands with default values:

```

322 \newcommand*\thetitle{\textbackslash{}thetitle}
323 \newcommand*\thevolume{}%
324 \newcommand*\thedate{}%
325 \newcommand*\theversion{\textbackslash{}theversion}%
326 \newcommand*\theauthor{\textbackslash{}theauthor}%
327 \newcommand*\thereviewer{\textbackslash{}thereviewer}%
328
329 \endinput

```

Change History

v0.1.0	General: Initial version	3	v0.5.0	General: The <code>sparse</code> package option added, to place every section in a new page.	3
v0.2.0	General: Started using l3build	3	v0.5.1	General: Added the usage of <code>inputenc</code> in order to ensure UTF-8 encoding for the sources.	3
v0.3.0	General: The <code>pgfopts</code> package is now used to parse package options.	3	v0.6.0	General: The <code>apa</code> package option added, to enable APA citation style.	3
v0.4.0	<code>authordraft</code> : The package option <code>draft</code> renamed to <code>draft</code>	2			

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