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## 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 for fiction books. I use this option to render [Code Ahead](#) book.
- `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.

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\*The sources are in GitHub at [yegor256/yb-book.cls](https://github.com/yegor256/yb-book.cls)

`draft` 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 `\thereviewer{}` 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[draft]{yb-book}
\renewcommand*\thereviewer{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*\thereviewer{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!
\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   draft/.store in=\yb@draft,
5   compact/.store in=\yb@compact,
6   manuscript/.store in=\yb@manuscript,
7 }
8 \ProcessPgfPackageOptions{/yb}
```

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

```
9 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@draft
10  \PassOptionsToClass{11pt}{book}
11  \PassOptionsToClass{oneside}{book}
12 \else
13  \ifdefined\yb@manuscript
14    \PassOptionsToClass{12pt}{book}
15    \PassOptionsToClass{oneside}{book}
16  \else
17    \PassOptionsToClass{11pt}{book}
18    \PassOptionsToClass{twoside}{book}
19  \fi
20 \fi\makeatother
21 \LoadClass{book}
```

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

```
22 \RequirePackage{geometry}
23 \geometry{paperwidth=6in, paperheight=9in, bindingoffset=0.25in,
24   left=0.75in, right=0.75in, top=0.75in, bottom=1.25in}
25 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@draft
26  \geometry{a4paper, margin=1in, left=1.5in}
27 \else
28  \ifdefined\yb@manuscript
29    \geometry{a4paper, margin=1.2in}
30  \fi
31 \fi\makeatother
```

Then, we configure input encoding for UTF-8:

```
32 \RequirePackage[T1]{fontenc}
33 \RequirePackage[utf8]{inputenc}
34 \RequirePackage{lmodern}
```

Then, we load many important packages:

```
35 \RequirePackage{anyfontsize}
36 \RequirePackage{tikz}
37 \usetikzlibrary{positioning}
38 \usetikzlibrary{shapes}
39 \usetikzlibrary{fit}
40 \RequirePackage{chngcntr}
41 \counterwithout{footnote}{chapter}
42 \RequirePackage{lastpage}
43 \RequirePackage{paralist}
44 \RequirePackage{xcolor}
45 \RequirePackage{graphicx}
46 \RequirePackage[inline]{enumitem}
47 \setlist{nosep}
48 \RequirePackage{float}
49 \RequirePackage[normalem]{ulem}
50 \RequirePackage{xfp}
51 \RequirePackage{soul}
52 \RequirePackage{xifthen}
53 \RequirePackage[autostyle=try]{csquotes}
```

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

```
54 \pagestyle{plain}
```

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

```
55 \RequirePackage{setspace}
56 \setstretch{1.2}
57 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@draft\setstretch{1.1}\fi\makeatother
58 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@compact\setstretch{1.0}\fi\makeatother
59 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@manuscript\setstretch{1.1}\fi\makeatother
```

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

```
60 \RequirePackage[indexing=cite,style=authoryear,
61 natbib=true,maxnames=1,minnames=1,doi=false,
62 url=false,isbn=false,isbn=false]{biblatex}
63 \DeclareCiteCommand{\citetitle}
64 {\boolfalse{citetracker}%
65 \boolfalse{pagetracker}%
66 \usebibmacro{prenote}}
67 {\ifciteindex
68 {\indexnames{labelname}}
69 {}%
70 \printfield[citetitle]{labeltitle}}
71 {\multicitedelim}
72 {\usebibmacro{postnote}}
73 \DeclareCiteCommand*{\citetitle}
74 {\boolfalse{citetracker}%
75 \boolfalse{pagetracker}%
76 \usebibmacro{prenote}}
77 {\ifciteindex
78 {\indexnames{labelname}}
79 {}%
```

```

80     \printfield[citetitle]{title}}
81     {\multicitedelim}
82     {\usebibmacro{postnote}}

```

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

```

83 \newenvironment{condensed}
84   {\begingroup\setstretch{1.0}\lsstyle}
85   {\endgroup}

```

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

```

86 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@draft\else
87   \RequirePackage[letterspace=-50]{microtype}
88 \fi\makeatother

```

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

```

89 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@manuscript
90   \RequirePackage[tt=false,type1=true]{libertine}
91 \fi\makeatother

```

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

```

92 \makeatletter
93 \let\yb@oldsection\section
94 \ifdefined\yb@draft
95   \RequirePackage[medium]{titlesec}
96 \else
97   \RequirePackage[raggedright]{titlesec}
98   \titlespacing{\section}{0in}{6pt}{6pt}[1in]
99   \renewcommand\section{\newpage\yb@oldsection}
100 \fi
101 \ifdefined\yb@compact
102   \renewcommand\section{\vspace{2em}\yb@oldsection}
103 \fi
104 \makeatother

```

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

```

105 \makeatletter\ifdefined\yb@draft
106   \RequirePackage[absolute]{textpos}
107   \TPGrid{16}{16}
108   \RequirePackage{fancyhdr}
109   \pagestyle{fancy}
110   \renewcommand\headrulewidth{0pt}
111   \renewcommand\footrulewidth{0pt}
112   \setlength{\headheight}{16pt}
113   \fancyhf{}
114   \fancyhead[L,C,LO,CO]{}
115   \fancyhead[R,RO]{
116     \begin{textblock}{4}(11.5,1)
117       \tikz \node [color=gray, rotate=270,
118         font=\ttfamily\scriptsize, text width=5in] at (0,0) {
119         Copyright \textcopyright{} \the\year{} by \theauthor{}.
120         All rights reserved. No part of the contents of
121         this book may be reproduced or transmitted in any

```

```

122     form or by any means without the written permission
123     of the publisher. This particular manuscript is
124     printed for \textbf{\thereviewer{}} and may be used only
125     for one-time review. The manuscript has to be destroyed
126     after the review.
127   };
128   \end{textblock}
129 }
130 \fancyfoot[C,CO,CE]{\small\ttfamily
131   page \#\thepage{} of \pageref{LastPage}}
132 \fi\makeatother

```

\maketitle Then, we redefine \maketitle command:

```

133 \renewcommand\maketitle{
134   {\LARGE\textbf{\thetitle}}
135   \\[1em]
136   by \theauthor{}
137   \\[4em]
138   \ifx\thevolume\empty\else%
139     Volume \thevolume{}\
140   \fi
141   \ifx\thedata\empty\else%
142     Rendered on \thedata{}
143   \fi
144   \ifx\theversion\empty\else%
145     \
146     Ver. \theversion{}
147   \fi
148 }

```

\ybPrintTitlePage Then, we define \ybPrintTitlePage command:

```

149 \makeatletter\newcommand\ybPrintTitlePage{
150   \ifdefined\yb@draft\else
151     \begin{titlepage}
152       \ttfamily
153       \vspace*{\fill}
154       \noindent
155       {\Huge\textbf{\thetitle}}
156       \\[1em]
157       by \theauthor{}
158       \\[4em]
159       \ifx\thevolume\empty\else%
160         Volume \thevolume{}\
161       \fi
162       \ifx\thedata\empty\else%
163         \thedata{}
164       \fi
165       \ifx\thedata\empty\else%
166         \
167         \theversion{}
168       \fi
169       \vspace*{\fill}
170     \end{titlepage}
171   \fi

```

```
172 }\makeatother
```

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

```
173 \makeatletter\newcommand\ybPrintTOC{
174   \ifdefined\yb@draft\else
175     \ifdefined\yb@compact\else\cleardoublepage\fi
176     {\setstretch{0.7}\tableofcontents}
177   \fi
178 }\makeatother
```

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

```
179 \RequirePackage{imakeidx}
180 \renewbibmacro*{citeindex}{\indexnames{labelname}{}}
181 \makeindex
182 \indexsetup{othercode={\hyphenpenalty=10000}}
183 \makeatletter\newcommand\ybPrintIndex[1][Index]{
184   \ifdefined\yb@draft\else
185     \cleardoublepage
186     {
187       \setstretch{1.0}
188       \small
189       \addcontentsline{toc}{chapter}{#1}
190       \printindex
191     }
192   \fi
193 }\makeatother
```

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

```
194 \RequirePackage{wrapfig}
195 \RequirePackage{mdframed}
196 \RequirePackage{changepage}
197 \strictpagecheck
198 \mdfdefinestyle{quoteodd}{backgroundcolor=black!0,
199   leftmargin=6pt,rightmargin=0pt,
200   innerleftmargin=6pt,innerrightmargin=0pt,
201   innertopmargin=0pt,innerbottommargin=0pt,
202   skipabove=0pt,skipbelow=0pt,
203   linewidth=2pt,
204   topline=false,bottomline=false,rightline=false}
205 \mdfdefinestyle{quoteeven}{backgroundcolor=black!0,
206   rightmargin=6pt,leftmargin=0pt,
207   innerrightmargin=6pt,innerleftmargin=0pt,
208   innertopmargin=0pt,innerbottommargin=0pt,
209   skipabove=0pt,skipbelow=0pt,
210   linewidth=2pt,
211   topline=false,bottomline=false,leftline=false}
212 \makeatletter\newcommand\ybQuote[3]{%
213   \ifthenelse{\isempty{#3}}{ }{
214     \ifx\hfuzz#2\hfuzz%
215       \index{#3}%
216     \else%
217       \index{#3, #2}%
218     \fi%
219   }%
```

```

220 \def\yb@body{%
221   \raggedright%
222   \ifx\hfuzz#3\hfuzz%
223     #1%
224   \else%
225     ‘#1’\raggedleft---#2 #3%
226   \fi%
227 }
228 \ifdefined\yb@draft%
229   \begin{wrapfigure}{r}{0.4\textwidth}%
230     \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteodd]%
231       \yb@body%
232     \end{mdframed}%
233   \end{wrapfigure}%
234 \else%
235   \begin{wrapfigure}{o}[12pt]{0.4\textwidth}%
236     \sffamily\checkoddpaper%
237     \ifoddpaper%
238       \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteodd]\yb@body\end{mdframed}%
239     \else%
240       \begin{mdframed}[style=quoteeven]\yb@body\end{mdframed}%
241     \fi%
242     \vspace{-12pt}
243   \end{wrapfigure}%
244 \fi%
245 }\makeatother

```

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

```

246 \RequirePackage{perpage}
247 \RequirePackage[bottom,perpage,multiple]{footmisc}
248 \makeatletter
249 \let\yb@oldfootnote\footnote
250 \newcommand\yb@nexttoken\relax
251 \newcommand\yb@isfootnote{%
252   \ifx\footnote\yb@nexttoken\textsuperscript{,}\fi}
253 \renewcommand\footnote[1]{%
254   \yb@oldfootnote{#1}\futurelet\yb@nexttoken\yb@isfootnote}
255 \makeatother

```

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

```

256 \makeatletter\newcommand\ybPrintBibliography{%
257   \AtNextBibliography{\small}%
258   \raggedright%
259   \ifdefined\yb@manuscript%
260     \setlength\bibitemsep{0pt}%
261     \newpage%
262     \begin{multicols}{2}
263       {\setstretch{1.0}\printbibliography}
264     \end{multicols}
265   \else
266     \printbibliography
267   \fi
268 }\makeatother

```



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

```
269 \AtBeginDocument{%  
270   \raggedbottom%  
271   \setlength\topskip{0mm}%  
272   \setlength\parindent{0pt}%  
273   \setlength\fbboxsep{0pt}%  
274   \setlength\parskip{6pt}%  
275   \interfootnotelinepenalty=10000%  
276 }
```

Finally, a few meta commands with default values:

```
277 \newcommand\thetitle{\textbackslash{}thetitle}  
278 \newcommand\thevolume{}  
279 \newcommand\thedate{}  
280 \newcommand\theversion{\textbackslash{}theversion}  
281 \newcommand\theauthor{\textbackslash{}theauthor}  
282 \newcommand\thereviewer{\textbackslash{}thereviewer}
```

## Change History

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