LIGHTDRIVE HELP CENTER

LightDrive User Manual

Chapter 8 - Reading Documents and Books

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8.1 Reading Files in the Vault

LightDrive offers two ways to read stored material.

Files

Select a supported document in Files to open its native viewer. Text files open read-write in the Text app when they are ordinary documents. Images, video, PDF, and other supported formats open in their corresponding viewers.

Books

The Books app provides separate ebook and audiobook shelves, dedicated Books and Audiobooks folders, public-domain catalog search, imports, metadata, progress, collections, notes, and reading or listening controls. A plain-text file opened from the Books shelf is read-only, which prevents accidental edits while reading.

Use Files to manage arbitrary documents. Use Books when the item belongs in a reading or listening library.

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8.2 PDF Files

Books accepts PDF uploads and displays them on the ebook shelf. Select a cover to open the book.

In Books settings, **Open PDFs with the ebook reader** controls which viewer handles PDFs. Leave it off for the native PDF viewer. Turn it on when you prefer the ebook reader’s navigation and reading interface.

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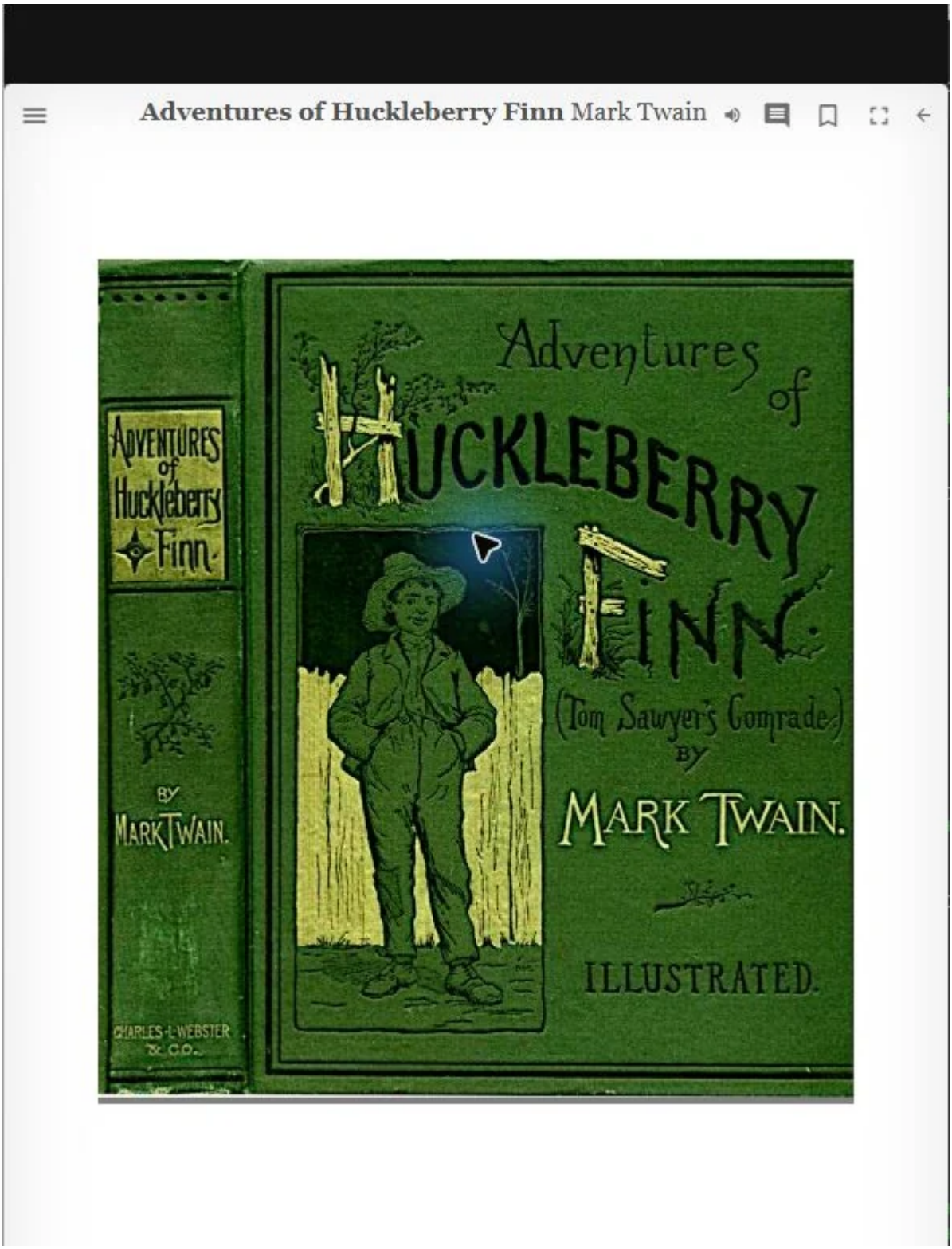
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8.3 EPUB Books

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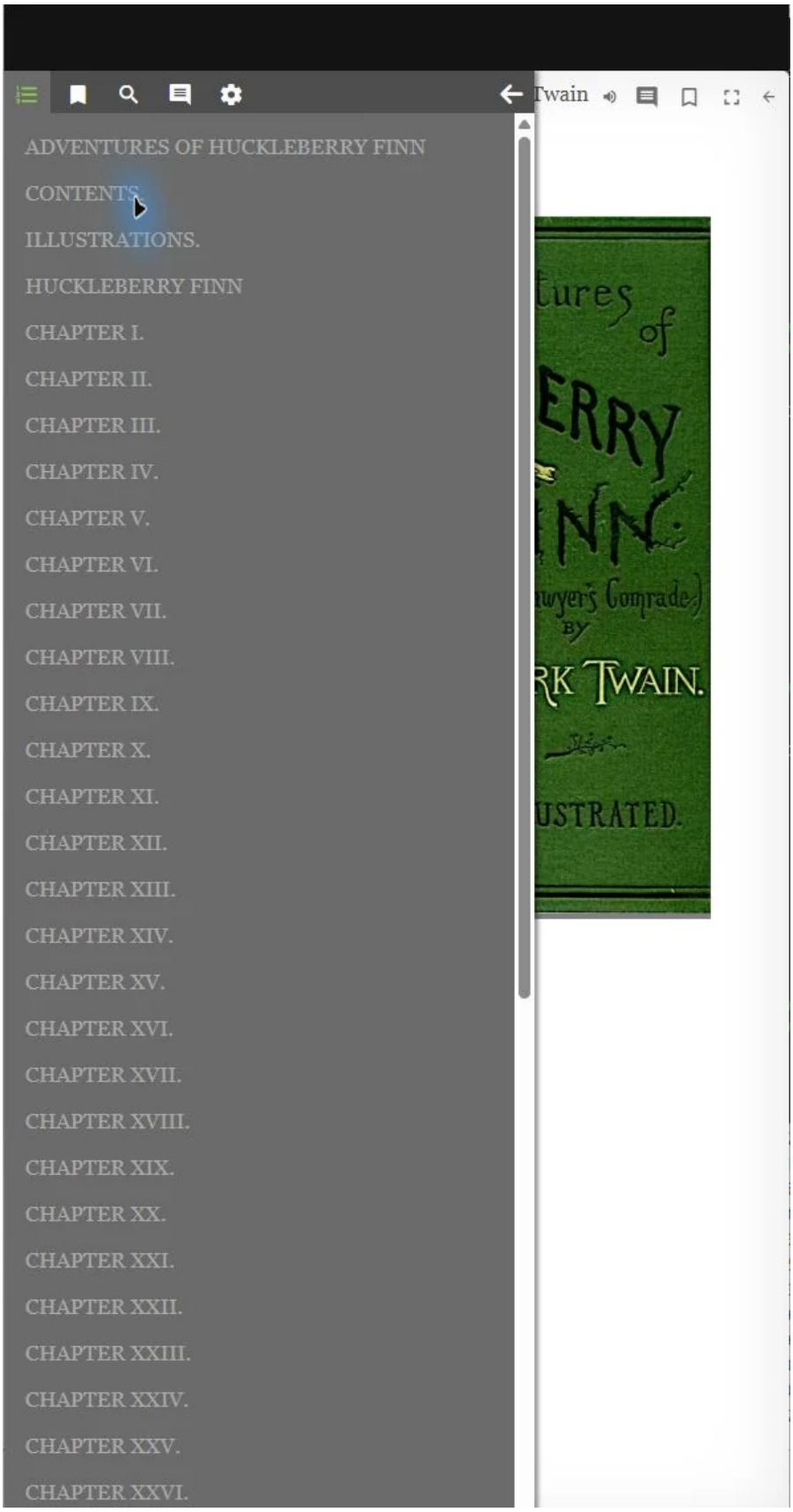
Reader controls

Select the cover to open the EPUB reader. Its toolbar provides contents, bookmarks, search, notes, reader settings, read aloud, and close. The reader remembers the book’s reading position.



The EPUB toolbar provides navigation, search, notes, bookmarks, reading tools, and a return to Books.

Read aloud uses voices installed in the browser or device. Choose a voice, rate, and sleep option; start from the current place or selected sentence. LightDrive saves the read-aloud place separately so you can continue later.


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Open the navigation panel to move through the table of contents and other saved reading locations.

Notes and saved places

Create bookmarks, highlights, and notes in the reader. They appear under **Notebook** in Books and can reopen the book at the saved location. Exporting notes creates a Markdown file beside the EPUB in the Books folder.

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8.4 Comic Book Files (CBZ)

CBZ is a ZIP archive containing ordered comic-book images. Store a CBZ file in Files and select it to open the available comic or archive viewer.

The Books import tool accepts EPUB, PDF, and plain-text ebooks; it does not add CBZ files to the ebook shelf. Keep comic archives in a clearly named Files folder and use Favourites when you want quick access.

Page order comes from the image names inside the archive. If pages appear out of order, correct the names before rebuilding the CBZ. Use zero-padded names such as `001.jpg`, `002.jpg`, and `010.jpg`.

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8.5 Reading Preferences

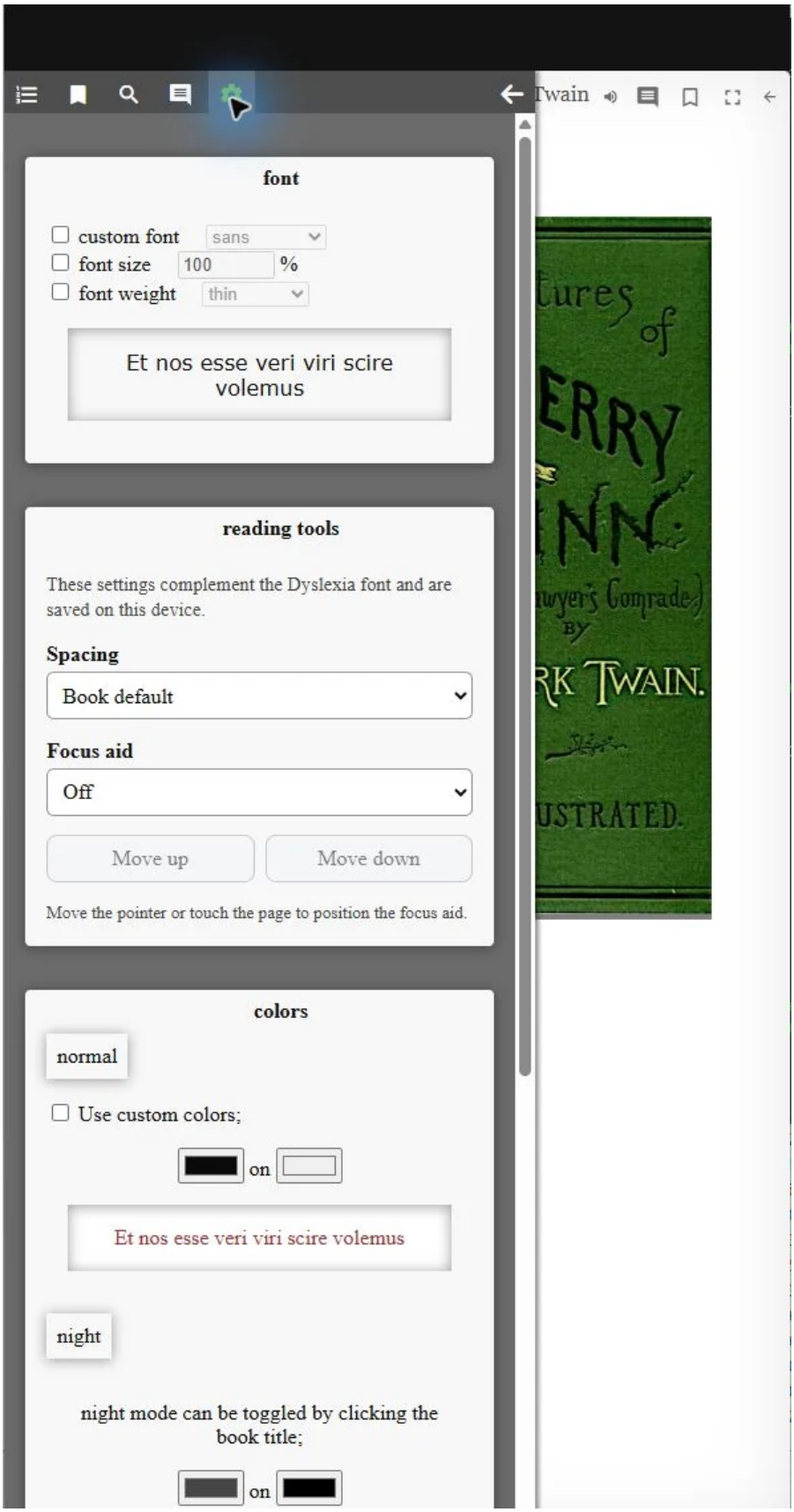
Books and the EPUB reader provide separate shelf and page preferences.

Shelf settings

Open **Settings** in Books to choose the ebook and audiobook folders, shelf appearance, whether titles and authors appear above covers, whether PDFs use the ebook reader, and OPDS reader access.

EPUB settings

Open the gear in the EPUB reader to set its font, font size, font weight, colors, night mode, page width, reflow behavior, and page-turn areas. LightDrive adds text-spacing presets and focus aids to the same settings area. The focus aid can use a reading ruler or a three-line focus window.


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Reader settings combine page appearance with LightDrive spacing and focus aids.

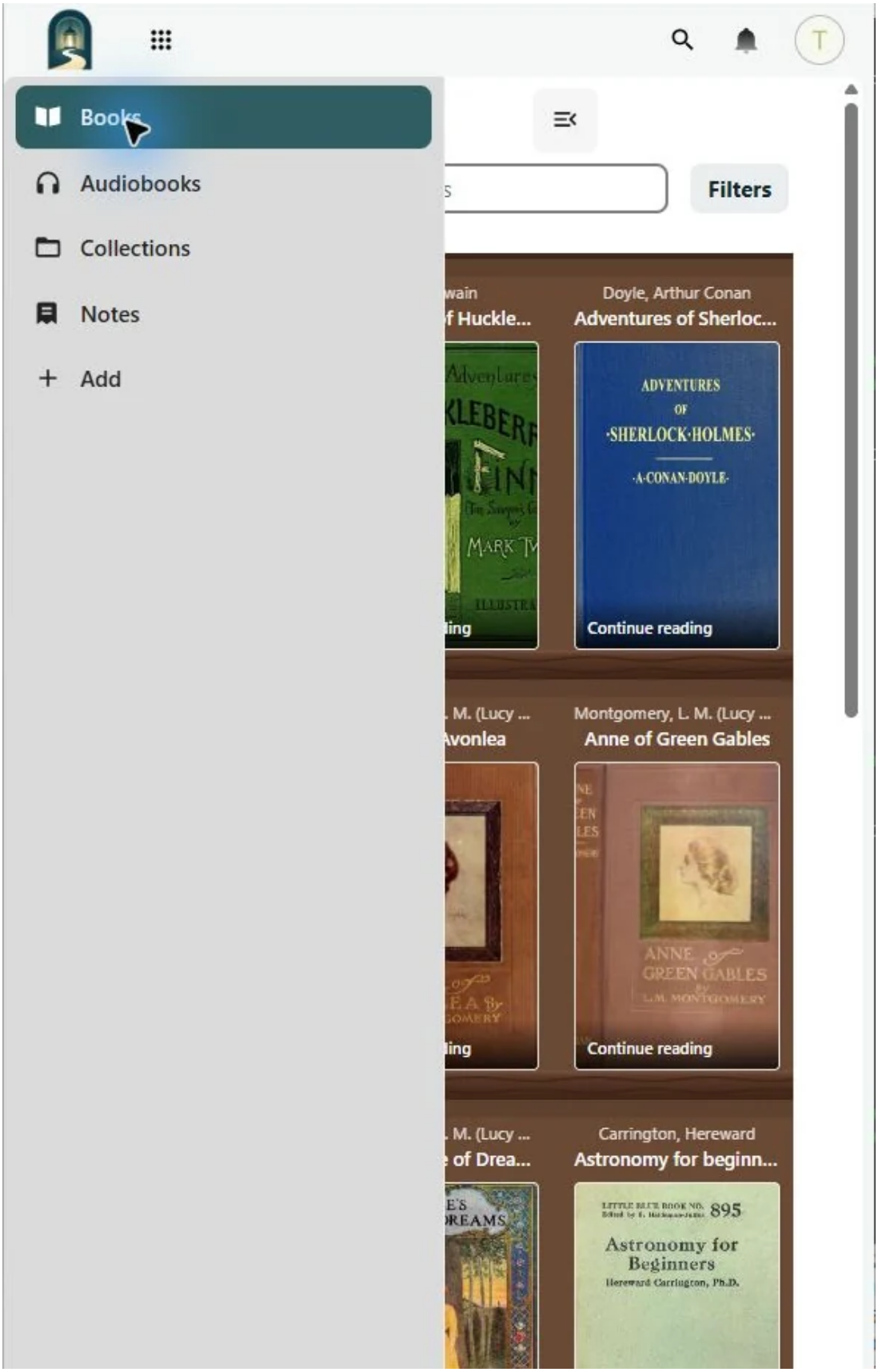
Accessibility

The Vault-wide Dyslexia font setting is under **Appearance & Accessibility**. It also applies to plain-text book content. EPUB settings and LightDrive’s spacing and focus choices persist when the reader closes.

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8.6 Organizing an Ebook Collection

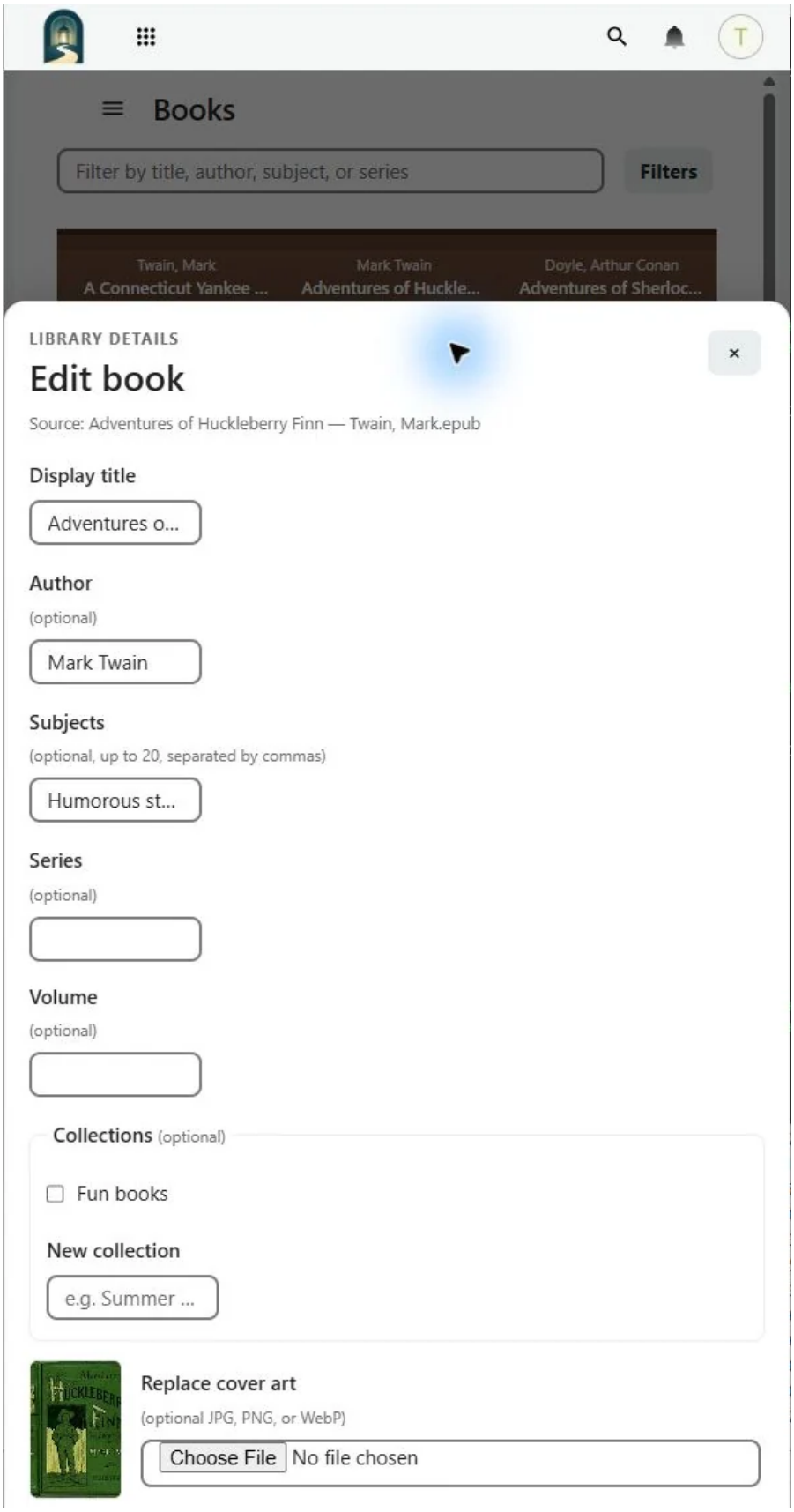
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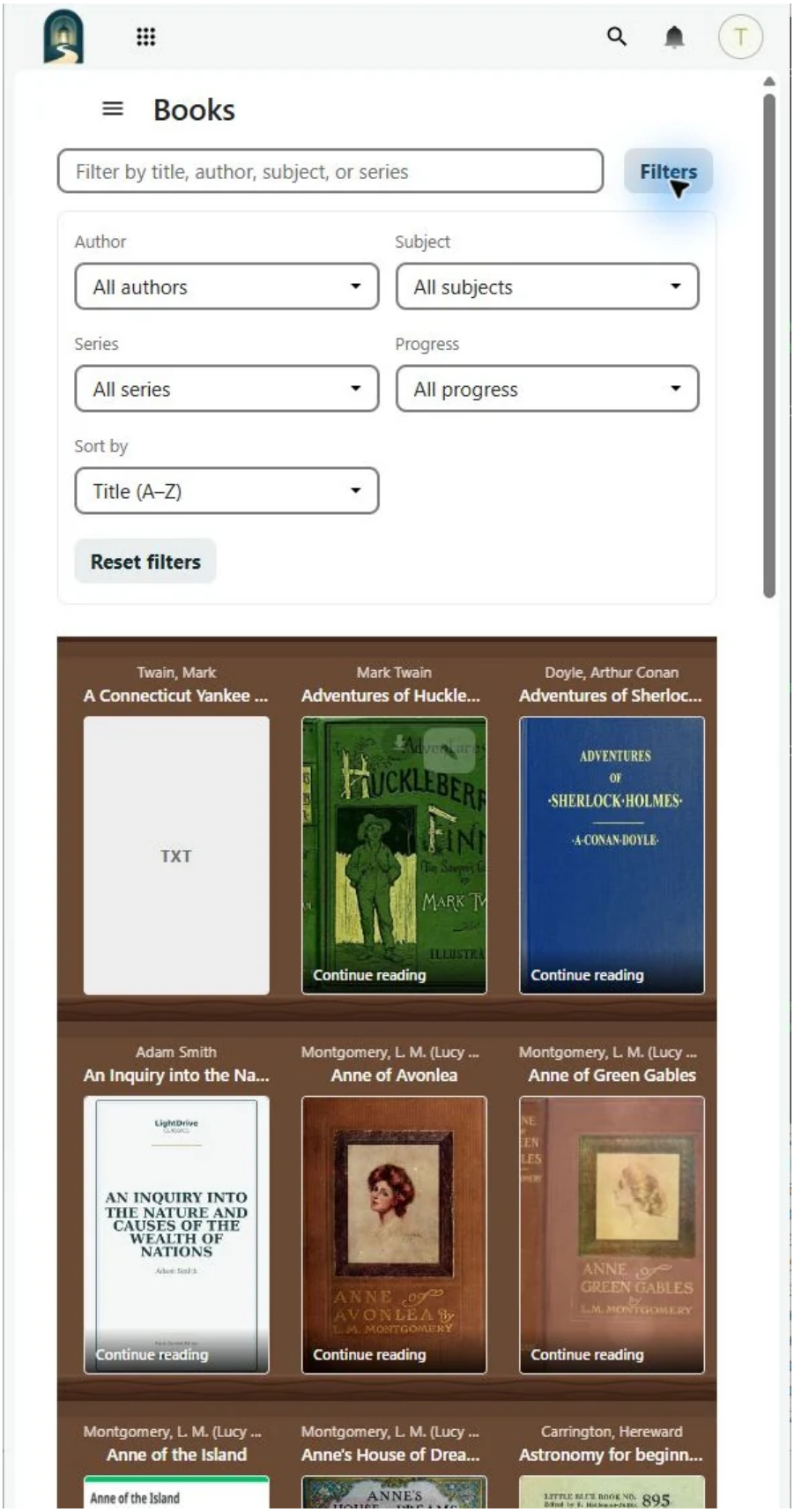
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