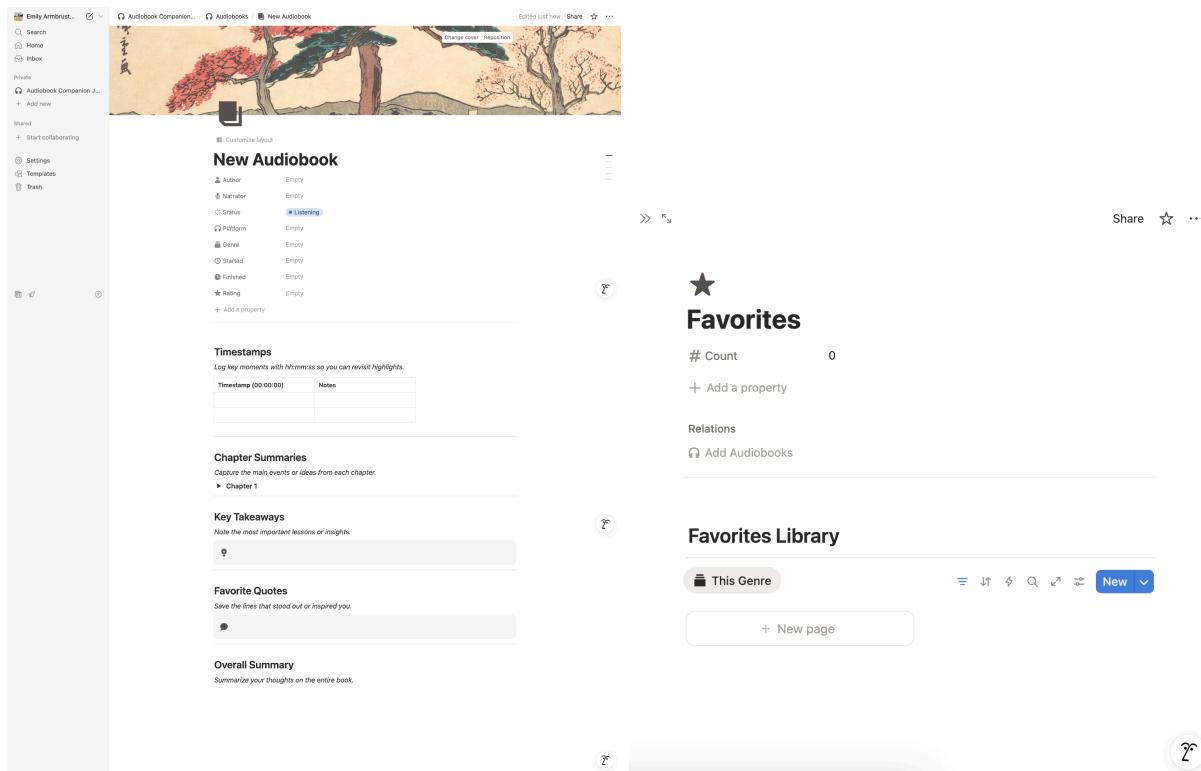


Week 3 Progress Report

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What I Worked on This Week

This week I built the main template for logging a new audiobook in Notion. I also built out a genre page. When you click into a genre, you can see how many books you've logged in that category and view them in a gallery. On top of that, I started playing around with the design for the main hub page of the Notion workspace.

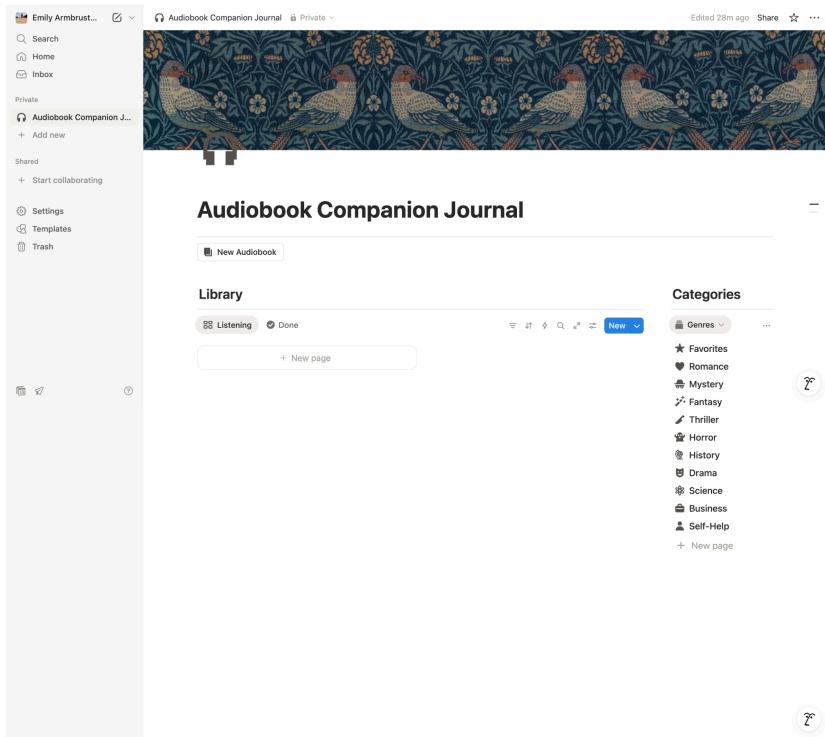


The screenshot shows a Notion workspace with the following layout and content:

- Left Sidebar:** Shows the workspace navigation with sections like Home, Inbox, Private, and Shared.
- Header:** Displays the workspace name "Emily Armbruster...", the title "Audiobook Companion...", and a sub-page "Audibooks / New Audiobook".
- Main Area (New Audiobook Page):**
 - Header:** "New Audiobook" with a "Customize layout" button.
 - Form Fields:** Fields for Author (Empty), Narrator (Empty), Status (Listening), Platform (Empty), Genre (Empty), Started (Empty), Finished (Empty), and Rating (Empty). A "+ Add a property" button is also present.
 - Timestamps:** A table for logging key moments with timecodes (00:00:00) and notes.
 - Chapter Summaries:** A section for capturing main events or ideas from each chapter, with a "Chapter 1" entry.
 - Key Takeaways:** A section for noting the most important lessons or insights.
 - Favorite Quotes:** A section for saving lines that stood out or inspired you.
 - Overall Summary:** A section for summarizing thoughts on the entire book.
- Right Side (Favorites and Library):**
 - Favorites:** A section with a star icon, a "Count" of 0, and a "+ Add a property" button. It also includes a "Relations" section and a "Add Audiobooks" button.
 - Favorites Library:** A section with a "This Genre" button, a search bar, and a "New" button. It includes a "+ New page" button.

How Much is Done

Since the audiobook logging template is really the biggest piece of this product, getting it finished puts me at around 30–40% done overall.



Tools I Used

- Notion: Where I'm building everything
- YouTube: For tutorials to get me up to speed
- ChatGPT: For troubleshooting and extra tips

What Went Smoothly (and What Didn't)

Honestly, not much felt smooth at first. Notion is super customizable, which also makes it kind of overwhelming when you're brand new. The database functions gave me the most trouble. I had to redo my work three times before my template was saved properly. The good part is that once I started getting the hang of things, I could see how flexible and powerful the tool is.

New Things I Learned

I learned a lot about Notion's database features. They're tricky to figure out at first, but I can see now why people love them.

Biggest Challenges and How I Got Past Them

Getting started was way harder than I expected. I kept getting stuck with how to set things up, but I worked through it by watching tutorials on YouTube, asking ChatGPT for tips, and looking at other creator's templates for inspiration.

What I'm Proud Of

I'm most proud that I didn't let the frustration get to me. Even though it was hard, I didn't quit or scrap my idea. I stuck with it, kept problem solving, and made solid progress.

What's Next

I still need to finish designing the main page and make it more user-friendly with visuals and links. I want the journal to connect with the tools people already use (like Goodreads and Audible) so it feels integrated instead of standalone. Next week, my focus is going to be all about designing the main hub page.