

CLAIMS

1. A method for fanning pages of an electronic book on a touch panel display of an electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books, the method including:
- 5 displaying on the touch panel display a first side of the electronic book, the first side including a first page and a view of a thickness of the first side of the electronic book, the thickness of the first side of the electronic book representing a first contact zone;
- 10 contacting the first contact zone with a pointing object;
- maintaining contact of the pointing object with the touch panel display at the first contact zone;
- moving the pointing object towards a first edge of the first contact zone;
- transmitting first direction page fanning instructions to the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books; and
- 15 displaying fanning of pages in the first direction on the touch panel display,
- wherein the thickness of the first side of the electronic book is reduced during the fanning of pages in the first direction.
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2. The method of claim 1, further including displaying on the touch panel display a second side of the electronic book, the second side being of either a side profile of the electronic book or a second page and including a view of a thickness of the second side of the electronic book, the thickness of the
- 25 second side of the electronic book representing a second contact zone.
3. The method of claim 2, further including:
- contacting the second contact zone with the pointing object;
- maintaining contact of the pointing object with the touch panel display
- 30 at the second contact zone;
- moving the pointing object towards a second edge of the second contact zone;
- transmitting second direction page fanning instructions to the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books; and

displaying fanning of pages in a second direction on the touch panel display,

wherein the thickness of the second side of the electronic book is reduced during the fanning of pages in the second direction.

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4. The method of claim 2, wherein the thickness of the second side of the electronic book increases when the thickness of the first side of the electronic book is reduced.

10 5. The method of claim 3, wherein the first direction is opposite to the second direction.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the fanning of pages in the first direction includes showing actual content on each page.

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7. The method of claim 3, wherein the fanning of pages in the second direction includes showing actual content on each page.

20 8. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing object is selected from either a stylus pointer, or at least one appendage of a hand.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the first edge of the first contact zone is at an outer end edge of the first side of the electronic book.

25 10. The method of claim 3, wherein the second edge of the second contact zone is at an outmost end edge of the second side of the electronic book.

30 11. The method of claim 3, further including generating either audio feedback or physical feedback on the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books during the fanning of pages in either the first direction or the second direction.

12. The method of claim 1, further including generating either audio feedback or physical feedback on the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books during the fanning of pages in the first direction.
- 5 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books is sized to be handheld.
- 10 14. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books is a device selected from a group comprising: a mobile phone, an electronic book reader, a mobile internet device, a portable computing device, and any combination of the aforementioned.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for fanning pages of an electronic book on a touch panel display of an electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books, the method including:

displaying on the touch panel display a first side of the electronic book, the first side including a first page and a view of a thickness of the first side of the electronic book, the thickness of the first side of the electronic book representing a first contact zone;

contacting the first contact zone with a pointing object;

maintaining contact of the pointing object with the touch panel display at the first contact zone;

moving the pointing object towards a first edge of the first contact zone;

transmitting first direction page fanning instructions to the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books in response to the pointing object being moved towards the first edge of the first contact zone; and

displaying fanning of pages in the first direction on the touch panel display in response to the transmitted first direction page fanning instructions,

wherein the thickness of the first side of the electronic book is reduced during the fanning of pages in the first direction, and

wherein actual content on each page is substantially shown while pages are fanned in the first direction and actual content on each page is not shown while pages are fanned in opposite direction of the first direction.

2. The method of claim 1, further including displaying on the touch panel display a second side of the electronic book, the second side being of either a side profile of the electronic book or a second page and including a view of a thickness of the second side of the electronic book, the thickness of the second side of the electronic book representing a second contact zone.

3. The method of claim 2, further including:

contacting the second contact zone with the pointing object; maintaining contact of the pointing object with the touch panel display at the second contact zone;

moving the pointing object towards a second edge of the second contact zone;

transmitting second direction page fanning instructions to the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books; and

displaying fanning of pages in a second direction on the touch panel display,

wherein the thickness of the second side of the electronic book is reduced during the fanning of pages in the second direction.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the thickness of the second side of the electronic book increases when the thickness of the first side of the electronic book is reduced.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein the first direction is opposite to the second direction.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein the fanning of pages in the second direction includes showing actual content on each page.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the pointing object is selected from either a stylus pointer, or at least one appendage of a hand.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein the first edge of the first contact zone is at an outer end edge of the first side of the electronic book.

9. The method of claim 3, wherein the second edge of the second contact zone is at an outmost end edge of the second side of the electronic book.

10. The method of claim 3, further including generating audio feedback on the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books during the fanning of pages in either the first direction or the second direction.

11. The method of claim 1, further including generating either audio feedback or physical feedback on the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books during the fanning of pages in the first direction.

12. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books is sized to be handheld.

13. The method of claim 1, wherein the electronic apparatus for consuming electronic books is a device selected from a group comprising: a mobile phone, an electronic book reader, a mobile internet device, a portable computing device, and any combination of the aforementioned.