Sony PRS500U2

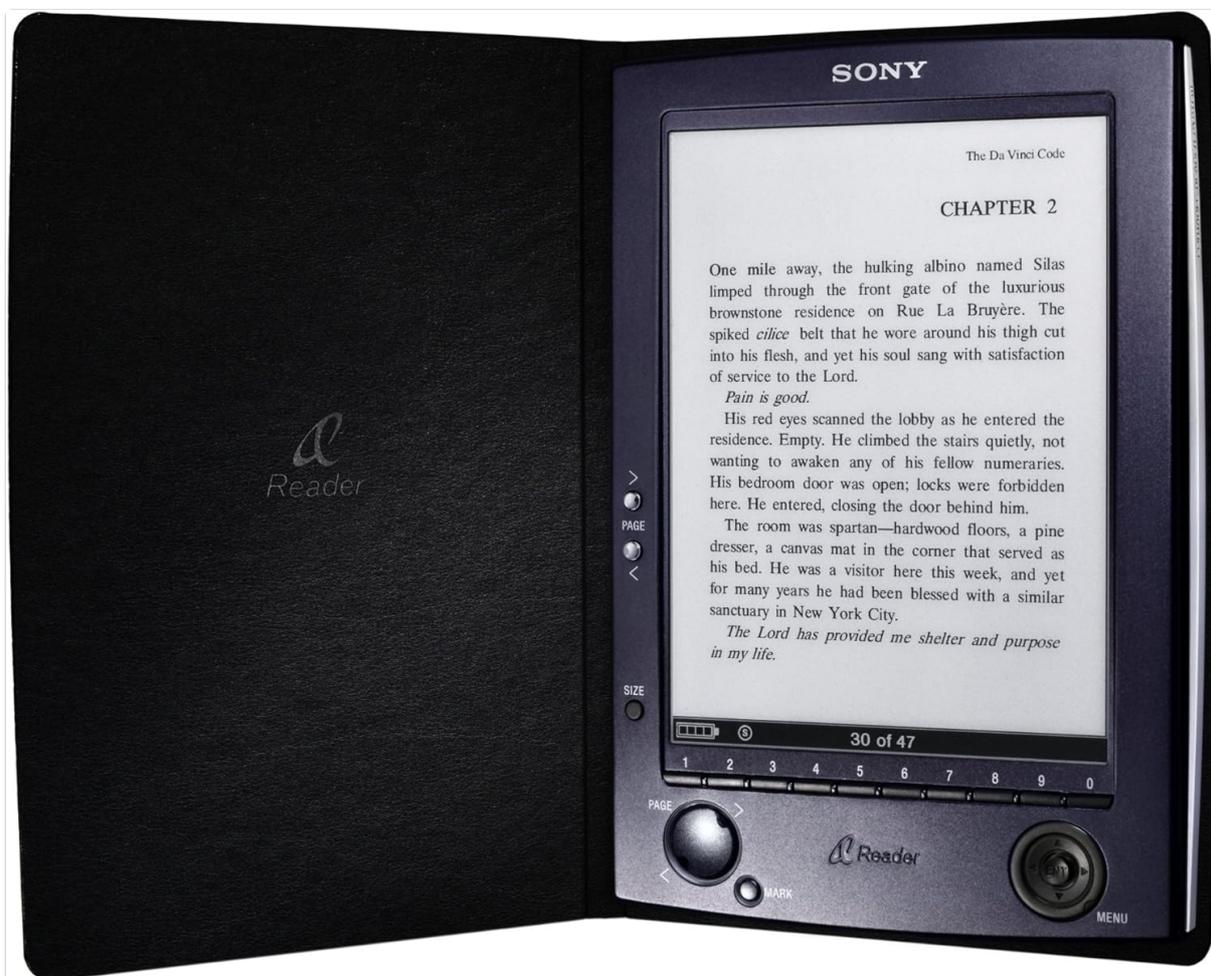# Sony Portable Reader System PRS-500 User Manual

Model: PRS-500

INTRODUCTION

The Sony Portable Reader System PRS-500 is an electronic reading device designed for enjoying and storing digital content. This manual provides instructions for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your device.

GETTING STARTED

1. Unpacking and Initial Charge

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Before first use, connect the PRS-500 to a power source using the provided AC adapter or a computer via the USB cable to fully charge the internal Lithium-Ion battery. A full charge ensures optimal battery performance.

The Sony PRS-500 Portable Reader System with its protective cover open, displaying a digital book on its screen. The device features physical page turn buttons on the side.

2. Software Installation

To manage and transfer content to your Reader, install the CONNECT Reader PC Software on your computer. This software facilitates the transfer of various file formats, including Adobe PDF documents, BBeB Book files, and other text files.

3. Transferring Content

Connect your PRS-500 to your computer using the USB cable. Once recognized by the CONNECT Reader PC Software, you can transfer digital books and documents from your computer to the device's internal memory or an inserted memory card.

4. Inserting Memory Cards

The PRS-500 supports Memory Stick PRO Duo and SD memory cards for expanding storage capacity. Locate the memory card slots on the side of the device. Insert the memory card firmly until it clicks into place. Ensure the card is inserted in the correct orientation.

A side view of the Sony PRS-500 Portable Reader System, showing the Memory Stick PRO Duo and SD card slots, volume controls, and the power switch.
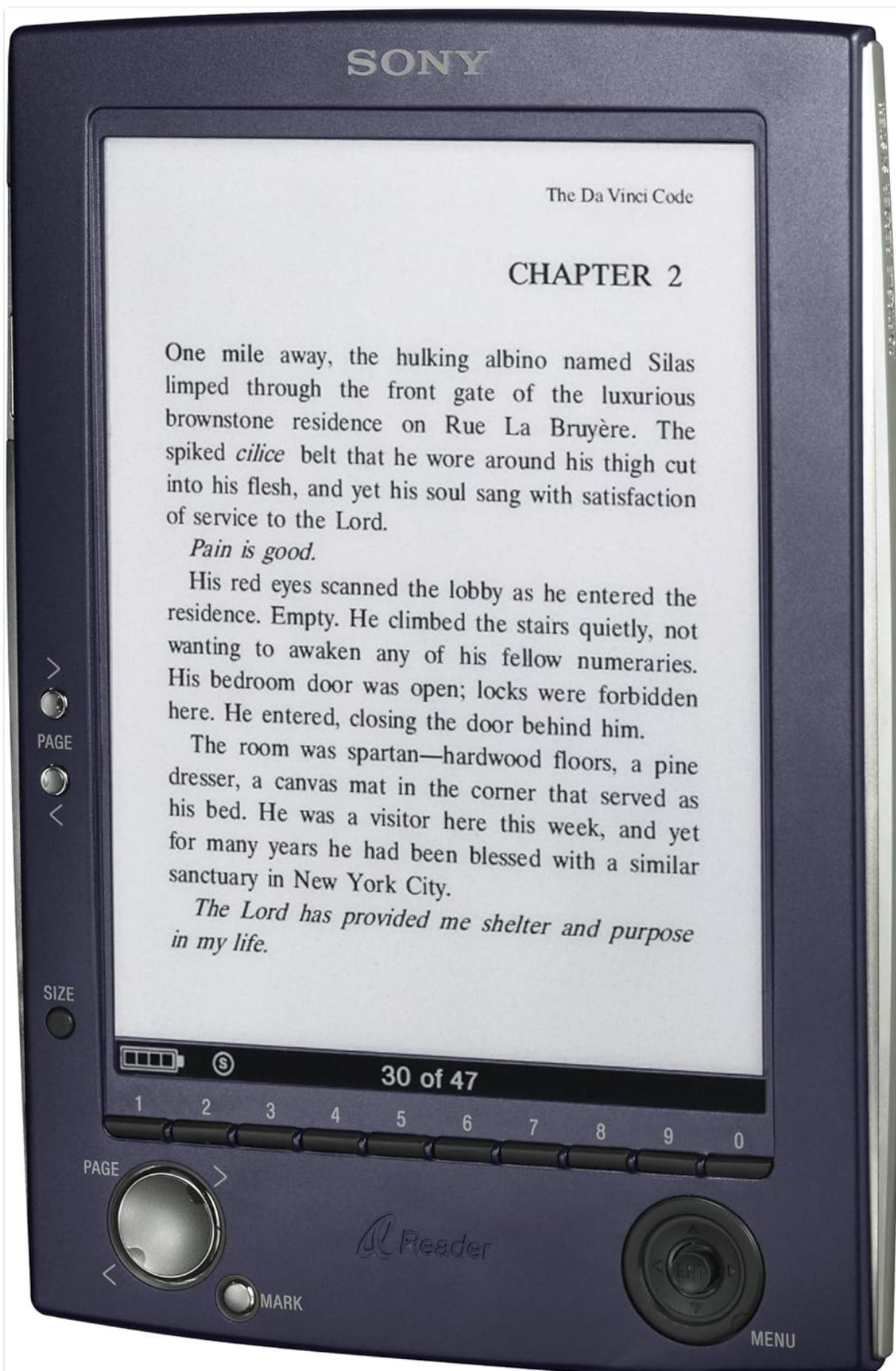
BASIC OPERATION

1. Powering On/Off

To power on the device, slide and hold the power switch located on the side until the screen activates. To power off, slide and hold the power switch again until the device shuts down. A quick press of the power switch may put the device into sleep mode.

2. Navigating the Interface

Use the physical buttons located around the screen to navigate menus, select items, and turn pages. The primary page turn buttons are typically located on the left side of the display. A navigation pad or directional buttons allow for menu selection.

CHAPTER 2

One mile away, the hulking albino named Silas limped through the front gate of the luxurious brownstone residence on Rue La Bruyère. The spiked *cilice* belt that he wore around his thigh cut into his flesh, and yet his soul sang with satisfaction of service to the Lord.

Pain is good.

His red eyes scanned the lobby as he entered the residence. Empty. He climbed the stairs quietly, not wanting to awaken any of his fellow numeraries. His bedroom door was open; locks were forbidden here. He entered, closing the door behind him.

The room was spartan—hardwood floors, a pine dresser, a canvas mat in the corner that served as his bed. He was a visitor here this week, and yet for many years he had been blessed with a similar sanctuary in New York City.

The Lord has provided me shelter and purpose in my life.

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A front view of the Sony PRS-500 Portable Reader System displaying text from a digital book. Visible controls include page turn buttons, a navigation pad, and menu buttons.

3. Reading Documents

Select a book or document from your library to begin reading. The electronic ink display provides a paper-

like reading experience. Use the page turn buttons to advance or go back through pages. The device is rated for approximately 7,500 page turns on a single charge.

The Sony PRS-500 Portable Reader System resting on a stack of physical books, illustrating its compact size and integration into a reading environment.

4. Audio Playback

The PRS-500 supports MP3 audio playback. Connect headphones to the 3.5mm headphone jack to listen to audio files while reading or independently. Use the volume controls on the side of the device to adjust audio levels.

5. Viewing Images

The device can display image files. Navigate to your image library and select an image to view it on the screen.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE

Cleaning the Device

To clean the screen and body of your PRS-500, use a soft, dry, lint-free cloth. Avoid using liquid cleaners, aerosols, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the display or finish. Do not expose the device to excessive moisture.

Battery Care

The PRS-500 uses a Lithium-Ion battery. To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. Store the device in a cool, dry place when not in use for extended periods. Charge the device regularly, even if not in active use, to maintain battery health.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Device Not Responding or Frozen Screen

If the device becomes unresponsive or the screen freezes, attempt a soft reset. Locate the reset button (often a small pinhole) and gently press it with a paperclip or similar thin object. If the issue persists, ensure the device is charged.

Content Transfer Issues

Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the PRS-500 and your computer. Verify that the CONNECT Reader PC Software is correctly installed and updated. Try restarting both the device and the computer.

PDF Document Display

While the PRS-500 supports PDF files, complex or graphically intensive PDF documents may display with limitations, such as difficulty in zooming or slow rendering. For optimal reading, convert complex PDFs to a more compatible format if possible.

Rapid Battery Drain

If the battery drains quickly, ensure the device is fully powered off when not in use, rather than just in sleep mode. Reduce the use of audio playback if battery life is a concern. Ensure the battery is not at the end of its service life.

PRODUCT SPECIFICATIONS

- **Model Name:** PRS-500
- **Item Model Number:** PRS500U2
- **Brand:** Sony
- **Display Technology:** Electronic Ink
- **Display Resolution:** 1024 x 768
- **Connectivity Technology:** USB
- **Memory Storage Capacity:** 4 GB (internal, expandable via memory card)
- **Supported File Formats:** PDF, BBeB Book, Text, MP3, Images
- **Color:** Black
- **Battery Description:** Lithium-Ion
- **Item Weight:** 8 ounces
- **Package Dimensions:** 7.8 x 6.2 x 2.5 inches
- **Date First Available:** September 26, 2006

A bottom view of the Sony PRS-500 Portable Reader System, highlighting the USB port, DC power input, and headphone jack.

SUPPORT INFORMATION

For further assistance, technical support, or warranty inquiries regarding your Sony Portable Reader System PRS-500, please refer to the official Sony support channels or visit the Sony website. Keep your model number (PRS500U2) and purchase information readily available when contacting support.