

Kindle Fire Instructions for downloading ebooks



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Supported file formats for the Kindle Fire: Kindle book

Software needed: none

First time users

- You will have to make sure that your Kindle Fire is registered to your Amazon account. On your Kindle Fire: From the home page, tap the settings gear, then choose 'more' from the right. Select My Account to check your registration. If you purchased your Kindle Fire from Amazon it should already be registered.
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- Click the 'Get library book' button (on the right hand side) and sync your device or app to download the book. To sync your Kindle Fire, tap the Settings gear and then choose sync. Depending on the strength of your Wi-Fi connection and the size of the file, this can take up to a minute. The book should appear on the home screen bookshelf.
- If you don't see the book, turn your Kindle Fire off and back on again. It should show up after restarting it.

Troubleshooting Common Problems

Mobile site vs. Desktop site

- On some Kindle Fires, the web browser may be set by default to view the mobile version of popular websites. If your Kindle Fire is viewing the mobile site, you will need to switch it to the regular desktop site in order to see the Kindle format books.

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Troubleshooting Common Problems continued:

Mobile site vs. Desktop site

- To change the default setting: While in the web browser, touch the menu button at the bottom. Then choose settings.
- Scroll down to Advanced and look for “desktop or mobile view.” Select ‘Desktop: optimize for desktop view.’
- To make sure it works, scroll back up to Saved Data. Clear your cache and cookie data.
- Go back to the web browser. Close the window and try again. This time the full website should open.

Alternatively, you may try these URL’s to switch between sites.

- Mobile version: <http://library2go.lib.overdrive.com/15BFCE68-9417-424A-965A-EFC01007EEF9/40/20/en/Default.htm>
- Full desktop version: <http://library2go.lib.overdrive.com/8008CF8A-7E68-41B3-8DD8-6BCB7E77DE50/10/438/en/Default.htm>

Other Helpful Hints

- If you do not have an active Wi-Fi connection, you may download books to your Kindle Fire via USB cable. You will need to start the process from a computer, then follow the steps above. Once the screen opens to the Amazon site, choose Get library book on the right hand side. Connect the computer and Kindle Fire with the included USB cable. Then click ‘Download Now’ on the Amazon screen. When prompted, choose save. When the dialog box opens, save it to the documents folder of your Kindle.
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