

How to read Kindle Books on an Android tablet / phone

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Reading Kindle books can be an excellent experience for all book lovers, especially when you consider the variety and prices. Originally available on kindle devices, nowadays you can read kindle books on practically any mobile smart device. Since more and more people are purchasing low-cost yet powerful Android devices, this guide will tell you how to read Kindle books on an Android tablet / phone.

Before reading Kindle books on the Android device, we should first install the Kindle reader app for Android.

[Part 1: Download & install Kindle app on an Android phone / tablet](#)

[Part 2: Read Kindle books on Android](#)

How to download & install Kindle app on an Android tablet / phone

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[Method 1. Download Kindle for Android app with Amazon Appstore.](#)

[Method 2. Download Kindle for Android app from browser.](#)

Method 1. Download Kindle for Android app with Amazon Appstore.

If your Android tablet or smartphone is Internet connected, go to Amazon's official site and download Kindle for Android app. However, Amazon typically **connects users to its Amazon Appstore** in this case instead of offering a direct download link. Thus users are forced to install **Amazon Appstore app** on their Android devices at first and then rely on the Appstore to download free Kindle for Android app.

#1 Launch browser and input **www.amazon.com** on the device.

#2 Scroll down to select "See All Departments" -> "Apps for Android" -> "Apps". Input "Kindle for android" and tap "GO".

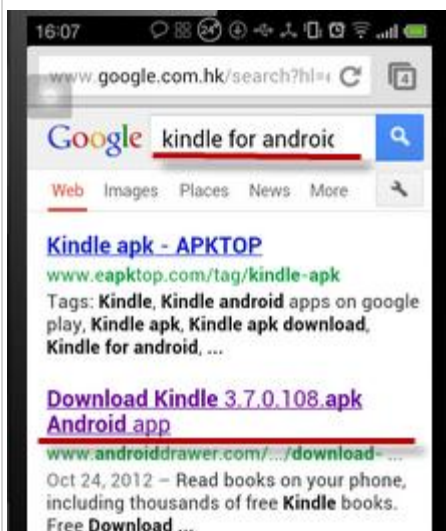
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Method 2. Download Kindle for Android app from browser.

If you don't want to rely on Amazon appstore, you can also download Kindle for Android app by searching for "Kindle for Android APK download" on the built-in browser. **This method is open to all users** although the available app might not be the latest version.

#1 Launch browser on the device and search for "**Kindle for android apk download**".



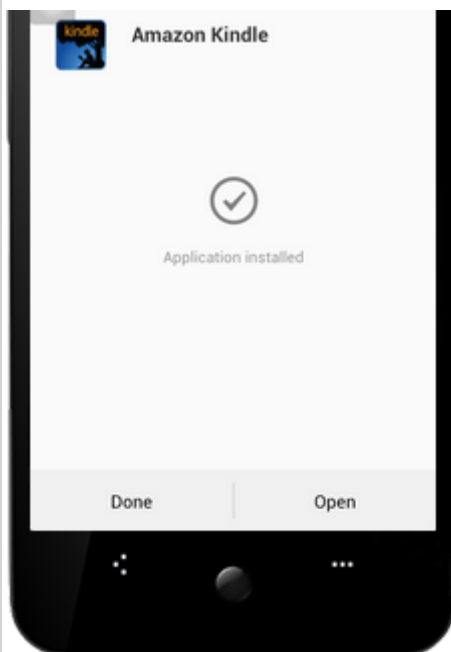
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Note:

#1 If your device is not recognized as a removable disc, make sure the **USB debugging** option is **ON**.

#2 If you can't find the transferred APK file on the device, install a **free File Manager app** (ASTRO File Manager) on it for locating a certain file.

#3 You may have to have approved sideloading apps before this will work on your android device.

How to read Kindle books on an Android tablet / phone (Nexus 7, Samsung Galaxy tab, HTC, etc.)

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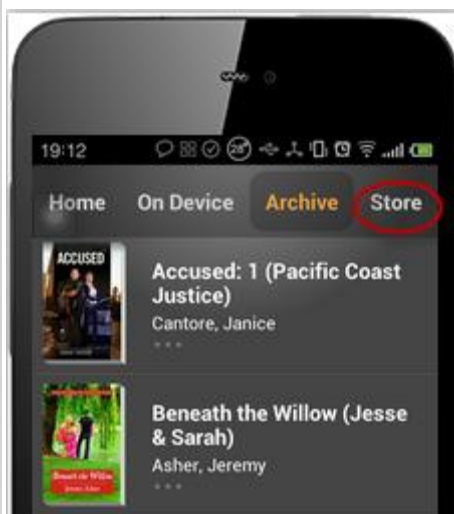
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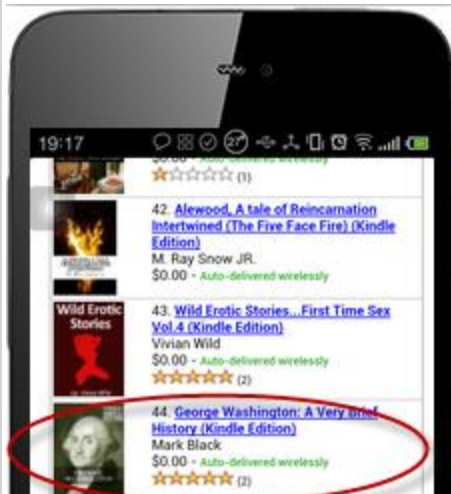
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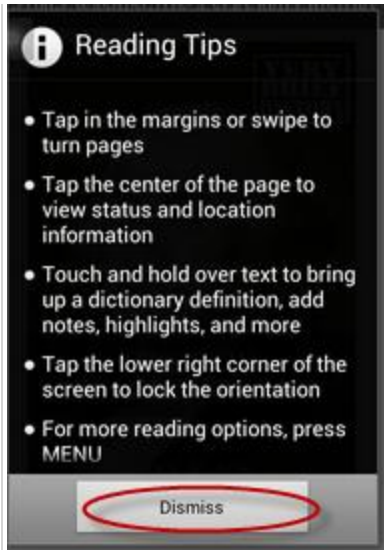




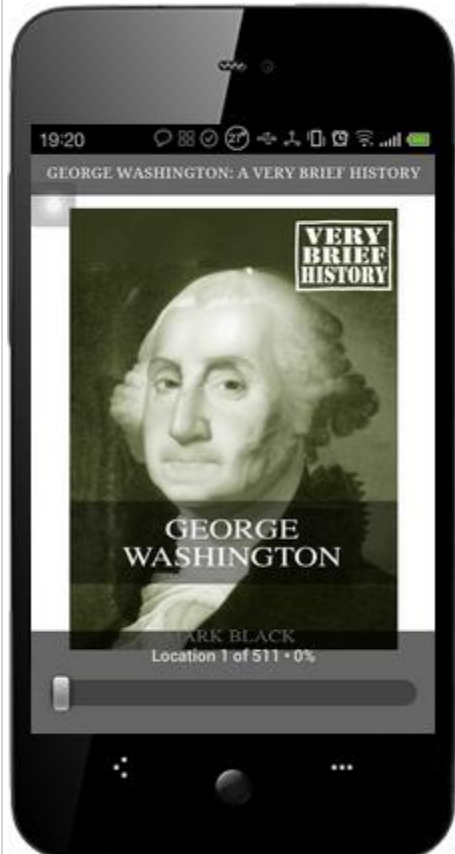
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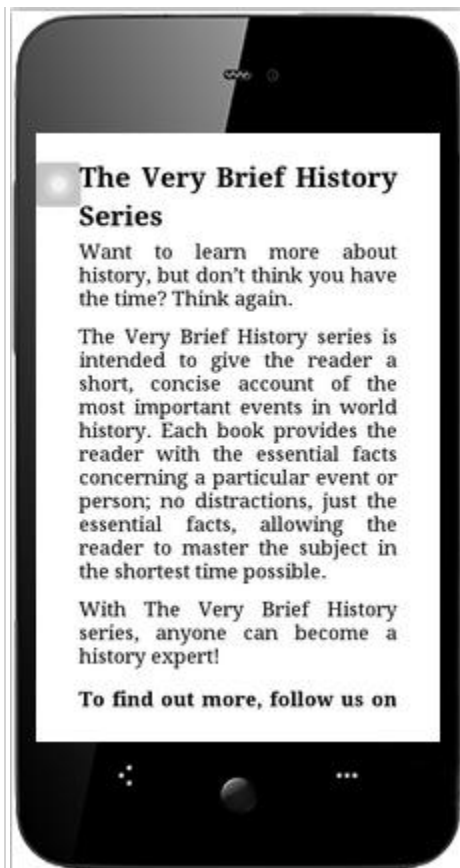


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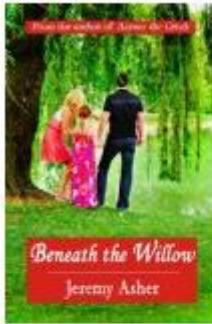
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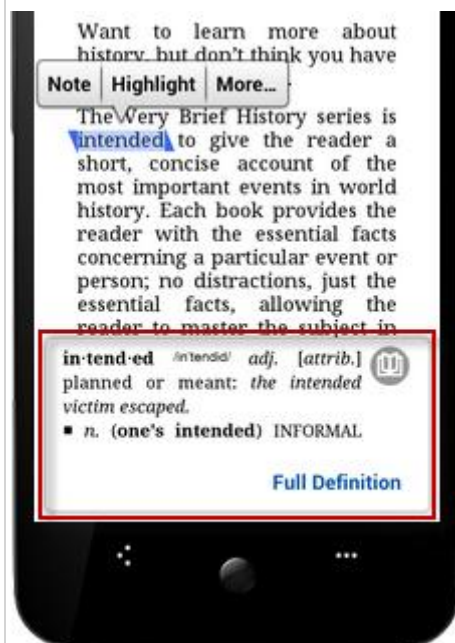
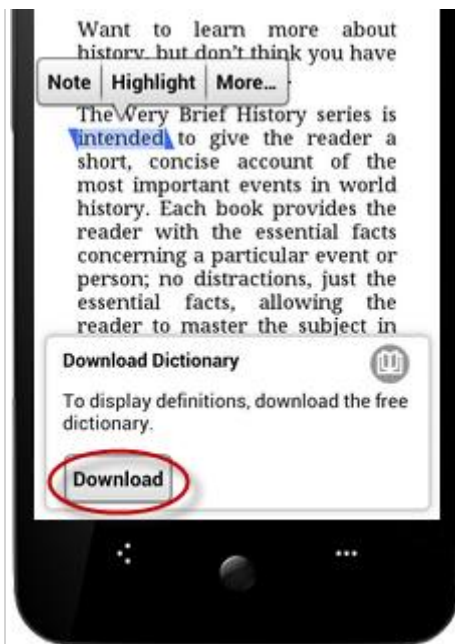
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4. Read Kindle books on an Android tablet / phone

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