

How to Download Kindle Books to Your Computer / Kindle (Solution Update 2023)

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After we purchased some books from Kindle store, those titles will be saved in Kindle cloud. Then whenever we want to read our kindle contents, we can download them from the cloud to our kindle device or kindle app. But how to download Kindle books with easy steps? Why I failed to download the Kindle book for offline reading? Here is the ultimate guide to this topic.

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- Part 2: Top 10 solutions when Kindle book won't download

3 Methods to download Kindle contents

How to download Kindle files from the Kindle library onto our devices?

Step 1: Buy Kindle books.

Visit Amazon store official site please. Then shop in Kindle store by searching the Kindle titles you want to read. Buy with 1-click.



We can buy Kindle books on our Kindle devices, or Kindle apps, or directly purchase from online kindle store via opening a browser.

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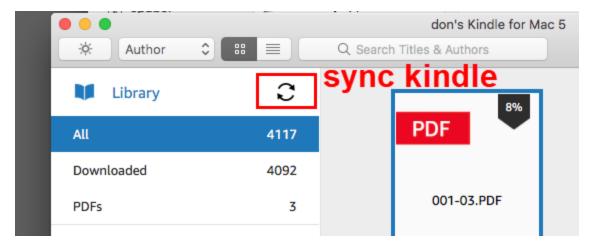
- 1. We can't directly buy Kindle books in the Kindle for IOS app. Please use Safari to access Kindle store and purchase the book you want to read, then "**Deliver to: xxx's Kindle for IOS**".
- 2. Amazon has also disabled the ability to buy ebooks in the Kindle app for Android since Google has started mandating that all apps had to use their billing system by June 1st, 2022.
- 3. In 2023, there are basically two ways to purchase Kindle books. One is with Kindle devices (fire tablets, e-ink, e-ink tablet such as Kindle Scribe), and the second is with a browser to access your Kindle store or Kindle Cloud Reader online library.

Step 2: Sync and download Kindle titles.

We can read Kindle books with the Kindle eReader (such as Kindle Paperwhite, Kindle Fire HD), or Kindle app (such as Kindle for Mac, Kindle for Android).

By default, all new bought Kindle books will be saved in the Kindle cloud. If we want to download the kindle book from the library to the local devices, we should sync the Kindle first.

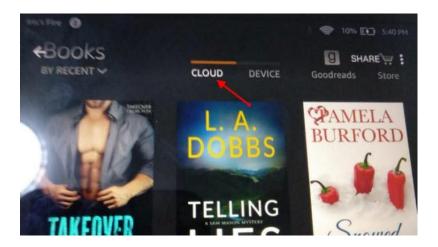
Open the Kindle app, tap on "Sync" icon. If you didn't log in the app, register your Kindle first.



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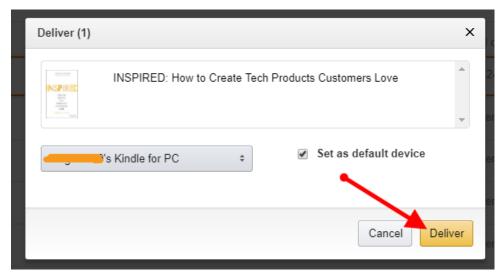
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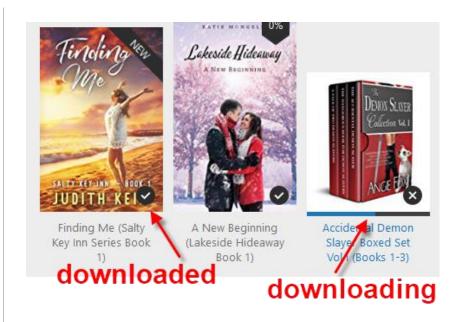
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Frequently Asked Questions

Q1: Is it possible to bulk download kindle?

A: In fact, there is no option to bulk download Kindle books. We are allowed to download title by title. But with the double-click, it's really pretty fast.

Q: What's the Kindle book download location?

A: Books that downloaded from Kindle e-ink or tablet devices are saved in "Documents" folder. They will be saved as AZW3 or KFX format.

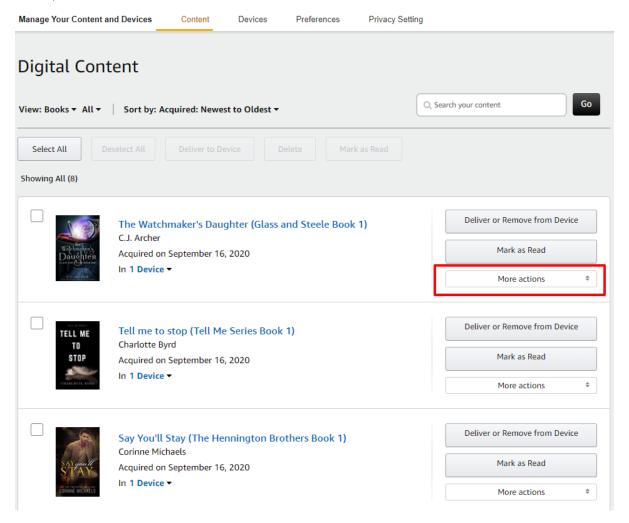
If the kindle contents are synced and downloaded via Kindle for PC/Mac, they will be saved in "My Kindle Content" folder. Usually those files are with .azw suffix.

Optional method: Download & transfer via USB

If still failed to download your Kindle files to your Kindle devices, we can try this method.

Access "Manage Your Content and Devices", select the book you want to download, click on "More Actions".

Then, select "Download & transfer via USB".



From the new window, select your Kindle (the correct Kindle device name), download.

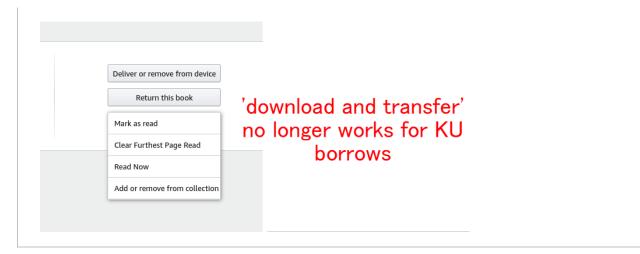


Note:

- 1. This method can only help re-send Kindle books to our Kindle devices (Kindle e-ink or kindle tablets). It doesn't function for downloading books to Kindle app. From the screenshot image, you will notice that these options are grayed out.
- 2. Not all books can be obtained with this method. If you can't see the "download and transfer via usb" option, you should try the method 1 I mentioned above.
- 3. This method works pretty well when you want to download Kindle files without wifi.
- 4. Books downloaded with this method will be .azw3 format. Once completed, copy these files to your Kindle device via USB please, to the "Documents" folder.



- 5. When asked how to download kindle books to PC/Mac, this method works well too (while the mostly considered method is downloading via Kindle desktop).
- 6. **Newly update 2023:** Amazon disabled the downloading Kindle Unlimited e-books from the Manage Your Content section via USB.



Optional method 2: Download via Kindle Cloud Reader (Offline)

Updated on August 12, 2020: Amazon has further upgraded Kindle Cloud Reader in August 2020 for security reasons, which has finally made it impossible to download books from Kindle Cloud Reader.

Kindle Cloud Reader is a web app which is designed for reading Kindle titles without a Kindle. And what's better, it also allows us read kindle titles for offline reading.

- 1 Make sure you are usingthe latest version of Google Chrome/Microsoft Edge browser.
- 2 Log in to Kindle Cloud Reader.
- 3 Open the book and the download will begin soon.

10 Solutions when Kindle books won't download

Above methods are easy to go, but in fact there are many people have met the problem that they are not able to download a Kindle book that they had previously purchased.

So here are 10 solutions when Kindle books won't download.

Solution 1: Shut down and restart your device.

This is the easiest one and it fixs most problems.

Solution 2: Confirm the wifi connection.

Disconnect and reconnect the wifi, confirm it's working .

Solution 3: Sync Kindle again.

Only by syncing Kindle, the new Kindle books can be shown correctly on our device.

Solution 4: Deregister and register again.

If the book or app gets stuck downloading partway, deregister it first (Settings -> Registration -> Deregister).

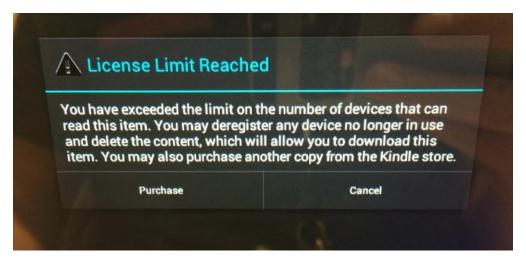
This will delete all your books from the cloud.

Once registered again, try re-downloading it from the cloud section.

Optional: We can also deregister the device by managing "You Content and Devices".

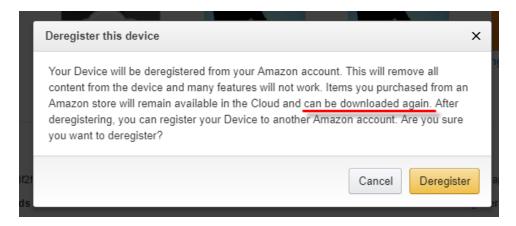
Solution 5: Fix for Amazon license limit error.

While trying to download a Kindle title on a new device, you may come across an error with Amazon: License Limit Reached.



With most Kindle books, we can only get six copies downloaded to various devices and apps. If you try to download a book to a seventh device you'll get a license limit exceeded warning. In this situation, you should deregister any old devices that you no longer use (old phones, old copies of the desktop app, etc.).

Simply log into your Amazon account -> Your Content and Devices -> Devices -> Device Actions -> Deregister.



Once that is done, relaunch the kindle app or device and it should open just fine.

Tips:

How many licenses totally depends on the publisher and not disclosed anywhere.

Solution 6: Confirm whether the payment method is valid or not.

Check your **digital orders** first. Make sure the book that you were trying to download was indeed completed by heading over to Amazon.

What's more, it would be better to check your payment settings too. I mean if the default 1-click payment was invalid, the order won't be approved by Amazon.

Solution 7: If you deleted one book by mistake, purchase it again

We all know that we can delete Kindle books from the cloud, but we should also recognize that if deleting contents by this method, we are not able to recover them any more unless purchasing again.

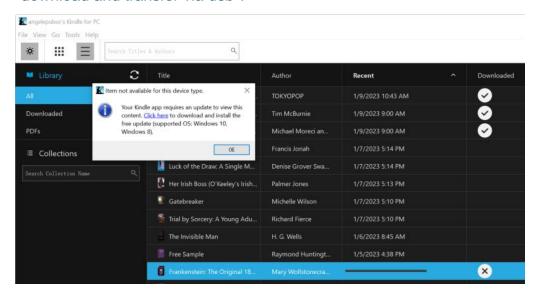
Delete kindle books by mistake?
Backup Your Kindle Books to Computer First.

Solution 8: Failed to enable Kindle Cloud Reader offline?

As what I said above, Amazon stopped the downloading option in Kindle Cloud Reader since August, 2020. In other words, **it's impossible to download books via kindle cloud reader**. Please try above methods.

Solution 9: Unable to download newly published Kindle books via older version Kindle desktop?

Updated on Jan 10, 2023: It seems like Amaon have switched off azw download at old Kindle PC versions for books published after 2nd January 2023, which causes DeDRM not working for those books (new purchases of books published last year still work). The current available solution to dedrm kindle books 2023 is to download Kindle books via "download and transfer via usb".



Solution 10: How do I download Kindle Unlimited books 2023?

Above downloading method works for all books that you buy individually from Amazon directly. Because you "own" them.

However, Amazon blocked the downloading of books that use "Kindle Unlimited" which is a subscription(runs \$9.99 per month, for unlimited of select Kindle titles). Because you don't own titles through Kindle Unlimited, you are borrowing them.

What's worse, when trying to download Kindle unlimited books to computer via older version Kindle for PC/Mac desktop, you will receive a message like "Item not available for this device type" (Windows) or "PCMAC_126_Delivery_Error_Upgrade_Mac" (Mac).

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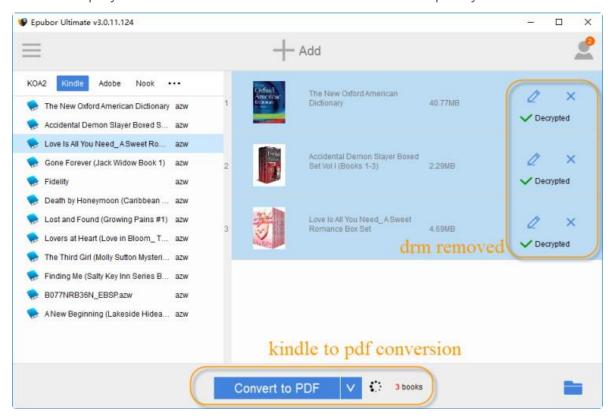
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