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Dedication

This book is dedicated to everyone who has experienced the thrill of discovering the magic of the Kindle Fire. The excitement of the Kindle Fire community is truly an inspiration to me.

I'd also like to dedicate this book to my wife, Becky, and to my kids. You've been immensely supportive during this project and I love you for that.

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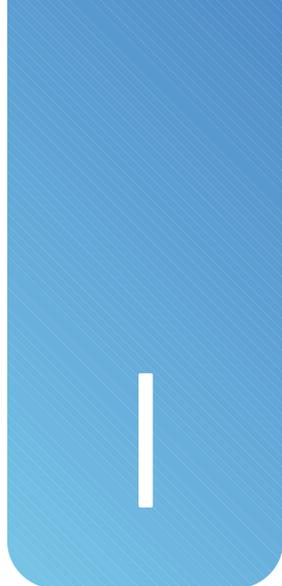
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Introduction

Your Kindle Fire is an amazing device. When you first power it on, it's a bit impersonal, but after you've connected to the Internet and registered the Kindle Fire with your Amazon.com account, something magical happens. All of a sudden, it begins to fill with your books and your music, and it becomes uniquely yours.

The fun doesn't stop there. You can look at your pictures, watch videos, play games, browse the Web, and get apps that enhance the capabilities of your Kindle Fire. Oh, and let's not forget that it's a Kindle, so you can read books, magazines, and newspapers as well.

At its heart, the Kindle Fire is all about consuming content in the *cloud*, content that is stored at Amazon. You access that content over a Wi-Fi connection. You can download content to your device, at which point it becomes *device* content, but a copy remains in the cloud as well. Does that sound confusing? Don't worry. It won't be after you read this book.

A Kindle Fire Overview

There's a lot packed into your Kindle Fire. Other Kindles are designed to be e-readers and don't really do anything else particularly well. Your Kindle Fire, on the other hand, is not just an e-reader. It's also an entertainment device, a content-consumption device, and a handheld computer. In fact, you'll find that many of the things that you typically do on your computer are more conveniently done on your Kindle Fire.



Here are just some of the things you can do with your Kindle Fire.

- Read newspapers and magazines in full-color.
- Read books from your Kindle library and from your local library as well.
- Listen to your music, discover new music, and buy music.
- Watch movies and TV shows, many of which are free to Amazon Prime members.
- Read personal documents in many formats, including Microsoft Word, PDF, and more.
- Enhance and add to the functionality of your Kindle Fire with apps from Amazon's app store.
- Browse the Web and even view Flash animations and video.

All of this functionality is provided in a nicely sized tablet that you can easily hold in one hand. Your Kindle Fire is, indeed, a great computer for sitting on the couch or in your favorite easy chair.

Why You'll Love *My Kindle Fire*

The Kindle Fire is a tablet computer for the rest of us. It's designed for people who aren't computer geeks and who just want to be entertained, read a good book, or have fun. *My Kindle Fire* was written with that same mindset. Of course, if you are a computer geek, this book can help you as well.

The book covers all of the capabilities of your Kindle Fire. I show you how to get the most out of each feature using a step-by-step approach, complete with figures that correspond to each step. You never have to wonder what or where to tap. Each task shows you how to interact with your Kindle Fire using simple symbols that illustrate what you should do.



This icon means that you should tap and hold an object on the screen.



This icon means that you should drag an item on the screen.



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This icon means that you should “reverse pinch.”



This icon indicates that you need to swipe on the screen.



Along the way, I add plenty of tips that help you better understand a feature or a task. I also warn you with It’s Not All Good sidebars when you need to be careful with a particular task or when there are pitfalls that you need to know about. If you’re the kind of person who likes to dig a little deeper, you’ll enjoy the Go Further sidebars that provide a more in-depth look at particular topics.

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What You’ll Find in the Book

Your Kindle Fire is full of surprises. The major functions are easy to discover, but some of the neater features are hidden away. As you read through this book, you’ll find yourself saying, “Wow, I didn’t know I could do that!” This book is designed to invoke just that kind of reaction.

Here are the things we’ll cover in this book.

- Chapter 1, “Getting Started with the Kindle Fire,” walks you through the initial setup of your device and how you can access some of the common settings. You’ll also learn how to use touch to operate your Kindle Fire and how to use the onscreen keyboard.

- Chapter 2, “Amazon’s Cloud Services”, takes you on a tour of the online services that Amazon offers. Because these are the services that drive a lot of the Kindle Fire’s functionality, you’ll benefit from learning how they work and what they offer.
- Chapter 3, “Reading on the Kindle Fire”, describes how you can get reading material for your Kindle Fire and how to take advantage of the Kindle Fire’s powerful features for reading books, newspapers, magazines, and more.
- Chapter 4, “Using Amazon’s Manage Your Kindle Page”, shows you how to access the Manage Your Kindle page where you can look at your Kindle library, rename your Kindle Fire, manage your Kindle Fire and other Kindle devices, and much more.
- Chapter 5, “Managing Content with Calibre”, introduces you to Calibre, a free application that makes managing your eBook library a breeze. Calibre allows you to manage third-party eBooks (ones you get from places other than Amazon) and even convert and transfer them to your Kindle Fire.
- Chapter 6, “Accessing and Listening to Music”, shows you how you can use your Kindle Fire to play music in your music library (both music on your device and in the cloud) and how you can use Amazon’s MP3 store to add to your music collection. You’ll also learn about using playlists and other more advanced features.
- Chapter 7, “Watching Video”, covers using your Kindle Fire to stream and download videos from Amazon’s video store. You’ll also learn how you can convert your own videos so that you can play them on your Kindle Fire.
- Chapter 8, “Installing and Using Apps”, introduces you to the world of apps that dramatically increase the functionality of your Kindle Fire. You’ll find out how to shop for apps, how to install apps, how to deal with apps that misbehave and cause problems, and you’ll learn about some of the apps that you should definitely install on your Kindle Fire.
- Chapter 9, “Reading and Sending Email”, will show you how to use your Kindle Fire to read and send email. You’ll also learn about how to handle attachments in email and how you can add and manage contacts.

- Chapter 10, “Browsing the Web with Silk,” walks you through using Silk, the web browser that comes with your Kindle Fire. You’ll learn how to access websites, how to use bookmarks, how to use tabs, and how you can control Silk’s behavior.

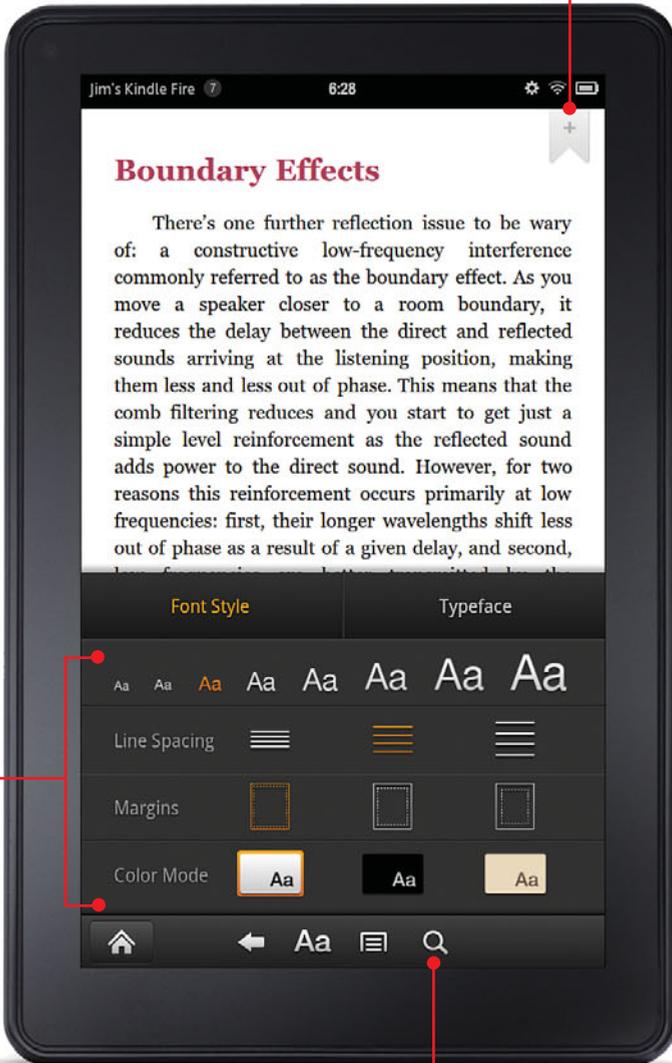
Let’s Light This Fire

If you’ve already gone through the initial stages of setting up your Kindle Fire, you might be tempted to skip ahead to Chapter 2 at this point. I urge you not to. There are some hidden gems in Chapter 1 that you won’t want to miss.

Now that the stage is set, let’s light this fire. (Sorry. I couldn’t resist.)

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Search Your Content

In this chapter, you learn about ways that you can find content for your Kindle Fire and how to read and interact with that content. You also find out how you can search your Kindle Fire libraries.

- Finding Content
- Reading Books
- Using Notes
- Working with Highlights
- Working with Bookmarks
- Reading Magazines and Newspapers
- Managing Personal Documents
- Searching Your Content Libraries

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Reading on the Kindle Fire

Your Kindle Fire is a great tablet computer, but it's still a Kindle eBook reader at heart. Its smaller size makes it convenient to carry with you so that you can read your books, magazines, newspapers, and other content no matter where you are.

Finding Content

Amazon's Kindle Store provides access to a huge assortment of reading content for your Kindle Fire. You can find just about any book you want to read for the Kindle, many at deeply discounted prices. In addition to books, Amazon offers a wide array of newspapers and magazines as well, and because your Kindle Fire's screen is full-color, reading periodicals on a Kindle is a pleasurable experience.

Your source of great content doesn't stop with Amazon. You can also check out books from your local library, borrow books from friends and family, and even download books from other online eBook stores and websites and then transfer them to your Kindle Fire.

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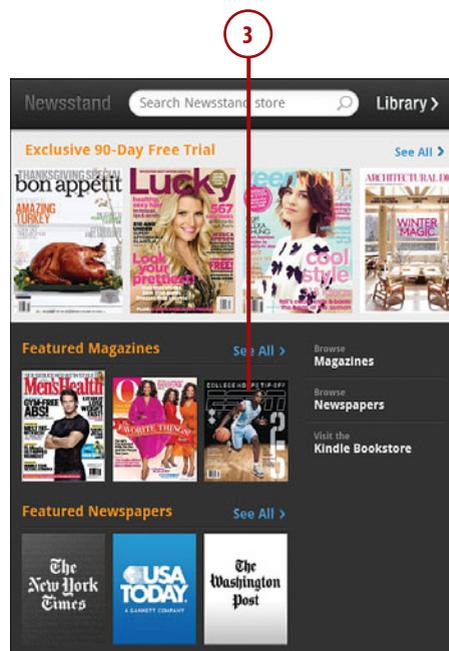
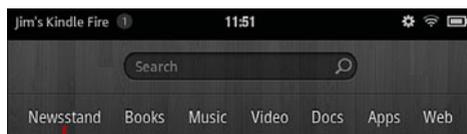
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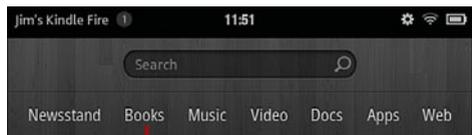
Sampling and Buying Books

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1. From the Home screen, tap **Books**.
2. Tap **Store**.



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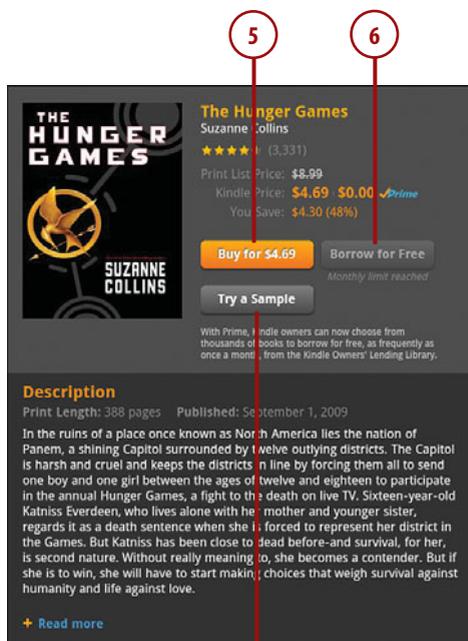
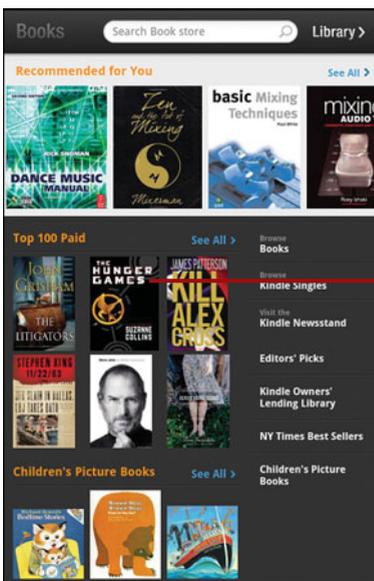
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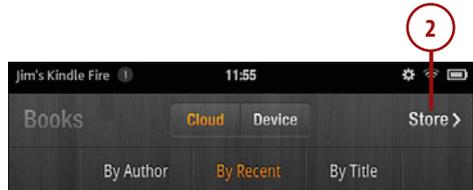
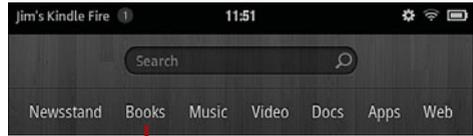
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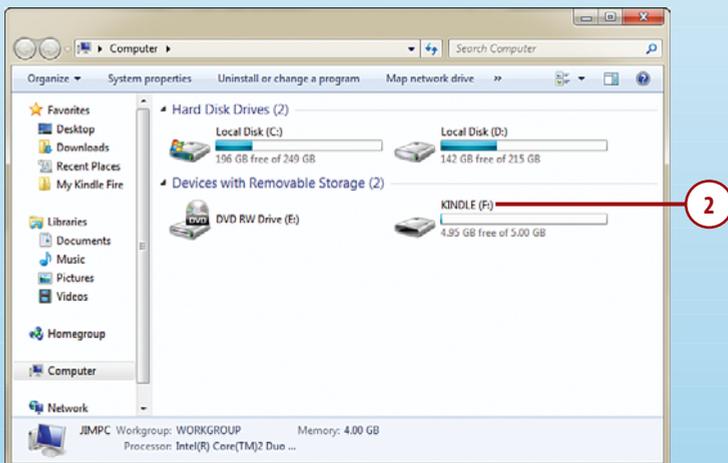
Sideloaded Books

There are many sources of eBooks, many of which are free. (An Internet search for “free Kindle books” turns up plenty of sources.) After you download a Kindle-compatible eBook, you can transfer it to your Kindle using the USB cable. Manually transferring books from your computer to your Kindle is called *sideloading*. Sideloaded books are available in the Docs library on your Kindle.

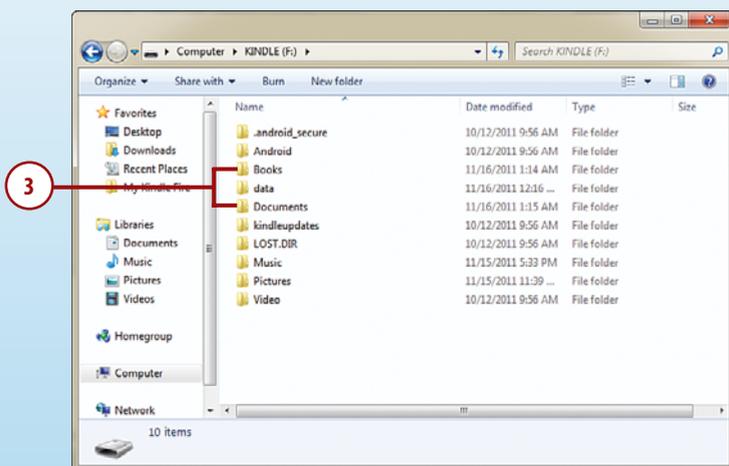
An Easier Way to Sideload Books

A better way to sideload books and manage your Kindle content is to use Calibre. Calibre can even convert eBooks in non-Kindle formats to a Kindle-compatible format automatically, and these converted books will show up in the Books screen instead of the Docs screen. See Chapter 5, “Managing Content with Calibre,” for details.

1. Plug your Kindle Fire into your computer using a micro-USB cable.
2. Open (double-click) the Kindle drive on your computer.



3. Select a book on your computer that you want to copy to your Kindle Fire and drag and drop it to either the Documents folder or the Books folder on your Kindle.



Reconnecting USB

If you tap Disconnect while your Kindle Fire is connected to your computer, you are no longer able to see the Kindle's folders on your computer. You can easily reconnect your Kindle by either unplugging the USB cable and plugging it back in or by tapping the Notification area of the Kindle and tapping the USB Is Connected notification.

Reading Books

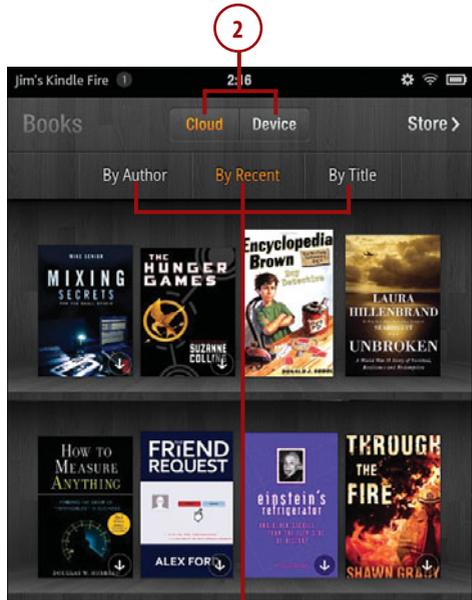
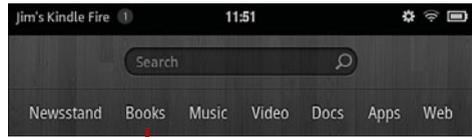
The Kindle has always been a great device for reading. Instead of carrying around a bag of books, you can put all the books you would want to read on your Kindle. You can easily look up definitions with the integrated dictionary. You can search the Web when you want to read more about something you encounter in a book. You can even increase the size of a book's text to make it easier to read.

All of these great features are available on your Kindle Fire, and because it's a tablet computer, your Kindle Fire makes using these features easier than any other Kindle.

Browsing Your Library

You can view books on your device and in the cloud using the Books library.

1. From the Home screen, tap Books to access your Books library.
2. Tap Device to see content that has been downloaded to your Kindle Fire or Cloud to see content that is in your online library.
3. Tap By Author, By Recent, or By Title to change the order in which your books are sorted.



Downloading a Book to Your Device

Before you can read a book, you must first download it to your device.

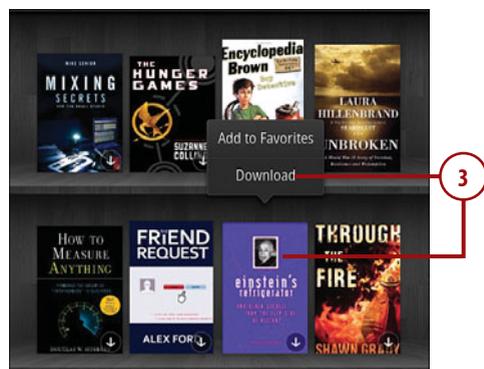
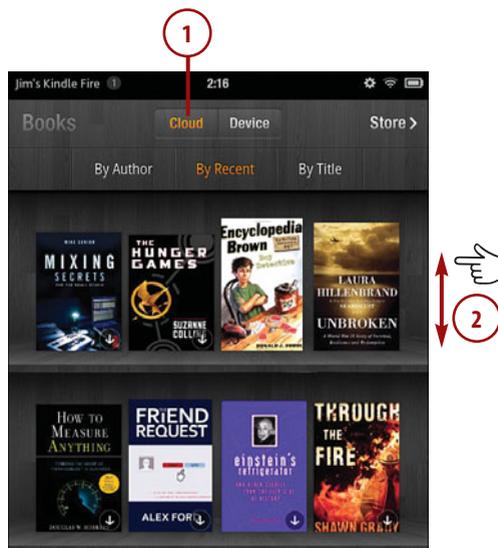
1. From the Books library, tap Cloud to see the books in your online library.

Cloud and Device

When you are in Cloud view, you see books that are also on your device. That's because even after you download a book to your device, it is still in the cloud so that you can download it to other Kindles or devices.

Books in the cloud that haven't been downloaded to your device have a downward-pointing arrow in the lower-right corner.

2. Scroll to the book you want to download to your device.
3. Tap the book to download it to your device. You can also tap and hold the book and then tap Download.



Removing a Book from Your Device

You can remove downloaded books from your Kindle Fire in order to free up some memory on the device.

1. From the Books library, tap Device to see the books on your device.
2. Scroll to the book that you want to remove from your device.
3. Tap and hold the book.
4. Tap Remove from Device.

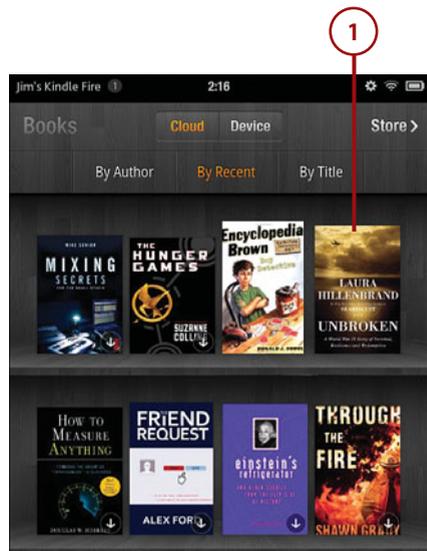


Reading a Book

The Kindle Fire is a great device for reading, and because it has a backlit screen, you can easily read in bed at night and in other low-light conditions without a reading light.

1. From the Books library, tap a book on your device to open it for reading.

My Book Doesn't Open on Page One
Kindle books open at the beginning of the book, but the beginning isn't necessarily page one. The publisher of a book can choose any page as the beginning of a book. Books frequently open at a point after the foreword, dedication, and other such sections.



Books Aren't Only in the Library

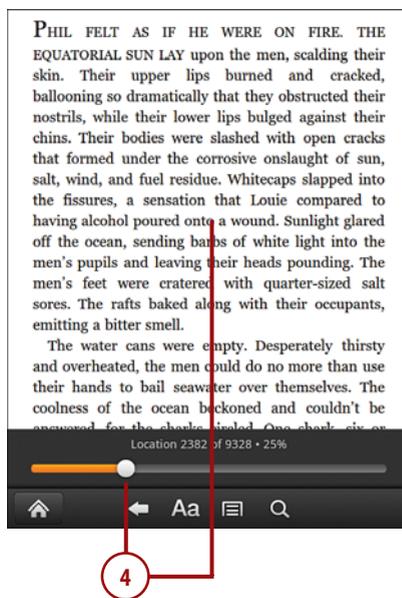
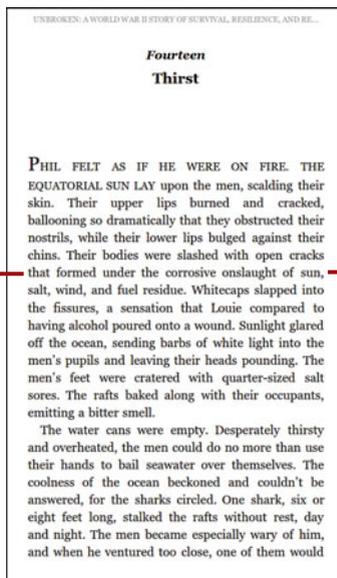
You can also open a book for reading from the Carousel or the Favorites shelf.

2. Tap the right side of a page or swipe from right to left to move forward one page.
3. Tap the left side of a page or swipe from left to right to move back one page.
4. Tap the center of the page and swipe the Location slider to move to a specific location within the book.

Navigating a Book

You can tap the Menu icon for options to navigate to the cover, the table of content, or the beginning of a book. You can also enter a specific location number to quickly move to that location.

Because the Kindle Fire re-pages content based on the text size you use, it doesn't currently list actual page numbers. Amazon might add that feature in a future version of the Kindle Fire operating system.



E INK VERSUS LCD

The Kindle comes in two flavors; the E Ink Kindles and the Kindle Fire. E Ink screens look very much like a printed page. They are easy to read, and because they don't rely on a backlight, you can read an E Ink display in bright sunlight just as you can a printed page. However, if you're like me and you want to read in bed, you'll need a light to read an E Ink display. Just like an actual book, an E Ink display doesn't provide its own illumination.

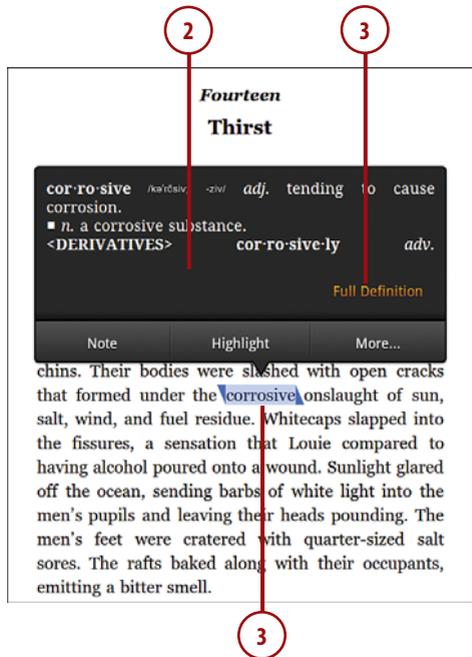
An LCD display can be read in darkness without a supplemental light source. However, many people feel that reading an LCD screen is irritating to the eyes. In my opinion, reading for several hours on an LCD screen can be fatiguing, but because the Kindle Fire's screen is not as large as a computer monitor or a large tablet, it's less tiring for me to read on it.

Perhaps the biggest drawback to an LCD screen is that it can't be read comfortably in bright sunlight. Even the best LCD screens are washed out in bright daylight, and your Kindle Fire suffers from that same drawback. Don't expect to spend much time reading your Kindle Fire while relaxing on the beach.

Looking Up Definitions

Your Kindle Fire comes with *The New Oxford American Dictionary* so that you can look up definitions of words while you're reading.

1. Tap and hold the word you want to look up in the dictionary. A definition of the word displays.
2. Tap the definition pop-up to dismiss it.
3. Tap Full Definition to open the dictionary and see a more detailed definition.



Returning from a Full Definition

To return to your book after viewing a full definition, tap the center of the screen and then tap the Back icon.

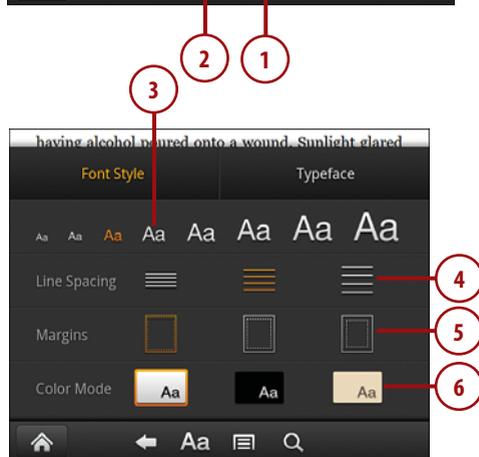
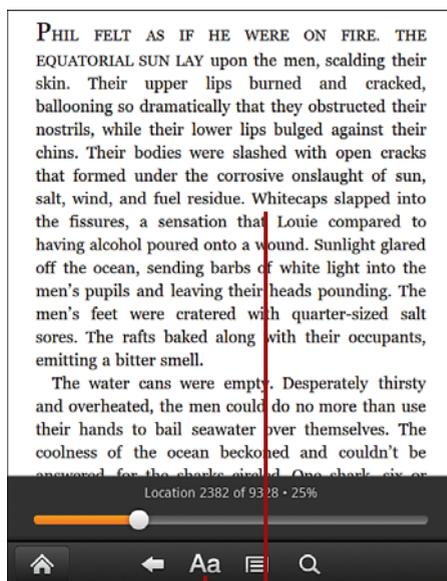
Definitions Are Not Just in Books

Definitions are available from books, magazines, newspapers, and in your personal documents.

Changing Font Styles

You can change the size of fonts, line spacing, page margins, and colors when reading Kindle content.

1. Tap the center of a page while you're reading.
2. Tap the Text icon.
3. Tap a font size option to make the text larger or smaller.
4. Tap a Line Spacing option to change the space between lines.
5. Tap a Margins option to change the page margin.
6. Tap a Color Mode to change the color of pages and text.



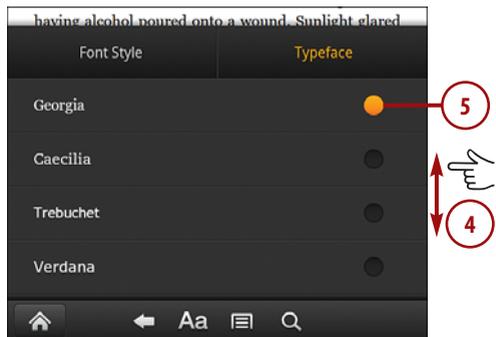
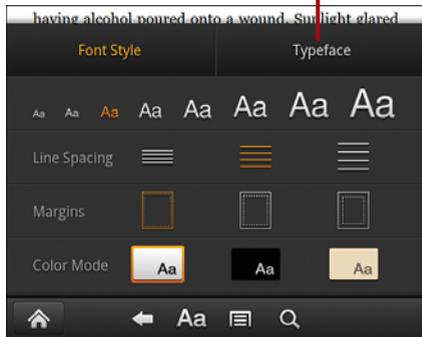
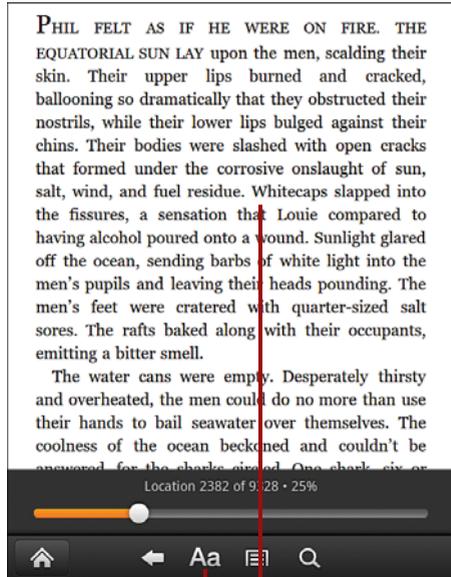
Changing the Typeface

By default, the Kindle Fire displays type using the Georgia typeface. You can choose from a selection of typefaces if Georgia isn't to your liking.

1. Tap the center of a page while you're reading.
2. Tap the Text icon.
3. Tap Typeface.
4. Scroll to the desired typeface.
5. Tap the typeface.

Font Styles and Typeface Are Not Just in Books

You can change font styles and typeface settings in books, newspapers, personal documents, and in magazines. You can change the text size in Silk (the Kindle Fire's web browser) as well, and I'll show you how in Chapter 10, "Browsing the Web with Silk."



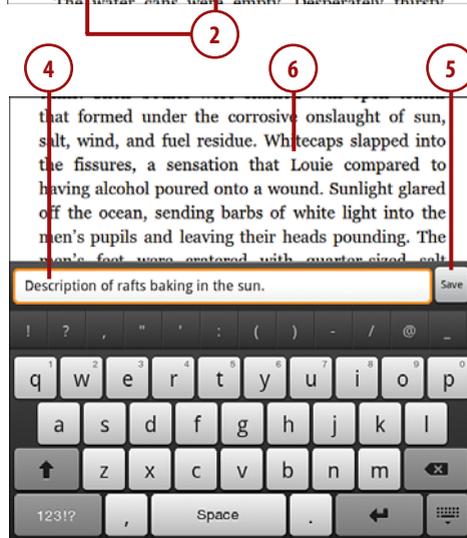
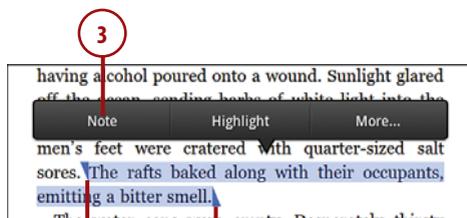
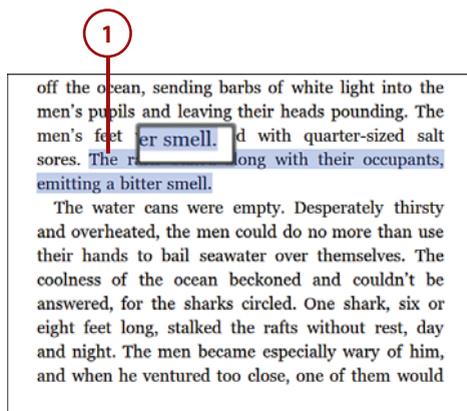
Using Notes

Just like writing in the margins of a physical book, notes are a convenient way of annotating a book. Notes are available in books and in personal documents that are in Mobi format. (Kindle files in Mobi format have either a .mobi or a .prc file extension.)

Adding a Note

You can add a note to any book, whether you own the book or not. Notes that you add to a book are synchronized across all of your Kindle devices and Kindle apps.

1. In an open book, tap and hold to begin selecting a passage to which you'd like to attach a note.
2. If necessary, tap and drag on the left and right of a selection to select more or fewer words.
3. Tap Note.
4. Enter the text for your note using the Kindle keyboard.
5. Tap Save to save the note.
6. To cancel a note, tap away from the Note pop-up.



Viewing an Individual Note

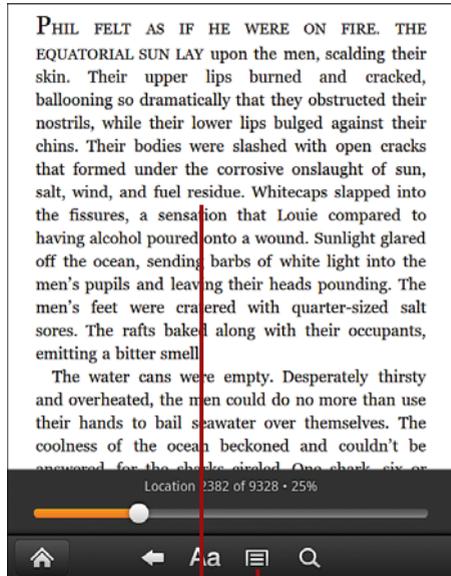
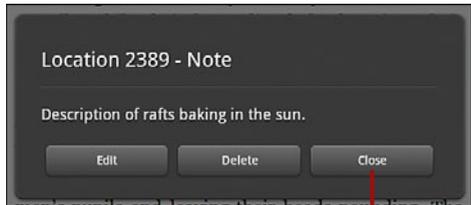
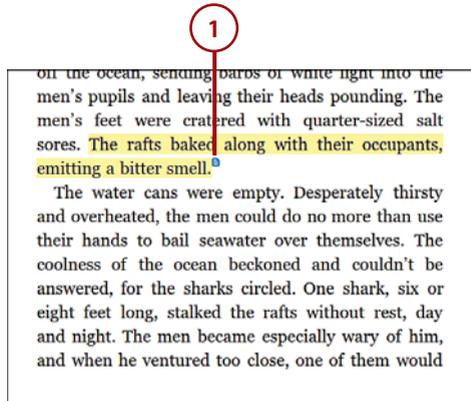
Notes appear as highlighted text with a blue note icon. You can view an individual note by tapping it.

1. Tap the blue note icon that marks your note.
2. After reviewing your note, tap Close.

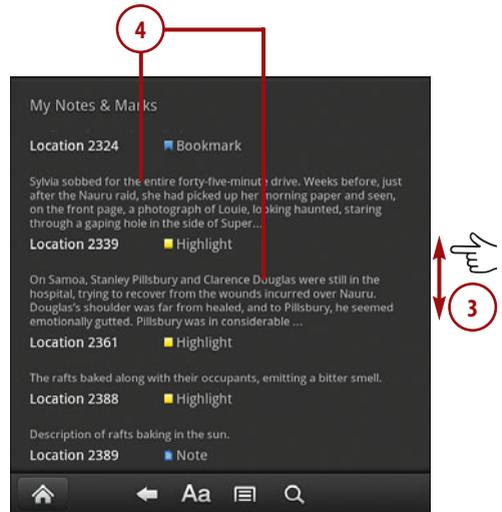
Viewing All Notes

You can view a list of all of your notes, highlights, and bookmarks.

1. Tap the center of a page to access the Options bar.
2. Tap the Menu icon.



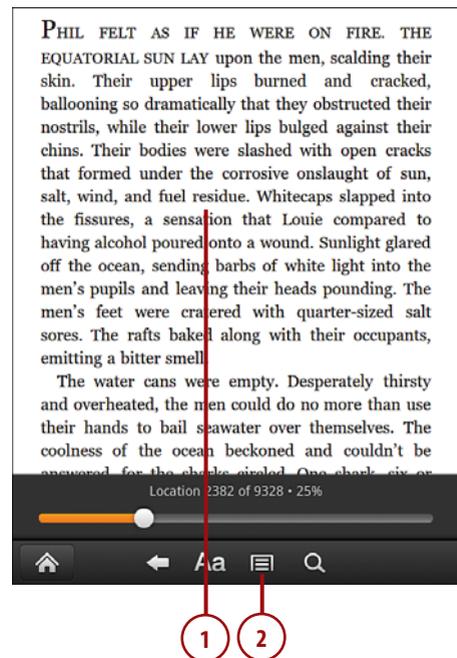
3. Scroll up and down to see all of your notes and marks.
4. Tap a note or mark to go to that location in the book.



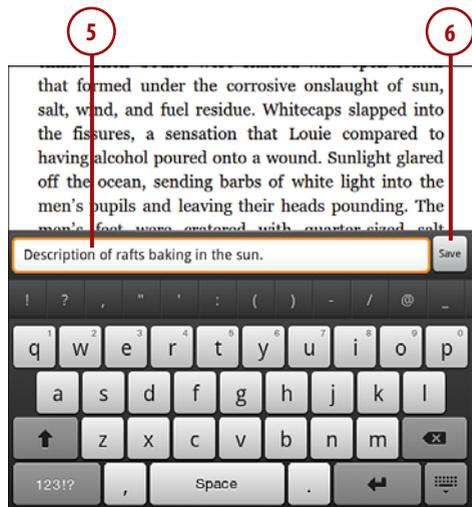
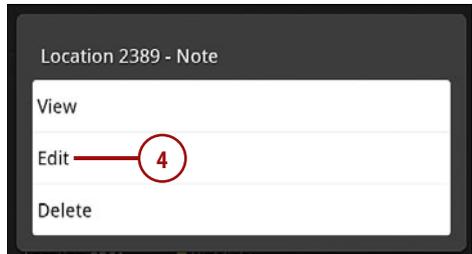
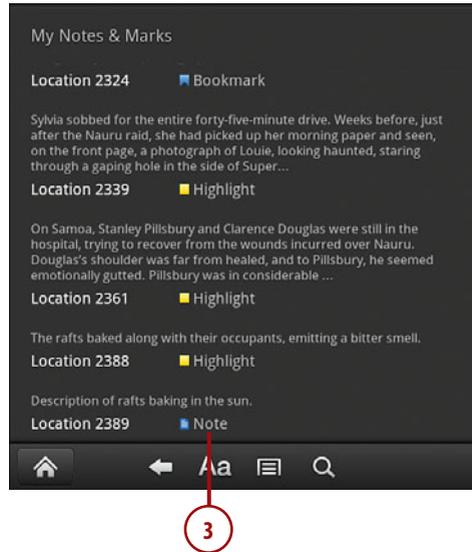
Editing a Note

You can easily edit notes and any edits you make are synchronized across all of your Kindle devices.

1. Tap on the middle of a page in the book that contains the note you want to edit.
2. Tap the Menu icon.



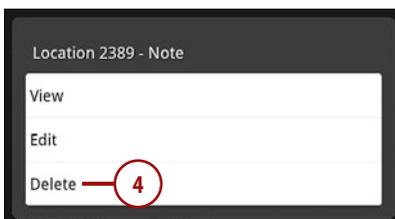
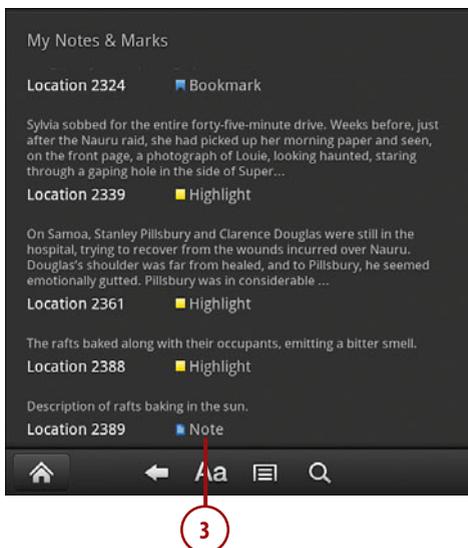
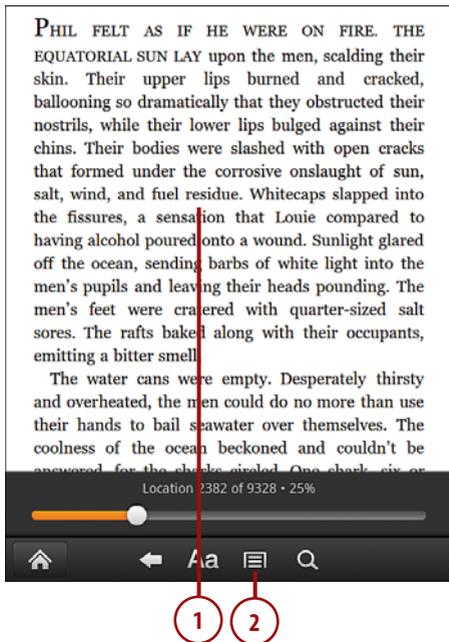
3. Tap and hold the note you want to edit.
4. Tap Edit.
5. Enter the new text for your note.
6. Tap Save to commit your changes to the note. You'll be returned to reading the page where the note is located.



Deleting a Note

When you delete a note, it deletes it across all of your Kindle devices.

1. Tap the middle of a page in the book that contains the note you want to delete.
2. Tap the Menu icon.
3. Tap and hold the note that you want to delete.
4. Tap Delete.



Working with Highlights

Highlights are a convenient way to mark passages that are important or that you want to review later on. Highlights are available in books and in personal documents that are in Mobi format. You cannot highlight periodicals.

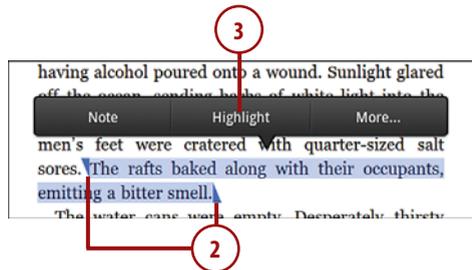
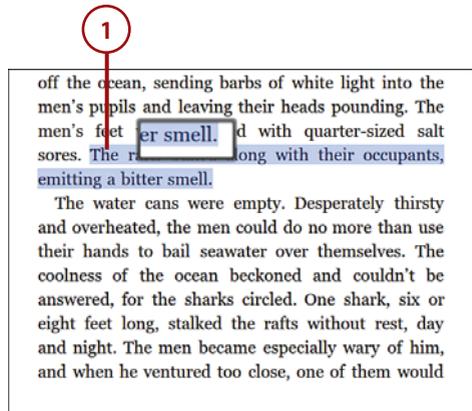
Notes Are Also Highlights

When you add a note to a passage, a highlight is added as well.

Adding a Highlight

Just like highlights in a physical book, a highlighted passage in a Kindle Fire book appears as yellow highlighted words.

1. Tap and hold to begin selecting a passage you'd like to highlight.
2. If necessary, tap and drag on the left and right of a selection to select more or fewer words.
3. Tap Highlight.



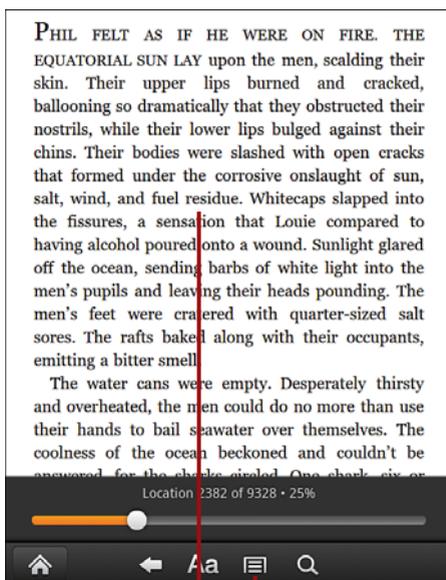
Deleting a Highlight

Unlike highlights in a physical book, you can delete a highlight in a Kindle book.

1. Tap on the middle of a page in the book that contains the highlight you want to delete.
2. Tap the Menu icon.
3. Locate the highlight you'd like to delete.
4. Tap and hold the highlight and tap Delete.

No Confirmation for Deleting Highlights

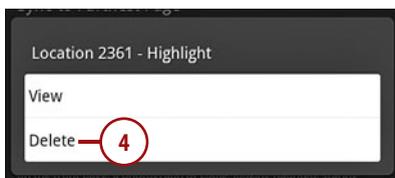
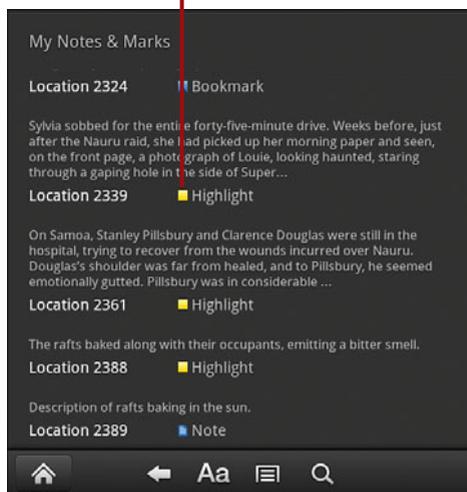
When you delete a highlight, you aren't asked whether you really want to delete it. If you think about it, this isn't really a big deal because you can just highlight a passage again if you accidentally delete it.



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Working with Bookmarks

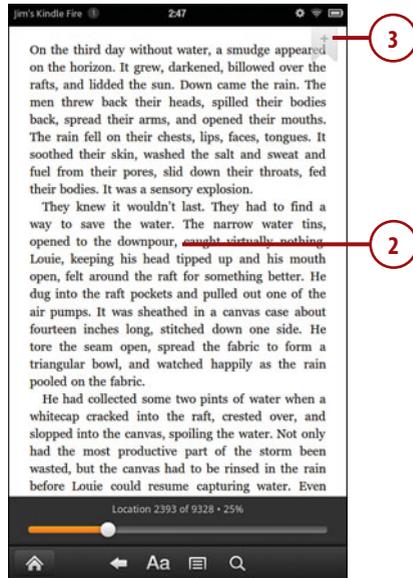
When you're reading a physical book, a bookmark allows you to mark your place so that you can easily return to it. The Kindle Fire marks your place automatically, but you still may want to add bookmarks on important pages so that you can easily locate them later. Think of these bookmarks as a dog-eared page. In fact, you can bookmark as many pages as you wish in a book.

Bookmarks are available in books and in personal documents that are in Mobi format.

Adding a Bookmark

Adding a bookmark is easy. Bookmarks that you add are synchronized across all of your Kindle devices and applications.

1. Move to the page where you'd like to add your bookmark.
2. Tap the middle of the page to bring up the Options bar and bookmark icon.
3. Tap the bookmark icon to add a bookmark.



Removing a Bookmark

When you remove a bookmark, it removes it from all Kindle devices and applications.

1. Move to the page that is bookmarked.
2. Tap the blue bookmark icon to remove the bookmark.

Easy Bookmark Removal

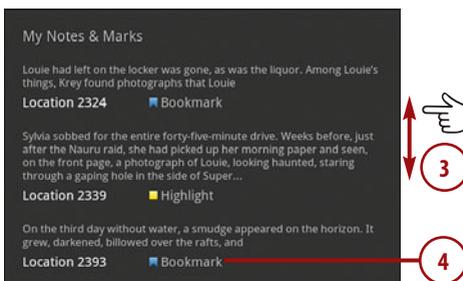
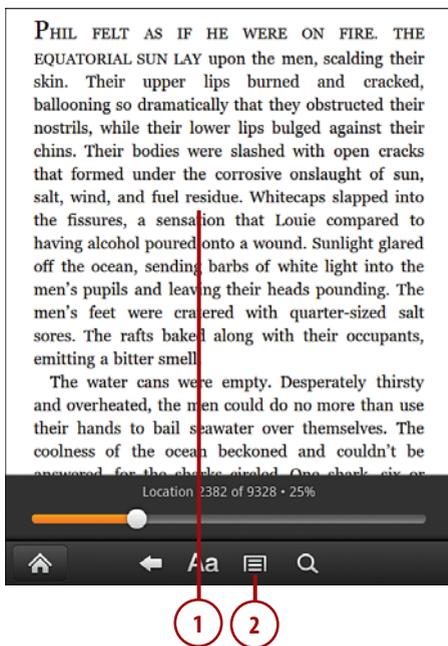
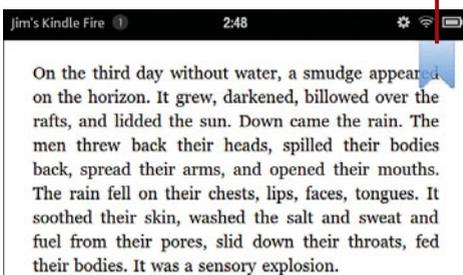
Bookmarks can also be deleted from the My Notes and Marks screen. Tap and hold the bookmark and tap Delete.

Moving to a Bookmark

You can easily move directly to a page that you've bookmarked using the My Notes and Marks screen.

1. Tap the center of a page while reading your book.
2. Tap the Menu icon.
3. Scroll to the bookmark.
4. Tap the bookmark to move directly to that bookmark.

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Reading Magazines and Newspapers

The Kindle Fire is a wonderful way to read magazines and newspapers. The full-color screen and the touch interface make the experience of reading periodicals much better than on previous Kindles.

Reading a Page View-Enabled Magazine

Many magazines that are available in the Kindle Store are Page View Enabled, which means that they provide two views; Page View and Text View. Page View represents the look of the actual printed magazine. Text View is a view that is better suited to reading because of the focus on text rather than graphics.

Magazines that have Page View are labeled as Magazine - Page View Enabled in the Newsstand store. These magazines open in Page View by default.

1. From Newsstand, tap a magazine that is Page View enabled to open it.
2. Tap the center of a page to display page thumbnails.

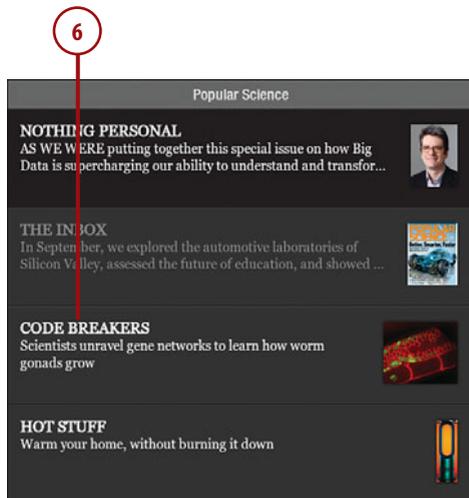


3. Tap a page thumbnail to move to that page. The current page is outlined in blue.
4. Use the slider to quickly move to a specific page.
5. Tap the Contents icon to see a list of articles.

Unread and Read Articles

In the list of articles, unread articles are displayed with white text and articles that you've read are displayed in gray text.

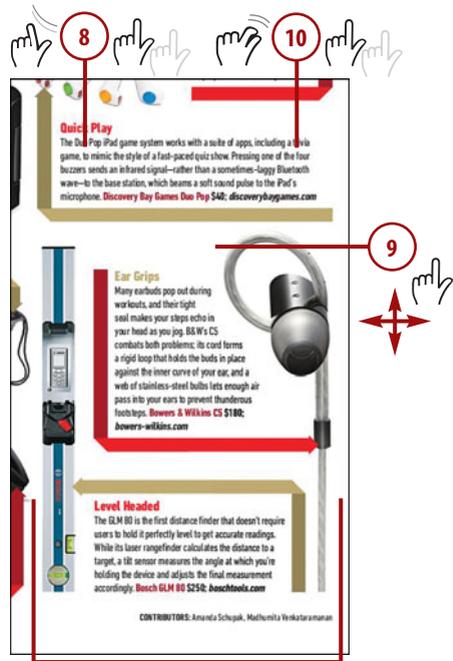
6. Tap an article to move directly to the article.



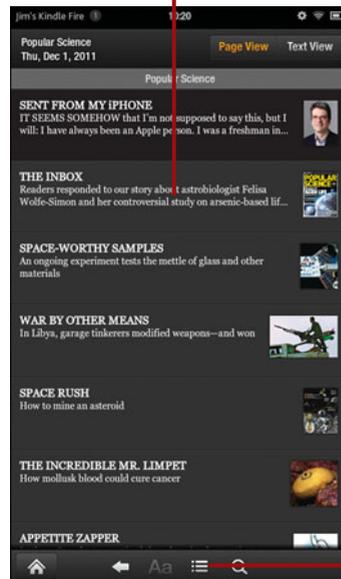
7. Swipe left to move forward one page or swipe right to move back one page. You can also tap the right edge of a page to page forward and the left edge to page backward.
8. Double-tap or reverse pinch to zoom into a page.
9. Slide to move to a particular place on the page.
10. Double-tap or pinch to zoom out.
11. Tap on the center of a page containing text.
12. Tap the Contents icon and tap Text View to switch to Text View.

Reading in Text View

When in Text View, a Page View-enabled magazine is just like a magazine that's not Page View enabled.



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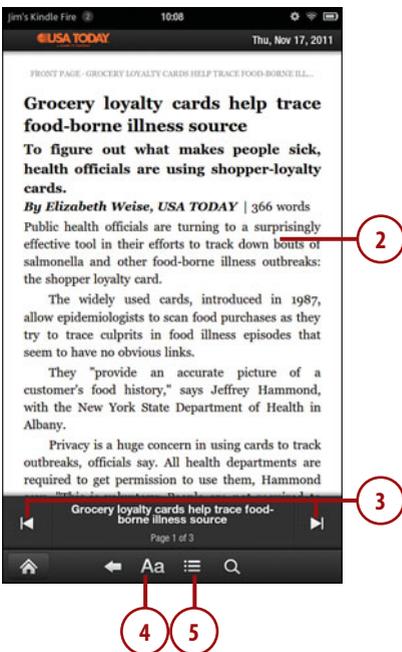


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Reading in Text View and Reading Newspapers

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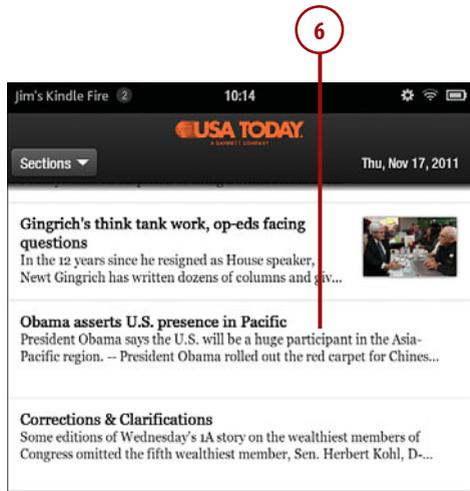
1. From the Newsstand, tap a magazine that is not Page View enabled or tap a newspaper.
2. Tap the center of a page to show the Progress and Options bars.
3. Tap the arrows on the Progress bar to move forward and backwards through articles.
4. Tap the Text icon to change text size, typeface, and color options.
5. Tap the Contents icon to display a list of articles and sections.



6. Tap an article to go to that article.
7. Swipe left to move forward one page or swipe right to move back one page. You can also tap the right edge of a page to page forward and the left edge to page backward.

Newspaper Sections

Many newspapers have a Sections button in the upper left that makes it easy to quickly move to a specific section.



By Richard Wolf and David Jackson, USA TODAY | 530 words

President Obama rolled out the red carpet for Chinese President Hu Jintao at the White House in January, promising to "build a baseline of trust" in order to "solve the friction or irritants that exist" between the two nations.

Ten months later, Obama is in China's backyard, announcing trade alliances and military partnerships with other Asia-Pacific nations that could add more friction than trust.

By sending up to 2,500 U.S. Marines in waves to northern Australia and moving ahead with a nine-nation regional trade pact that could grow to include Japan, Obama sent signals to Chinese leaders that its rising economic and military power will prompt increased U.S. involvement in the region.



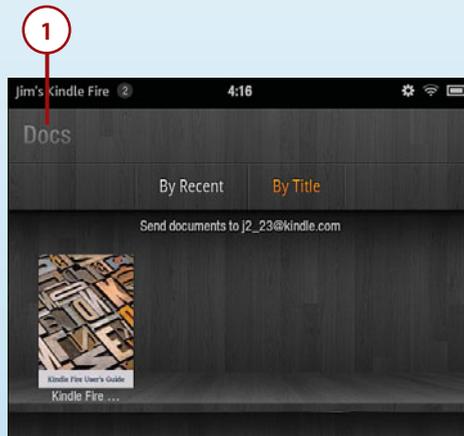
Managing Personal Documents

In addition to Kindle content from Amazon, your Kindle Fire also directly supports reading of text files and Adobe PDF files. Other file types are supported, but they first have to be converted to a format that the Kindle Fire can handle.

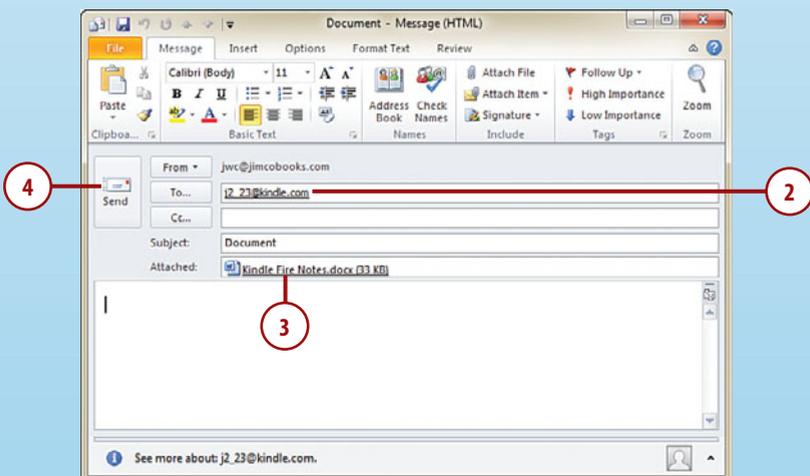
Emailing a Personal Document to Kindle Fire

The easiest way to convert a document for reading on your Kindle Fire is by emailing the document to your kindle.com email address. When you do, the Kindle Personal Document Service converts the document for you and delivers it to your Kindle over the Wi-Fi connection.

1. If you don't already know your kindle.com email address, tap Docs from the Home screen to display it.



2. Create a new email message on your computer addressed to your kindle.com address.
3. Attach the document you want to convert to the email message.
4. Send the email message.



Supported File Types

The Kindle Personal Document Service can convert Microsoft Word documents, Rich Text format, HTML files, compressed documents in Zip or X-Zip format, and Mobi books.

It's Not All Good

Only email addresses that are on your Approved Personal Document E-Mail List can successfully send documents to your Kindle email address. After all, you don't want strangers sending documents to your Kindle and incurring costs for conversion, do you? You can add emails to your list from the Manage Your Kindle page, and you can read more information on doing that in Chapter 4.

Sideloading Personal Documents

You can sideload personal documents, as described earlier in this chapter, as long as they are in a format that the Kindle Fire supports natively. You should convert files that are not natively supported by the Kindle Fire using the Kindle Personal Document Service or a tool such as Calibre. (Calibre is discussed in detail in Chapter 5.)

1. Connect your Kindle Fire to your computer using a micro-USB cable.
2. Wait until your Kindle Fire notifies you that you can transfer files to it.

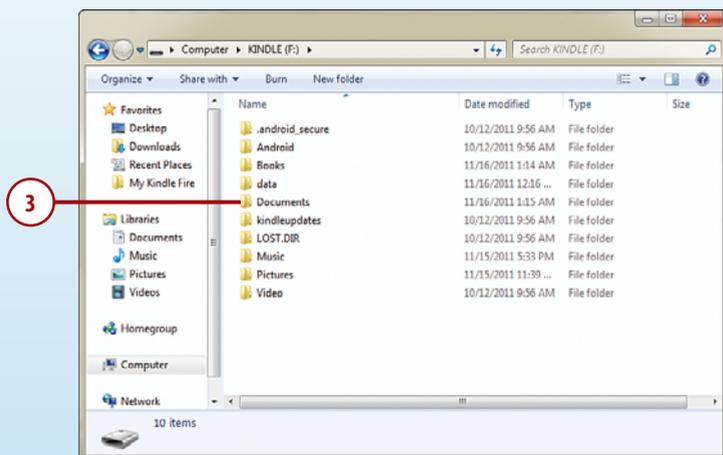
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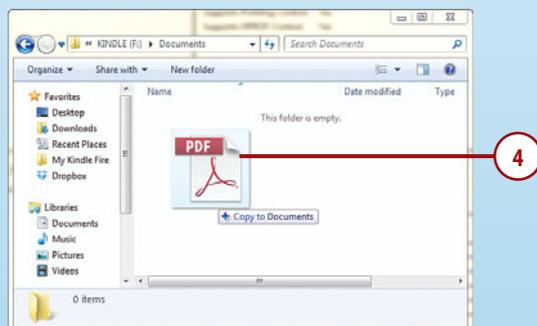
You can now transfer files from your computer to Kindle.

When you are done, press the disconnect button at the bottom of the screen or eject your Kindle from your computer, and then disconnect the USB cable.

3. Open your Kindle Fire on your computer and locate the Documents folder.



4. Copy your personal document to the Documents folder.



5. Disconnect your Kindle Fire from your computer.

Changing Personal Document Titles and Authors

The title and author of your personal documents might not be what you want them to be. You can easily edit them using Calibre. Read more about Calibre in Chapter 5.

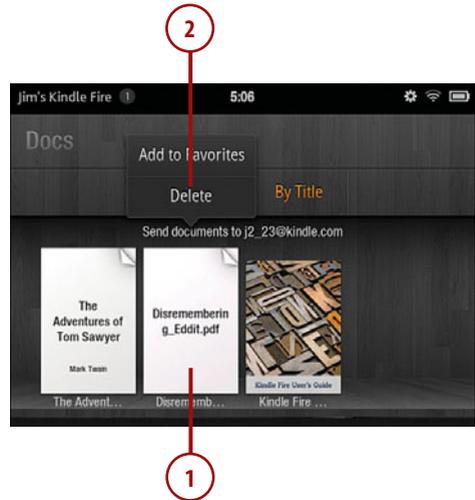
Reading Personal Documents

Your experience in reading personal documents differs depending on what type of file the document is. Personal documents in Mobi eBook format have all of the features you're used to from Kindle books, but other formats offer only a basic reading experience.

Deleting Personal Documents

You can easily delete personal documents from your Kindle Fire using the Docs screen.

1. From the Docs screen, tap and hold on the personal document you want to delete.
2. Tap Delete.



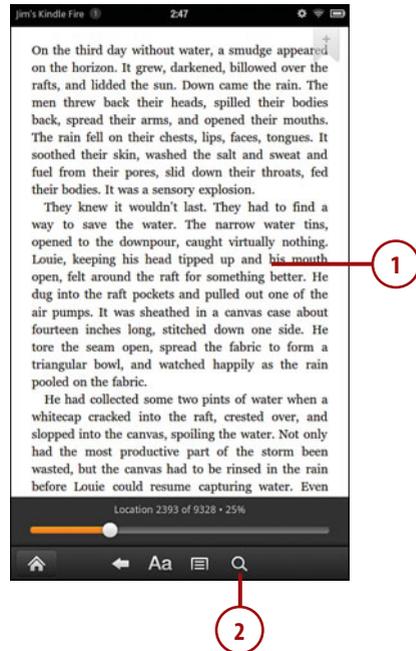
Searching Content

Your Kindle Fire automatically maintains a searchable index of all the content in your libraries. You can also search in Wikipedia or Google.

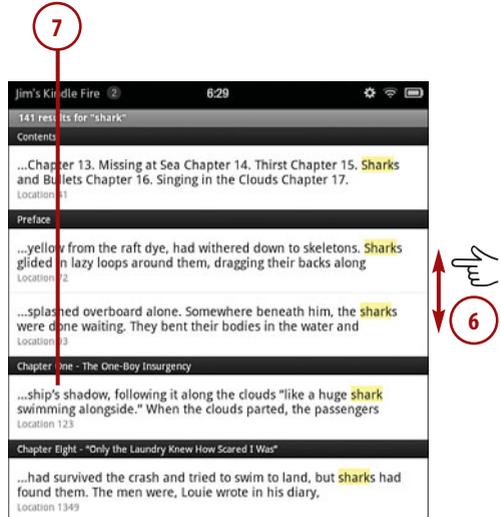
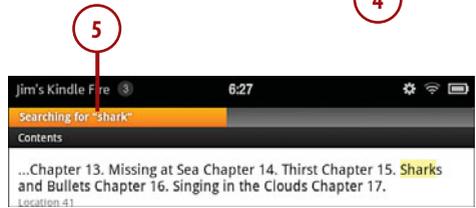
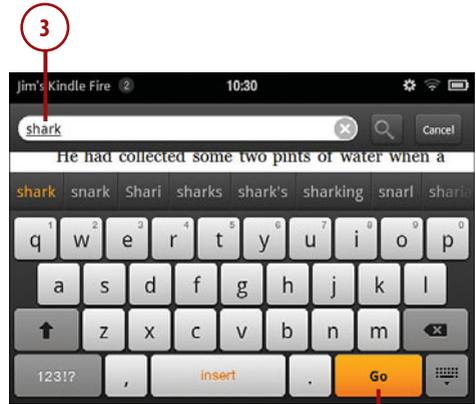
Searching the Current Item

You can search for one or more words in an item that you're reading.

1. While reading the item you want to search, tap the middle of a page to access the Options bar.
2. Tap the Search icon.



3. Enter your search words in the Search box.
4. Tap Go.
5. Wait for the progress bar while the search completes.
6. Scroll to locate a specific search result.
7. Tap to move to the search result in the text.



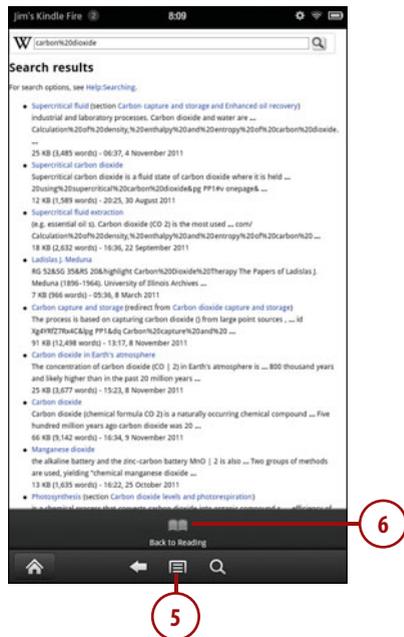
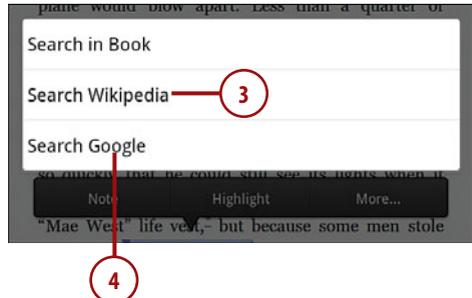
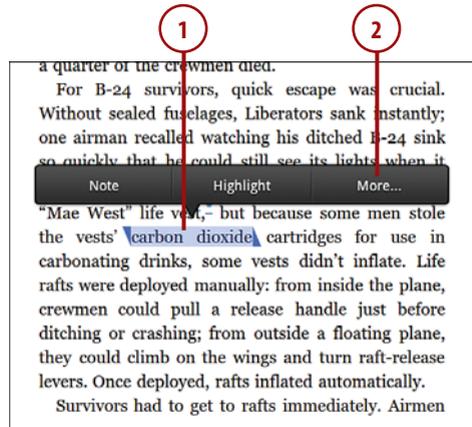
Searching Wikipedia or Google from Books

You can search Google or Wikipedia for words that you select in books. If you select more than two words, these options won't be available.

1. Select one or two words for which you'd like to search.
2. Tap More.
3. Tap Search Wikipedia to search for the selected word(s) in Wikipedia.
4. Tap Search Google to search for the selected word(s) in Google.
5. After you've finished reading the search results, tap the Menu icon.
6. Tap Back to Reading to go back to your book.

Going Back

The Back icon can take you back to reading as well, but if you've clicked a link in the search results, the Back icon takes you back to the page you were viewing before you clicked the link. If you want to return to reading in one step, use the Back to Reading menu item.



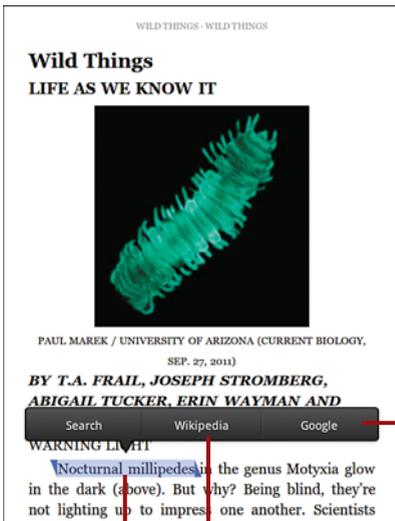
Searching Wikipedia or Google from Periodicals and Personal Document

Searching Wikipedia or Google from periodicals and personal documents is performed a little differently than from books.

1. Select one or two words for which you'd like to search.
2. Tap Wikipedia to search for the selected word(s) in Wikipedia.
3. Tap Google to search for the selected word(s) in Google.
4. When finished reading search results, tap the Menu icon.
5. Tap Back to Reading.

Personal Documents and Books

Remember that personal documents that are in Mobi format are treated as books and not personal documents. Therefore, search in Mobi files works just as it does with books.



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