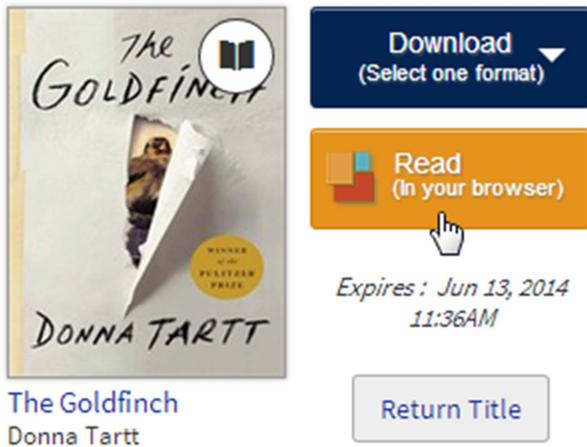


# Getting started with OverDrive Read

(from Overdrive's Help Section)

With OverDrive Read, you can borrow eBooks and read them right in your browser with a single click. There are no software or downloads required. OverDrive Read is a browser-based eBook reader that works on most computers, tablets, and mobile devices running web browsers with HTML5 support. Once you borrow an eBook from your library's OverDrive-powered website, click or tap the **Read** button on your **Bookshelf** to begin reading it immediately using OverDrive Read.



Most current web browsers are compatible with OverDrive Read. Some browsers that work well are Chrome, Firefox, Safari, and Internet Explorer 10 and above.

OverDrive Read has many of the same features as popular eBook readers, like the ability to add bookmarks, search for terms, add notes and highlights, look up words, and change the font.

As long as you have an active internet connection, you can return to an OverDrive Read eBook at any time during your lending period and your place, bookmarks, notes, and highlights will be saved.

Can I use OverDrive Read without an internet connection?

Yes. For most devices, select the **Download** button in OverDrive Read to cache an eBook so you can read it offline. Make sure to also bookmark or save the eBook's URL so you can get back to it in your browser once you're offline.



For iOS devices, select the **Share** icon  in Safari, then **Add to Home Screen**. Then, open the book from your home screen and sign in with your library credentials prior to going offline to complete the download.

# How to read OverDrive Read eBooks offline

You can download (cache) an OverDrive Read eBook on your computer or device so you can read it later without an internet connection using your web browser.

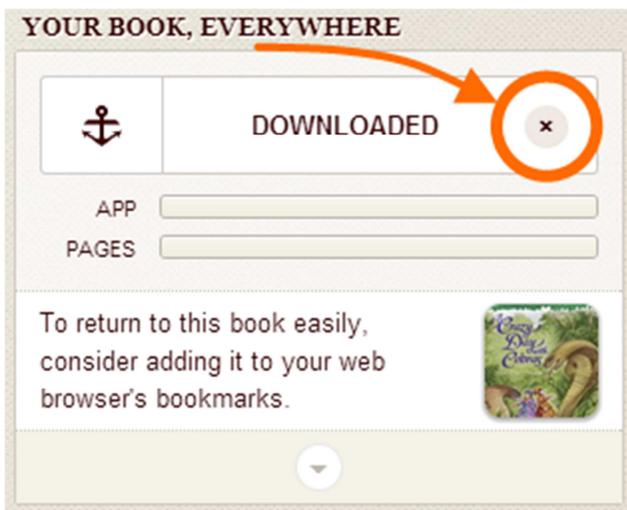
At the bottom of the OverDrive Read menu, there's a box labeled "Your book, everywhere." Click **Download** to save a book for offline reading.

*Note: Not all browsers are compatible with offline reading mode.*



Once you select **Download**, the book you're reading is saved to your browser's cache. Please note that if you clear the cache, you'll also clear any books you've downloaded through OverDrive Read. There is no download limit on these eBooks, however, so you can download them again whenever you need to during the lending period.

If you need to save some space on your device, click the **X** next to "Downloaded" to clear a book from your browser cache.



To read offline, you'll need to open your web browser and go to the URL of the OverDrive Read eBook to keep reading it. This can be done without an internet connection.

You can save the URL for a downloaded book by bookmarking it in your browser or saving it to your desktop or home screen so that you can quickly open it later to continue reading.

## For iOS devices (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch)

1. Open the OverDrive Read title you'd like to download in your Safari browser.
2. Tap the **Share** icon in Safari, then **Add to Home Screen**.



3. Tap **Add** to confirm.
4. Open the book from your home screen prior to going offline to complete the download. Sign in with **your library credentials when prompted**.

Once you're finished with the title, you can delete it from your home screen like a normal app. Just tap and hold the icon until it begins to shake, then tap the **X** to delete it.

## How to use OverDrive Read, OverDrive's browser-based eBook reader

The idea behind our browser-based reading experience (OverDrive Read) is simple. When you see a book you like, you can start reading it with just a single click. We call this, "see book, read book," and it opens up all sorts of possibilities.

Since OverDrive Read uses HTML5, most current web browsers are compatible. You can read on your computer (Windows, Mac, or Linux), your phone (iOS 5+ or Android 2.3+), and your tablet (iOS 5+ or Android 2.3+). Your reading progress and bookmarks will sync and show up on whatever device you open an OverDrive Read book on.

## How do I use OverDrive Read?

When you click or tap **Read** next to a title on your bookshelf or open an eBook sample, it will open in a new tab in your browser.

Click or tap the right or left edges of the eBook to turn pages.

Click or tap and hold a word to access definitions, notes, and highlights.

Click or tap the **bookmark icon** in the upper-left to save your position.

The screenshot displays the OverDrive Read interface. The main content area shows the title "CATELYN" and the beginning of a chapter. The text reads: "Catelyn had never liked this godswood. She had been born a Tully, at Riverrun far to the south, on the Red Fork of the Trident. The godswood there was a garden, bright and airy, where tall redwoods spread dappled shadows across tinkling streams, birds sang from hidden nests, and the air was spicy with the scent of flowers. The gods of Winterfell kept a different sort of wood. It was a dark, primal place, three acres of old forest untouched for ten thousand years as the gloomy castle rose around it. It smelled of moist earth and decay. No redwoods grew here. This was a wood of stubborn sentinel trees armored in grey-green needles, of mighty oaks, of ironwoods as old as the realm itself. Here thick black trunks crowded close together while twisted branches wove a dense canopy overhead and misshapen roots wrestled beneath the soil. This was a place of deep silence and brooding shadows, and the gods who lived here had no names. But she knew she would find her husband here tonight. Whenever he took a man's life, afterward he would seek the quiet of the godswood. Catelyn had been anointed with the seven oils and named in the rainbow of light that filled the sept of Riverrun. She was of the Faith, like her father and grandfather and his father before him. Her gods had names, and their faces were as familiar as the faces of her parents. Worship was a septon with a censer, the smell of incense, a seven-sided crystal alive with light, voices raised

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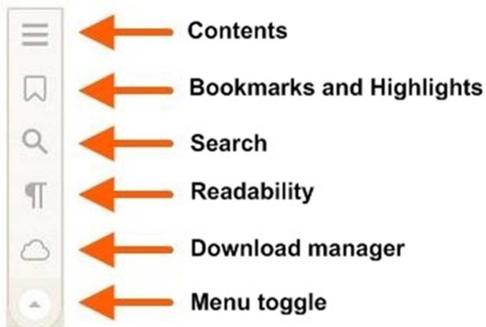
The sidebar on the right contains the following sections:

- TABLE OF CONTENTS**: A list of sections with progress indicators: Cover (0%), Title Page, Copyright, Contents, Maps (1%), Prologue, Chapter 1 (0%), **Chapter 2 (3%)**.
- BOOKMARKS & HIGHLIGHTS**: A dropdown menu set to "Show: Everything". It lists a highlight "18 Sep. A highlight: 'Gared'" (1%) and a bookmark "Today. A bookmark at the start of: Chapter 2" (3%).
- SEARCH**: A search input field and a "GO" button.
- READABILITY**: A "Text scale" slider and a "Lighting" control with a visual representation of the page's lighting.

On larger screens, the menu shows up on the right. On smaller screens, the menu will be hidden. If this is the case, swipe down from (or click on) the top of the page to show the menu.

The screenshot shows an eBook interface. On the left, there is a 'TABLE OF CONTENTS' panel with a vertical scrollbar. The items listed are: Cover (0%), Title Page (-), Copyright (-), Dedication (-), Acknowledgments (-), Contents (1%), Dramatis Personae (-), Chapter One (-), Chapter Two (4%), and Chapter Three (6%). To the right of this is a 'BOOKMARKS' panel with four entries: Chapter One Today, About The... Today, Chapter Fo... Today, and Chapter Fi... Today. Below these panels is a text preview of a scene from Star Wars: The Force Awakens, starting with 'They fell away together, with Luke taking advantage of the distraction to blow one of the other lead ships into fiery dust.'

Select a navigation button to jump to a section of the menu. Use the **Menu toggle** to show or hide the menus.



Use the table of contents to navigate quickly through an eBook.

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Select **Bookmarks & Highlights** to navigate bookmarks, highlights, and notes you've placed in an eBook.

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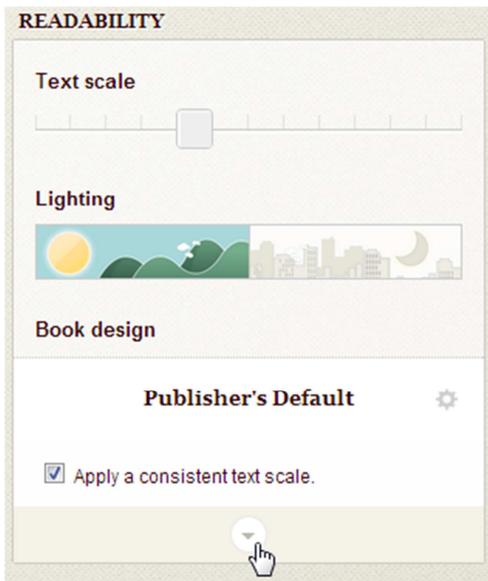
Dramatis Personae

1. ; captain, **Imperial** Star Destroyer
2. ; senior officer, **Imperial** Security Bureau (human male)

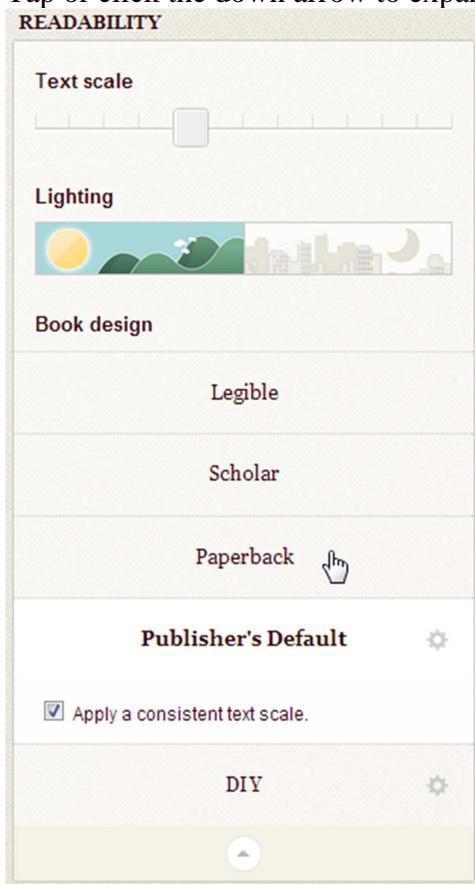
Chapter One

3. And **Imperial** Center had responded. Less than three days ago the word had come...
4. ...pathizers, had become the best and fastest way to success in the **Imperial**
5. ...k in the direction Chewie was facing as the familiar shape of an **Imperial** Star Destroyer swung into view around the dark edge of the plane...
6. 's lounge. If the **Imperials** caught them here ...
7. ...switches on his own quads. The last thing he wanted was for the **Imperials** to do a power scan and see that the
8. ...the other cut him off tartly. “As of right

Change the readability options to control how an eBook is displayed.



- Use the "Text scale" slider to adjust the size of the text within an eBook.
- Select either day or night mode under "Lighting."
- Tap or click the down arrow to expand the "Book design" options.



- Tap or click through the various book designs to find the one you like.  
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- If you prefer to create your own book design, select **DIY**.



### **A few things to keep in mind**

OverDrive recommends Google Chrome as a strong HTML5 browser (great for OverDrive Read) that works across multiple platforms.

If you're using Internet Explorer with OverDrive Read, you may be prompted with the option to install an alternative browser when opening an eBook. If you prefer, you can also choose to use OverDrive Read Basic, a reduced-feature version of OverDrive Read.