

Library Books on Kindle: A Visual Walkthrough

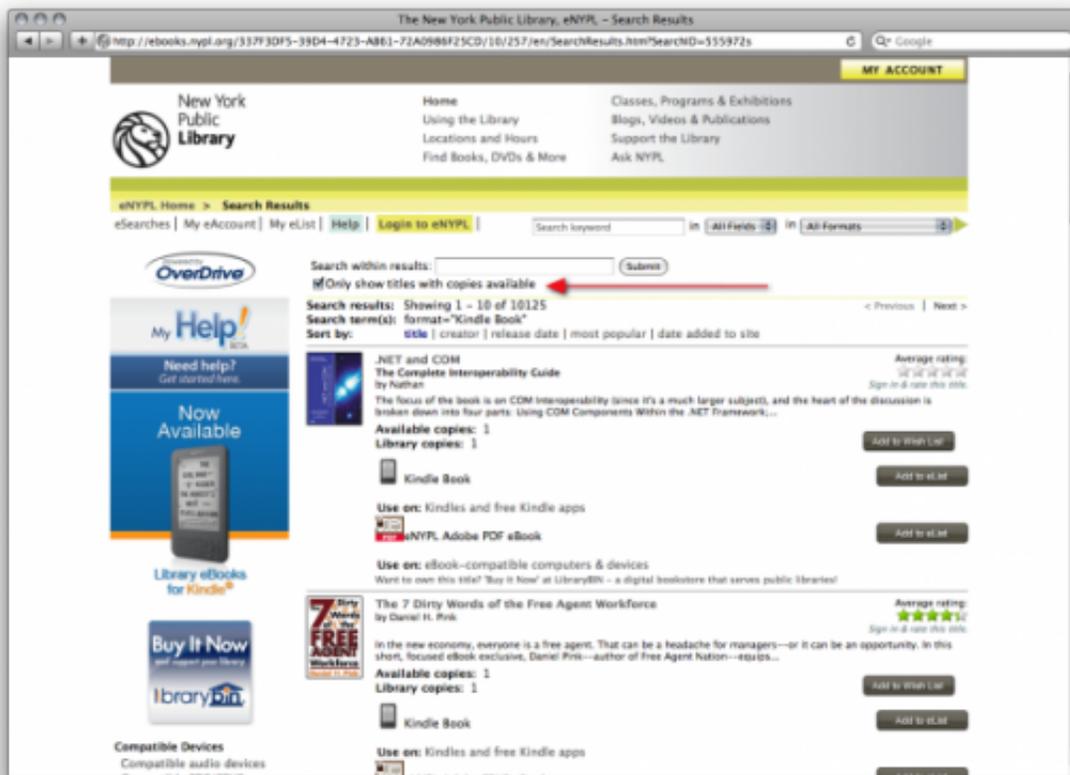
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<http://www.nypl.org/blog/2011/09/22/library-books-kindle>

Have you heard? Library books are now available to borrow on Kindle devices and other devices with [Kindle reading software](#) (Windows, Mac, Blackberry, iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch, Android, Windows Phone 7) as well as their [Kindle Cloud Reader](#) (read without downloading software in your web browser).

Here is a walkthrough of how it works. (If you're scrolling-averse, [check out this video from OverDrive.](#))

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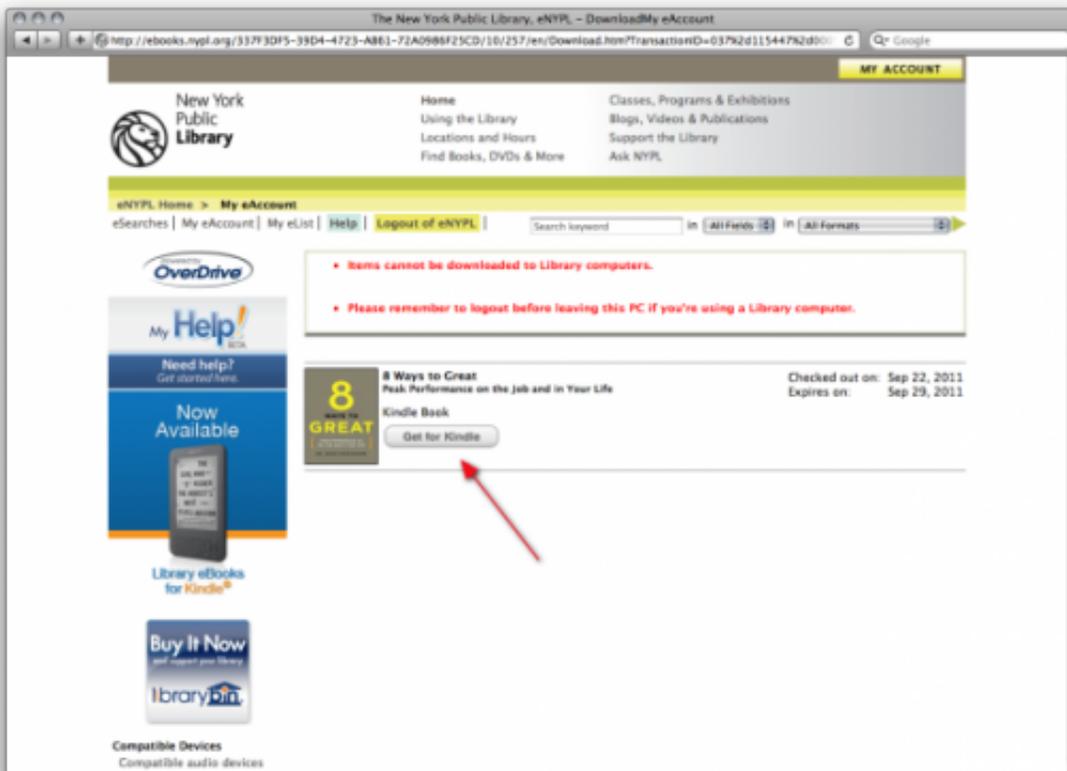


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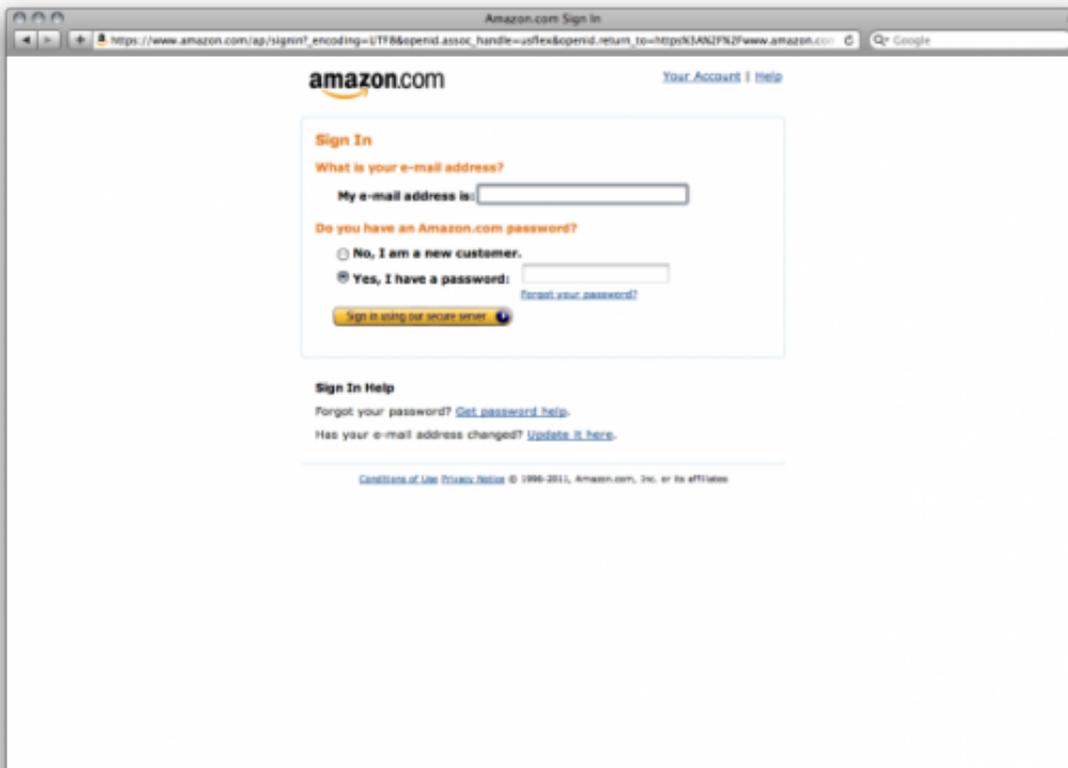
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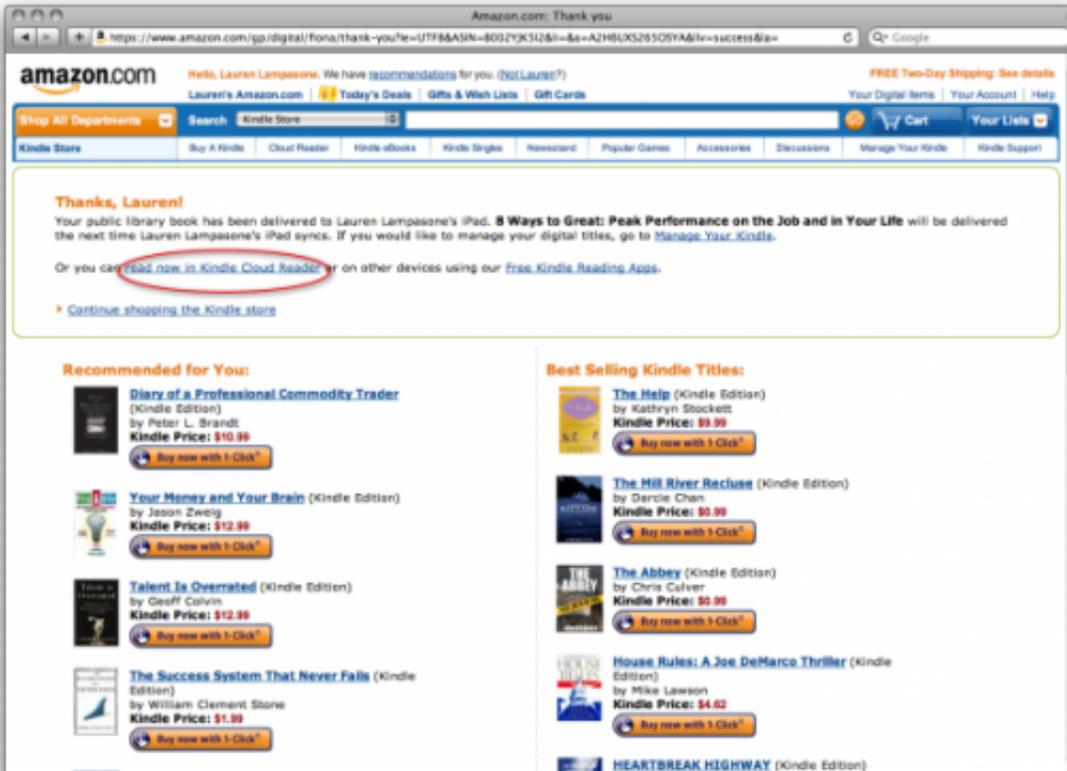
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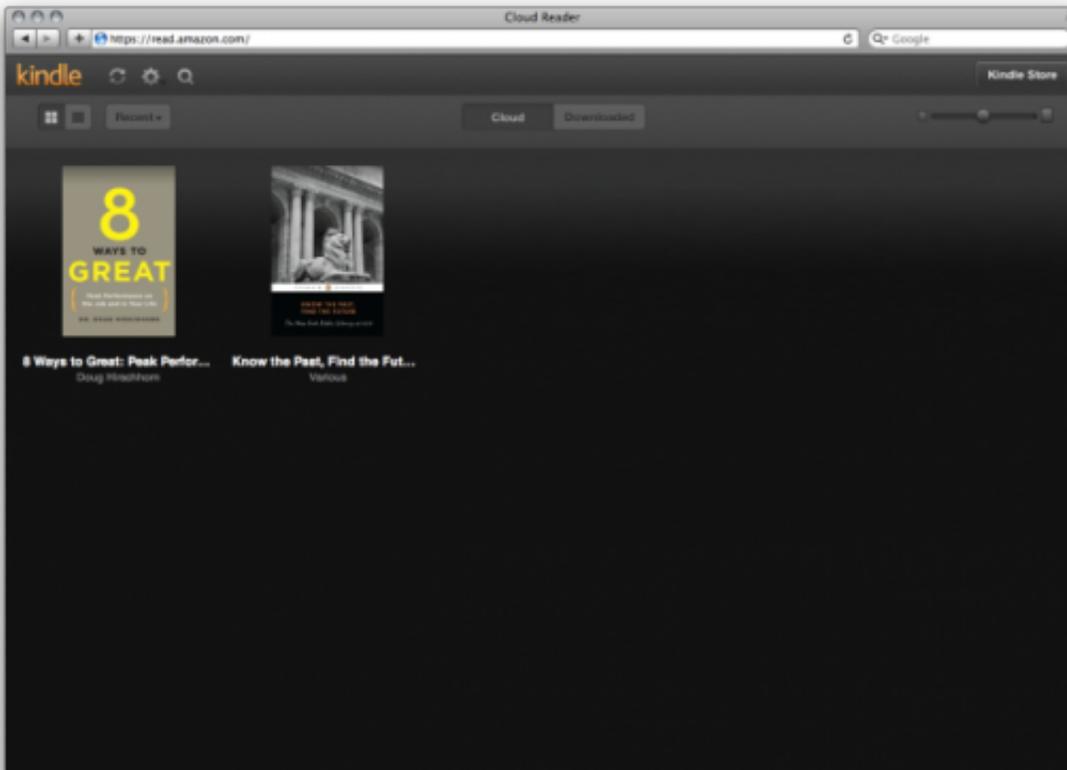
Now pop on your device and it should download over your Wi-Fi connection. If you're at the library or another Wi-Fi hotspot, you may have to manually connect first. Go to **Menu → Settings → Wi Fi Settings → View → Connect** to a network. You may then have to open the browser and follow any prompts on the page for the hotspot location. If the file does not transfer immediately, try going to **Menu → Sync & Check for Items**.

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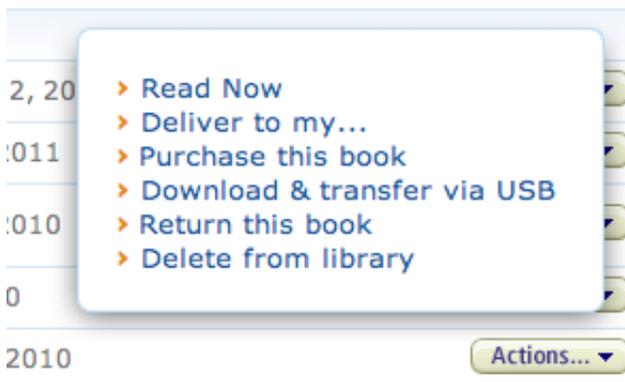


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