

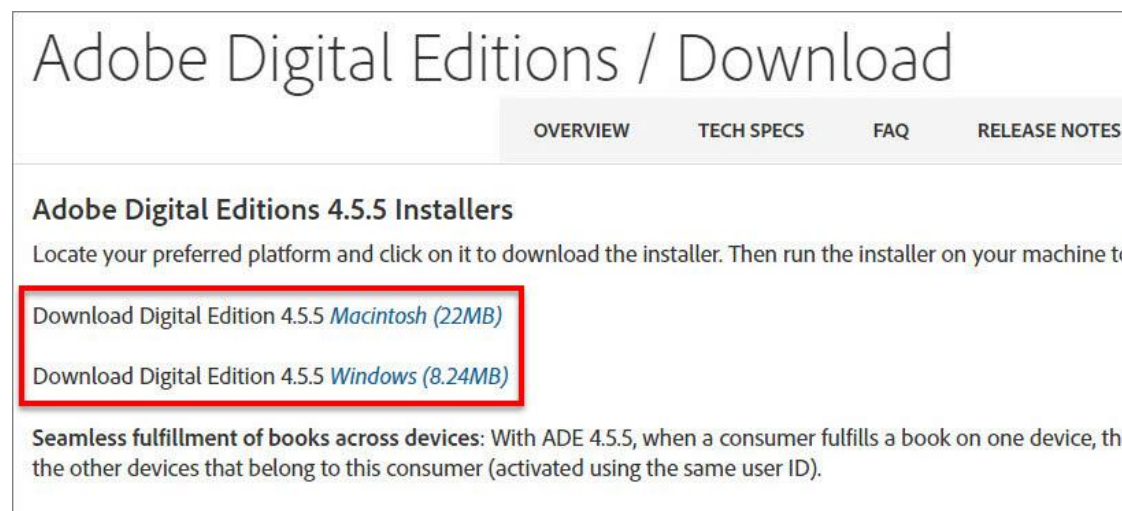
Quick guide to OverDrive eBooks on a computer or eReader

Follow the steps below to enjoy eBooks on your Windows or Mac computer or laptop and transfer to an eReader like a Kobo.

Step 1: Install Adobe Digital Editions

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Visit the [Adobe Digital Editions website](#) and click the download link for either Macintosh or Windows.



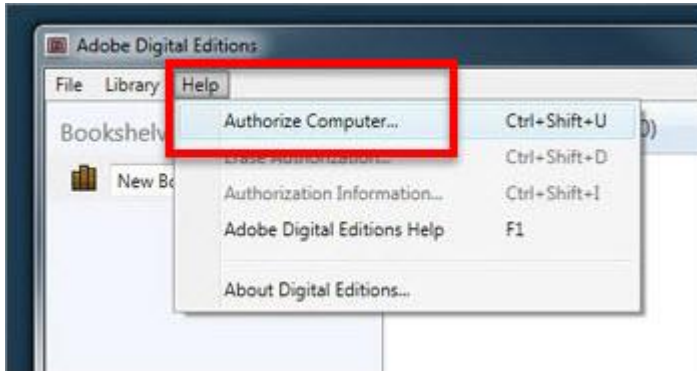
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Windows 8 RT users

Adobe Digital Editions is not compatible with Windows 8 RT or Windows 10 in app mode, but you can [use the OverDrive app for Windows](#). Visit the Windows store to download the OverDrive app.

Step 2: Authorise Adobe Digital Editions

When you first open Adobe Digital Editions you should be prompted to authorise your computer. If you are not, click on 'Help > Authorize computer'.



A 'Computer authorization' screen will appear. We recommend authorising your computer or laptop with an OverDrive account, but you can use an Adobe ID if you prefer. To create an OverDrive account, [visit OverDrive.com/account/sign-up](https://www.overdrive.com/account/sign-up) and choose the option to sign up with your library card.

Tip

If you use the same account on your computer, phone, tablet, and eReader you will be able to read the same book on multiple devices.

Once you have an OverDrive account, choose 'OverDrive' from the 'eBook Vendor' menu and enter the email address and password for your OverDrive account.



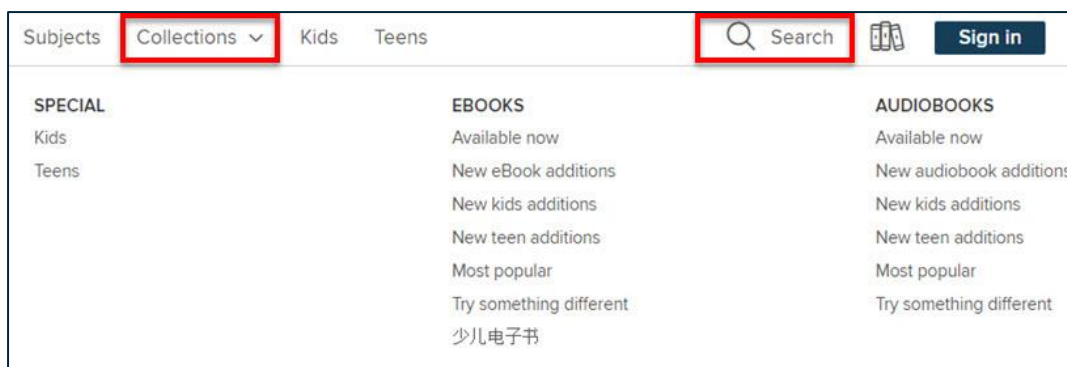
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Step 3: Visit OverDrive and find a book

Visit the OverDrive website and sign in with your library barcode number or OverDrive account.

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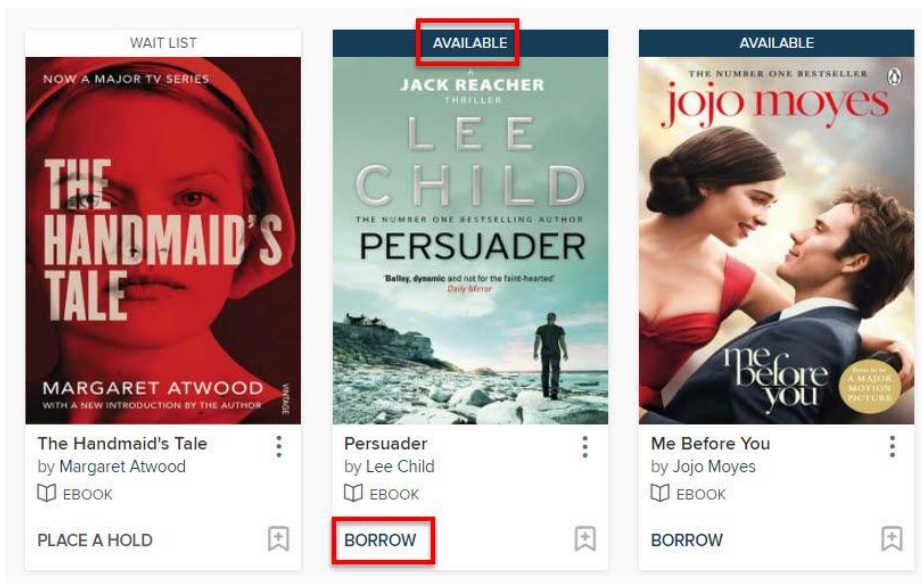
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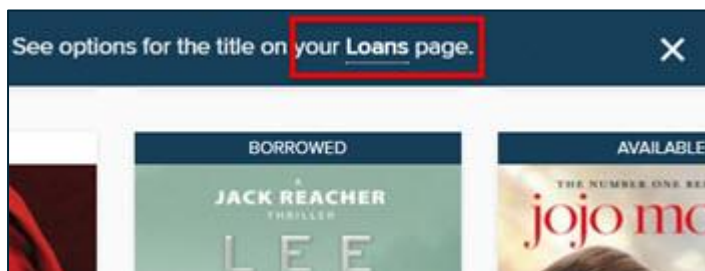
Step 4: Borrow a book

Books that are available have 'Available' above the cover and 'Borrow' beneath it. Books currently on loan say 'Wait list' and 'Place a hold'.

Click 'Borrow' beneath the book you want.

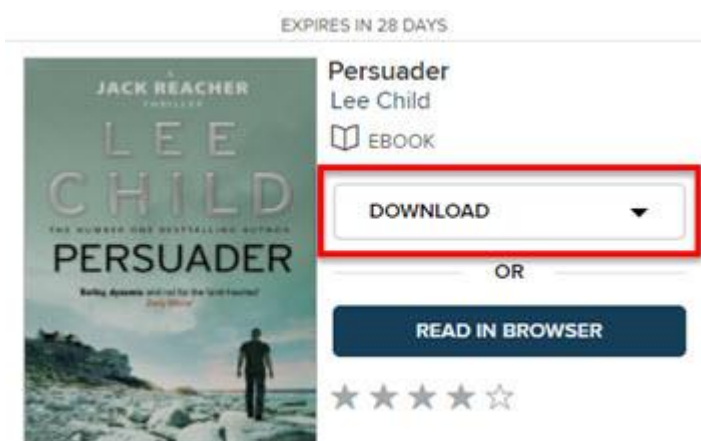


A message will appear at the top of the page letting you know that the check out was successful. Click the link to your loans page to download the book.



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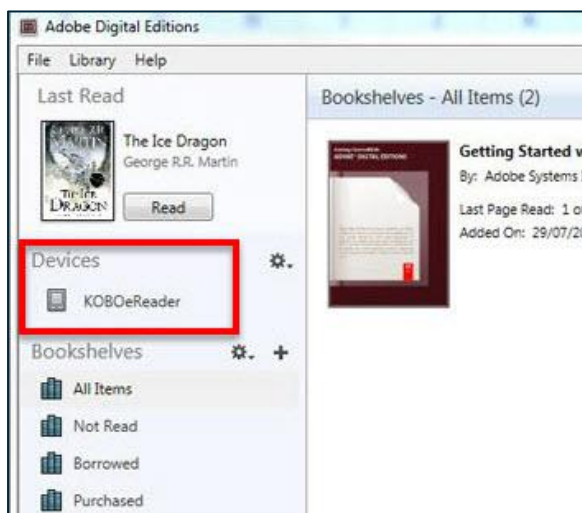
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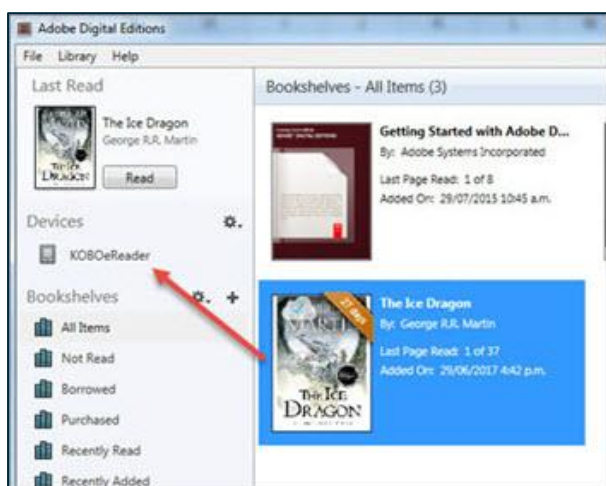
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