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There are two ways to checkout, download, and enjoy library eBooks on Apple computers or laptops. *To have access to the full collection of library eBooks, it is important to understand both options.*

Option 1: Get Adobe Digital Editions (for Adobe EPUB eBooks)

Option 2: Get the Kindle App for Mac (Kindle eBooks)

Option 1: Get Adobe Digital Editions

Step 1: Preparing your Computer with Adobe Digital Editions (first time only)

- On your home computer, create a free Adobe account at www.adobe.com/membership.
- Click Create Adobe Account.
- Write down the email address and password you use for this account.
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- Click Download Now.
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Step 2: Choosing and Checking Out a Book

- On your computer, go to Northern California Digital Library: http://califa.lib.overdrive.com.
- · Click the Account tab at top of page and select Santa Clara City Library from the list.
- Enter your library card number. Click Sign In.

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- Search for a book.
 - Click Advanced Search near the search box. Under Format, select EPUB. Check the box Only show titles with copies available to find books available for immediate checkout.
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- Click Confirm & Download.
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The book will be returned automatically on the due date, but if you want to return it early, follow these optional steps:

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- From this menu select Return borrowed item from the list
- Then click Return.

For Additional Assistance

- Watch Adobe Digital Editions video tutorials at: http://help.overdrive.com/going-mobile-videos#ADE.
- Visit the Santa Clara City Library or call us: 1-408-615-2900.
- View the Digital Book Help Overdrive Help section of the Northern California Digital website: http://califa.lib.overdrive.com



Option 2: Get the Kindle App

Step 1: Preparing your Device (first time only)

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- o First go to: http://www.amazon.com/
- o Under Shop by Department, select Kindle, then Free Kindle Reading Apps.
- o Under the Computers heading, find your computer type and select
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 - You also can place a hold on a title that is checked out. You will be notified when it becomes available.
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- At the next screen, click **Download**, and select **Kindle Book**.
- Click Confirm & Download
- The browser should open a new screen at the Amazon website. Click the **Get library book** Button.
- At the next screen, make sure the *Deliver to* box says *My Kindle for Mac*.
- Click Continue
- Open the Kindle app. If the book does not appear on the home screen, touch the icon of two arrows forming a circle. This will synchronize the app.



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- A menu will display select Return this book
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