



## Best 4 iBooks for Mac Alternatives

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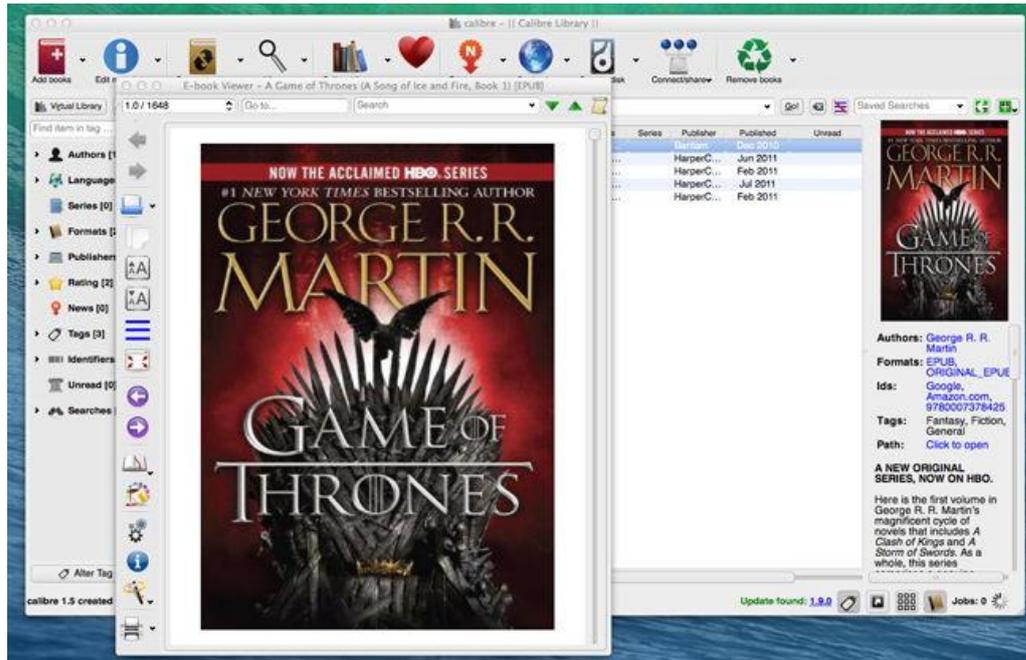
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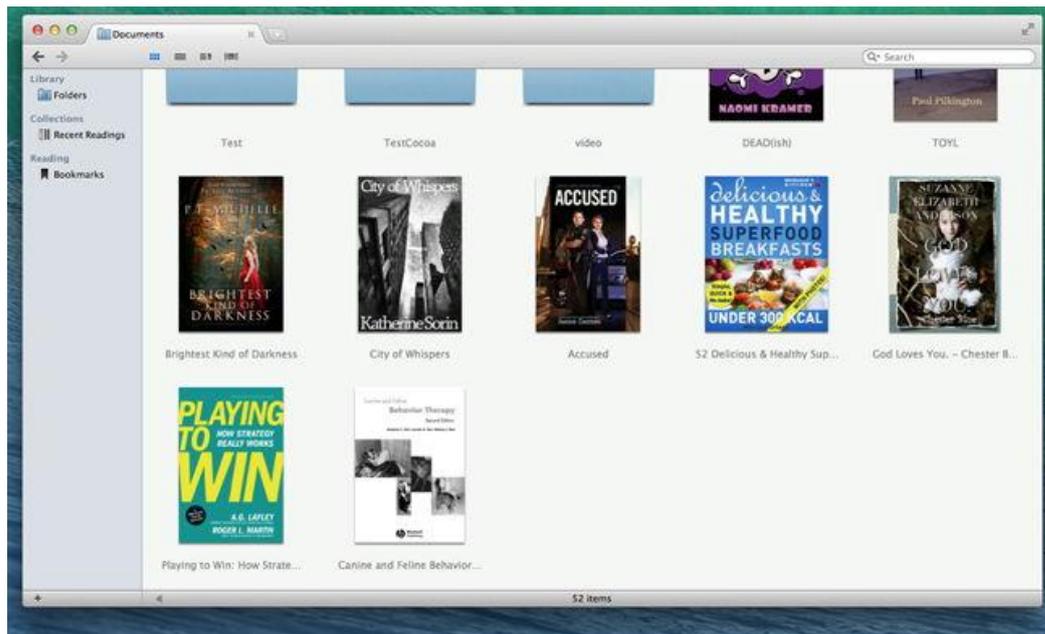
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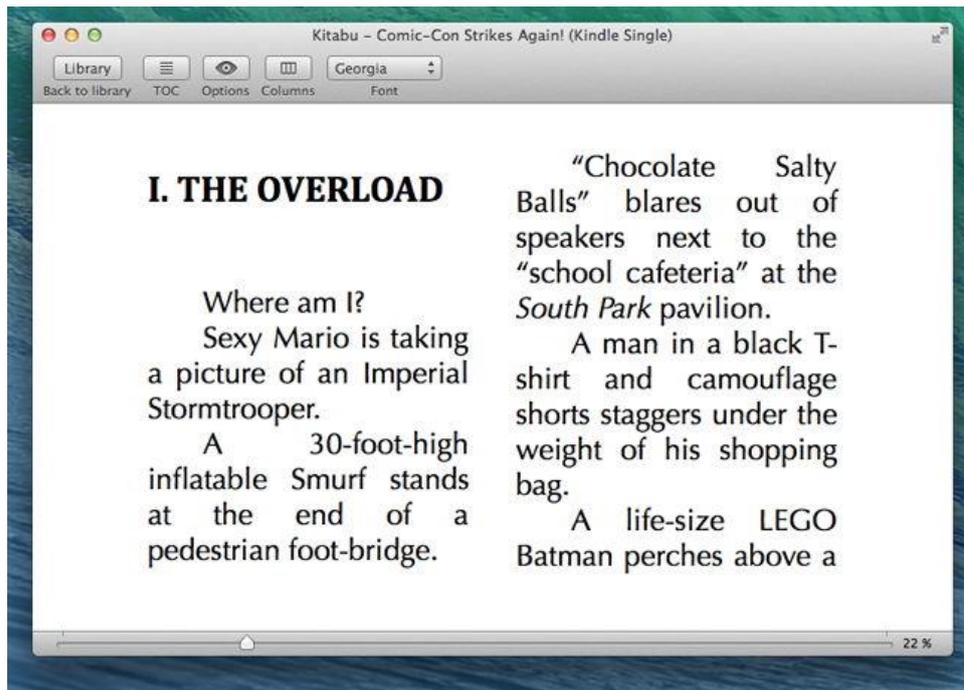
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All in all, it is an elegant, tiny but handy app for reading various formats of eBooks on Mac. And just inform that in my test, this app crashed a lot under Mac OS X 10.9 Mavericks.

**Price: \$9.99** from [AppStore](#), **free trial** is available on the [official site](#).

**Kitabu**



This is the last app I recommend in this post, and the reason why I put it in the last place is simple, it is inferior than the apps above.

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In the aspect of capability, it supports fewer formats than ClearView, and the UI design is also not delicate enough, makes people feel like it just adopts everything native in Mac's developer library. At the first time I run this app, I can't even get noticed it is ready to work.

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