

How to read AZW3 books on an iPad/iPhone?

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Amazon rolled out AZW3 format in late 2011 along with the release of Kindle Fire Tablet. As the enhanced version of the standard AZW format, AZW3 format supports HTML5, CSS3 and some other advanced formatting capabilities. A large number of Kindle books purchased from Amazon are in AZW3 format. In our previous articles we've introduced [Top 5 AZW3 readers for Android](#) and [How to Read AZW3 Books on PC and Mac](#). Here in this article I'm going to illustrate **how to read AZW3 books on iPad/iPhone** and introduce the **best AZW3 readers for iOS** if your AZW3 books are DRM free.



Then what apps on earth can read AZW3 books on an iPad or iPhone, you wonder? To put it simply, there're two ways to read AZW3 books on an iPad or iPhone. You can either install some 3rd party reader apps on your iOS device or read them with iBooks (now called Books). I'll elaborate the two ways in great details in the following parts of the article.

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Prerequisites of reading AZW3 books on an iOS device

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This article [How to Remove DRM from AZW3 eBook Files](#) illustrates the steps of removing AZW3 DRM in great detail.

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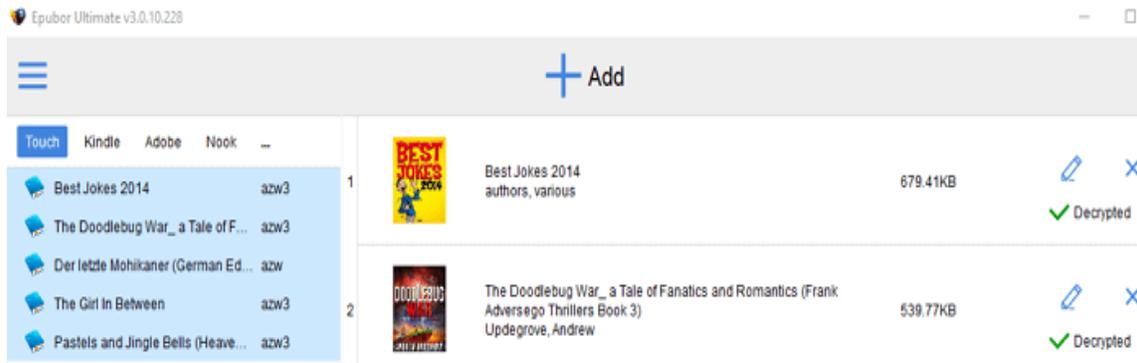


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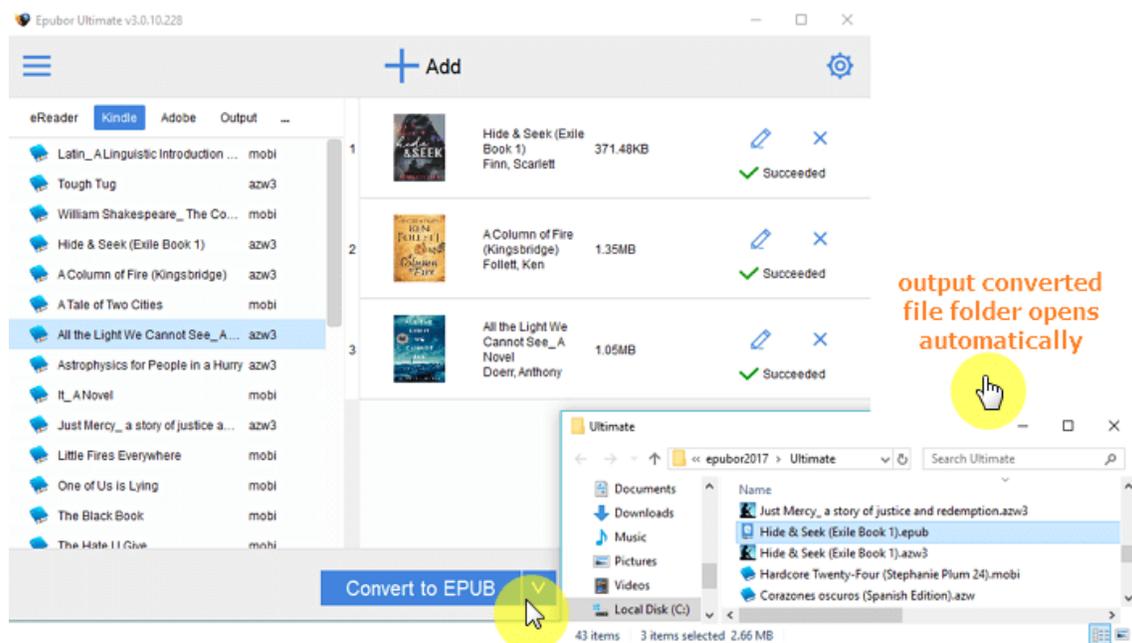
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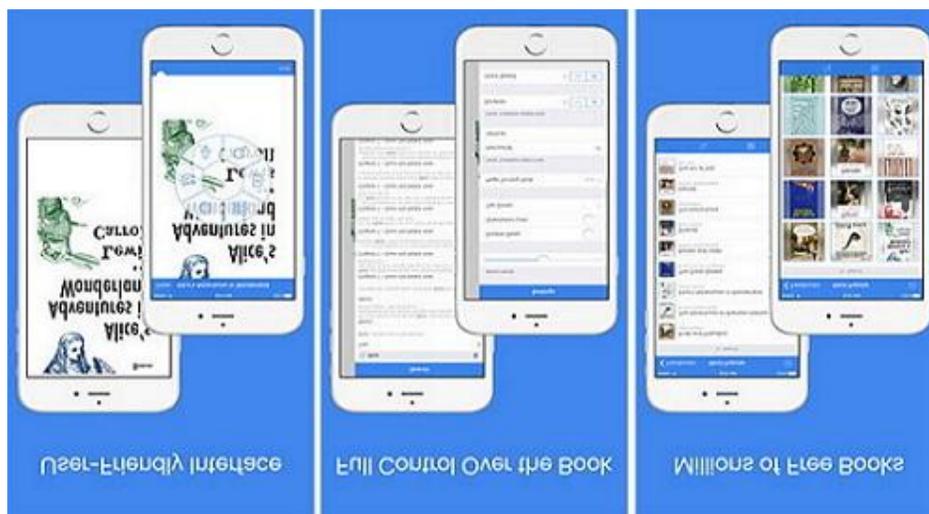
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3. Integrated with Google Books, Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive and Yandex Disc
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5. Flexible reading mode settings
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As what I mentioned previously in the article, Kindle for iOS doesn't support AZW3 files, you can pick one of the reading apps that suits your taste from above to install it on your iPad/iPhone.

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