

How to Read EPUB on PC

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However, if you want to read a EPUB format file on your PC, you may have difficulties from Windows not being able to recognize the format. Today, I am going to introduce two methods about how to read EPUB on PC. They are all easy-to-use and totally free.

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Part 1: Reading EPUB on PC by Using Browsers

For people who are in favor of browsers, I will recommend 2 browsers-Google Chrome and Firefox. What you have to do is installing one browser plugin to your browser. Just one step, your browser will become your ebook reader.

1, [MagicScroll Web Reader for Google Chrome](#)

If you happen to be a user of Google Chrome, you can use it as your ebook reader. Anyway, if you have not installed a Google Chrome, you can take his opportunity to have a try.

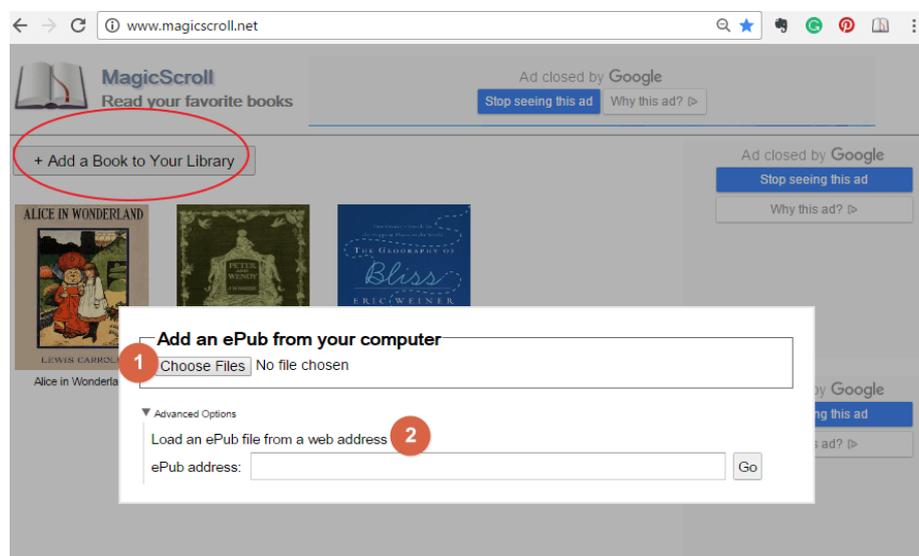
Step 1: Install Google Chrome and add the MagicScroll Web Reader

You have to download and install the Google Chrome before adding the MagicScroll web Reader. Then go to the [MagicScroll](#) extension page and click on "Add to Chrome" button to install. It will be succeed in installing in your Chrome.

Step 2: Read EPUB File

Once the MagicScroll Web Reader has been installed, you can open a new tab with the [home page of MagicScroll](#).

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2. EPUBReader on Firefox

If you are not a fan of Google Chrome, but there is an alternative for it – Firefox.

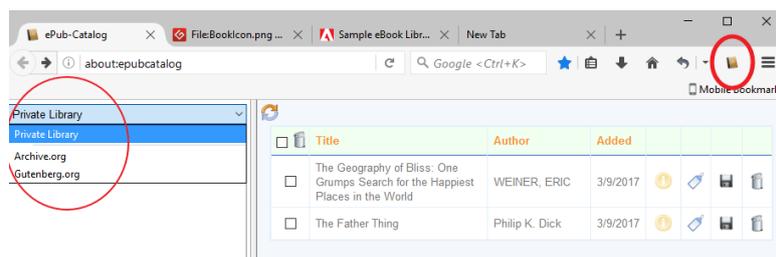
Step 1: Add EPUBReader to Firefox

Go to [EPUBReader](#) extension page, click on the “Add to Firefox” to finish the installation.

Step 2: Read EPUB BOOK

After the installation, an additional icon will show at the top right of your Firefox browser. You can launch EPUBReader by clicking it. In the reader page, you will find lots of ebook collections that are available from archive.org and Gutenberg.org for free.

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These extensions are made as a minimalist ebook reader that will allow you to browse through ebooks directly from these two browsers.

Part 2: Reading Epub on PC by Using Readers Apps

If you are not interested in reading by your browsers, I will introduce 5 apps in this part. Hope there apps will help you read your EPUB books on your paper smoothly.

1, Sumatra Reader

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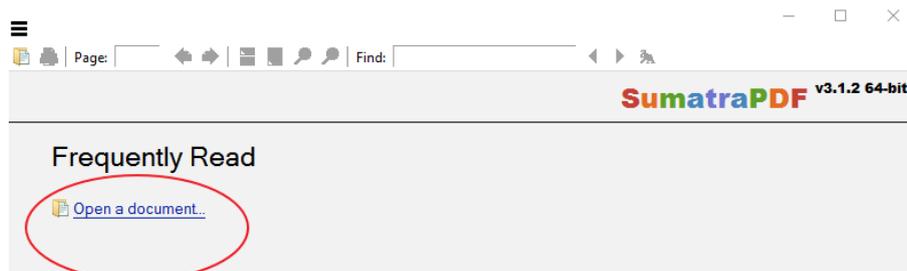
Supported Operation system: Windows 10, Windows 8, Windows 7, Vista, XP.

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2, Adobe Digital Editions

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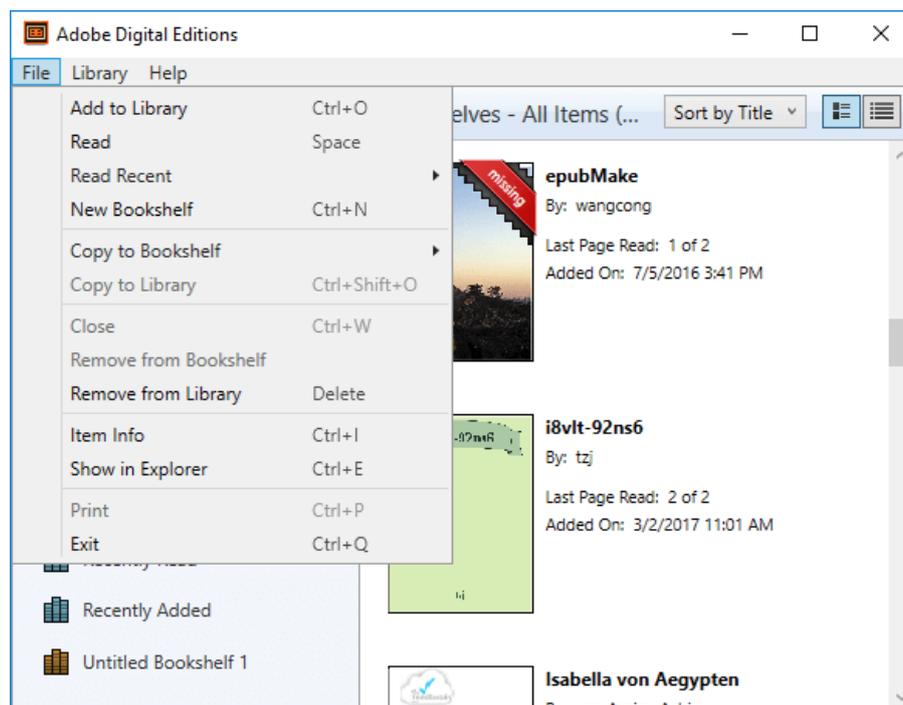
Supported system: Windows; Mac

Step 1: Install ADE and Authorize Adobe ID

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Step 2: Read EPUB Books by ADE

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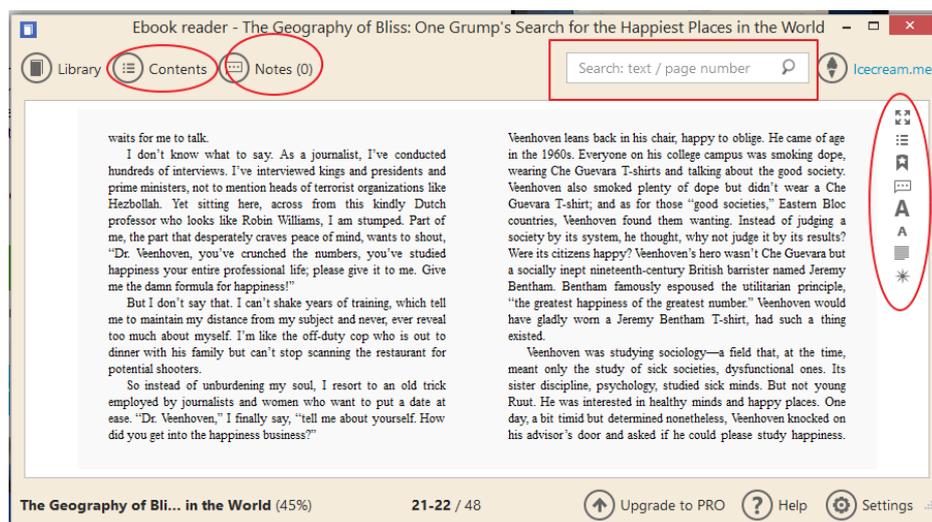
Supported Operation system: Windows 10, 8, 7, Vista, XP

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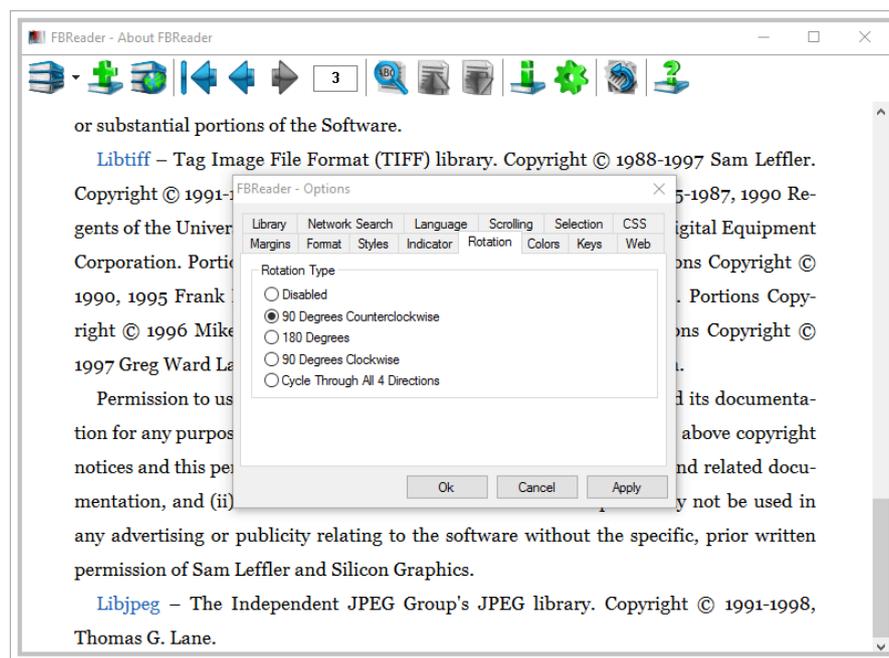
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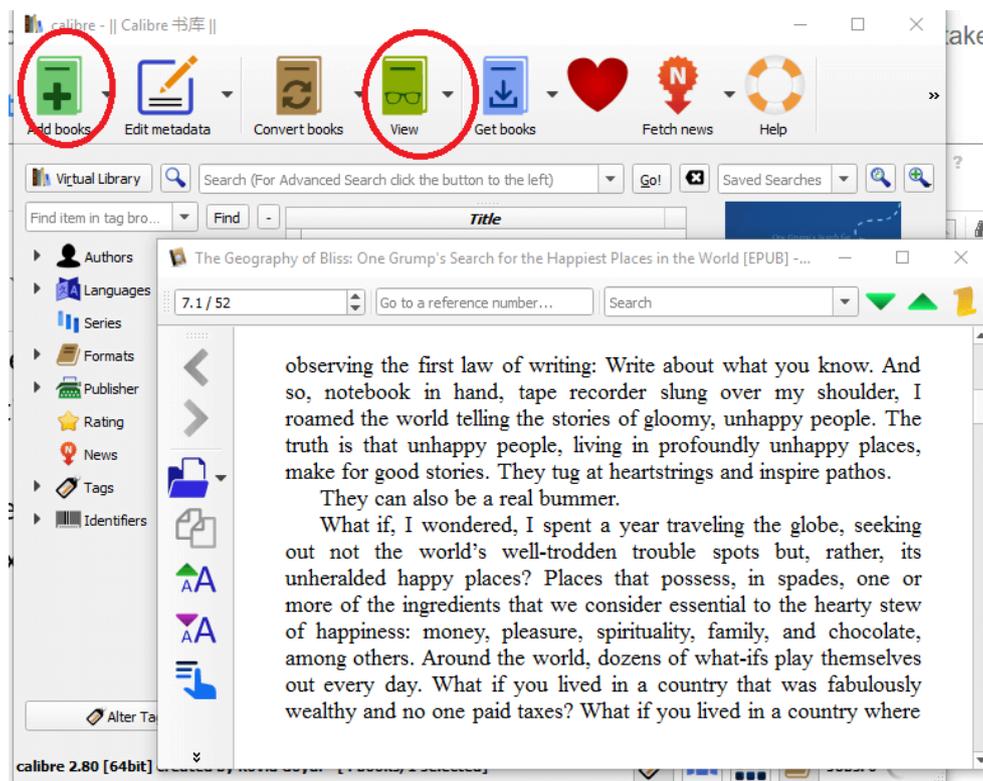
Supported Operation System:Windows(Windows 64bit), OSX, Linux

Step 1: Download and Installation

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Step 2: Read EPUB Books by Calibre

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Although I have collected these 5 tools for you, but they are not a complete list. There are also other free epub readers: Nook for PC/MAC, Kobo for PC/Mac and so on.

Conclusion

Here I am sharing two methods with you about how to read epub on PC. I can not tell which one is the best, but you can choose the one you like according to your reading custom.

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