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Follow-up

E-book reader replacement

Libby is defunct for a PC; OverDrive is going to be similarly discontinued. What software will read eBooks from OPL (library)?

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- Android 5.0+ (get it on [Google Play](#))
- Fire OS 5+ (get it directly from [OverDrive, the developers of Libby](#))

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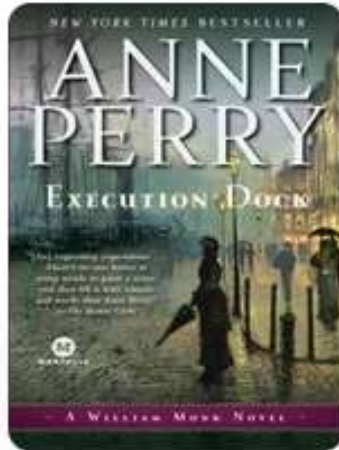
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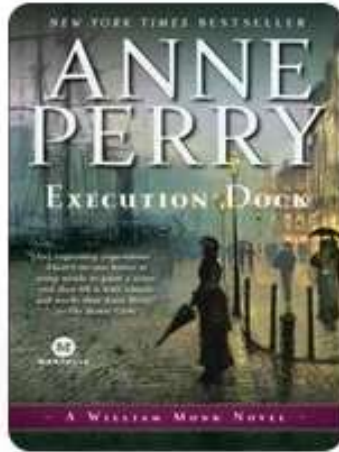


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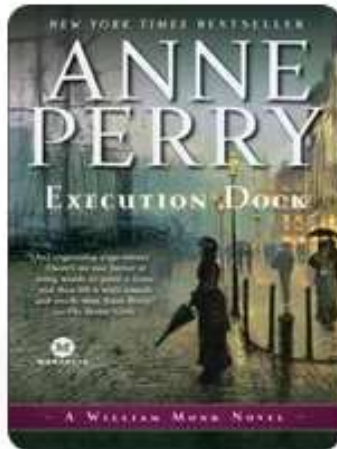


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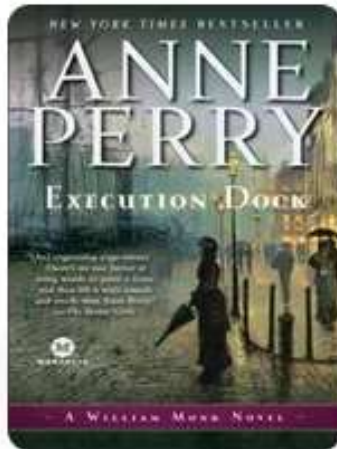
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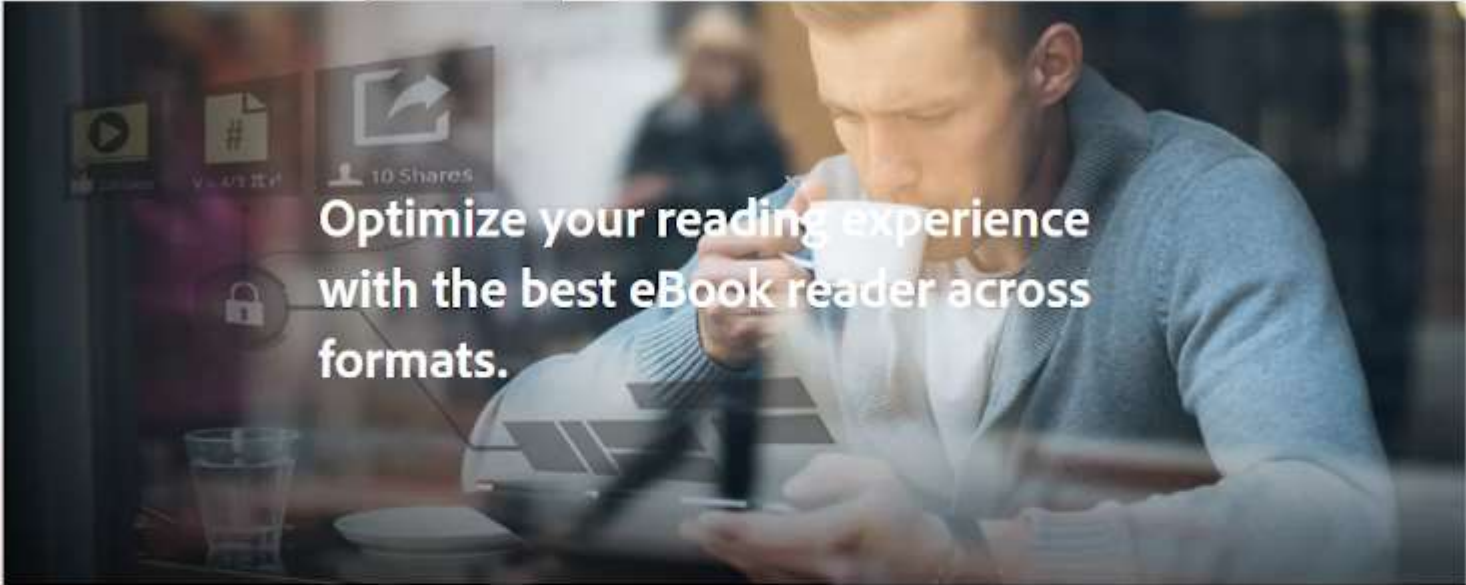


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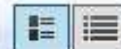
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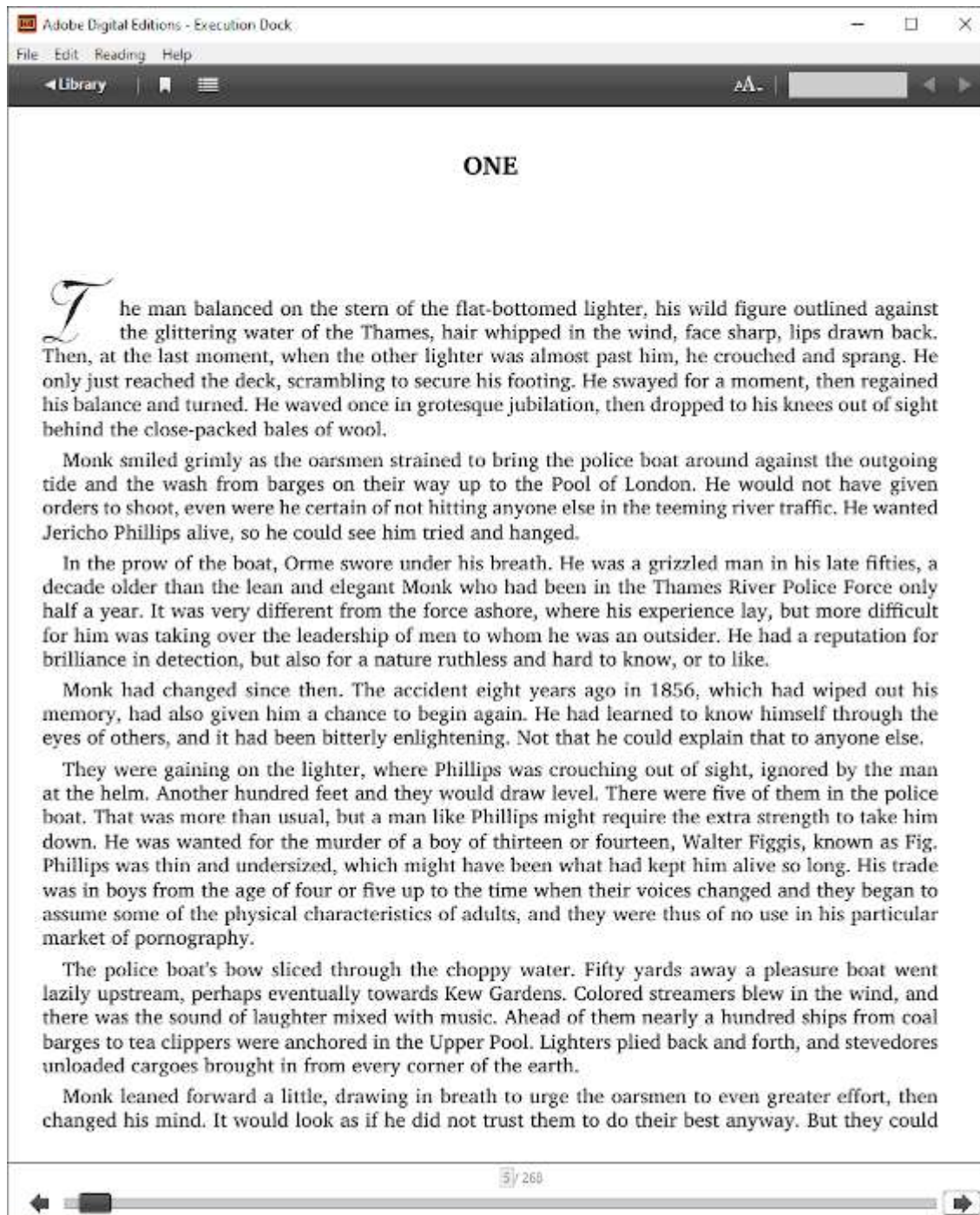


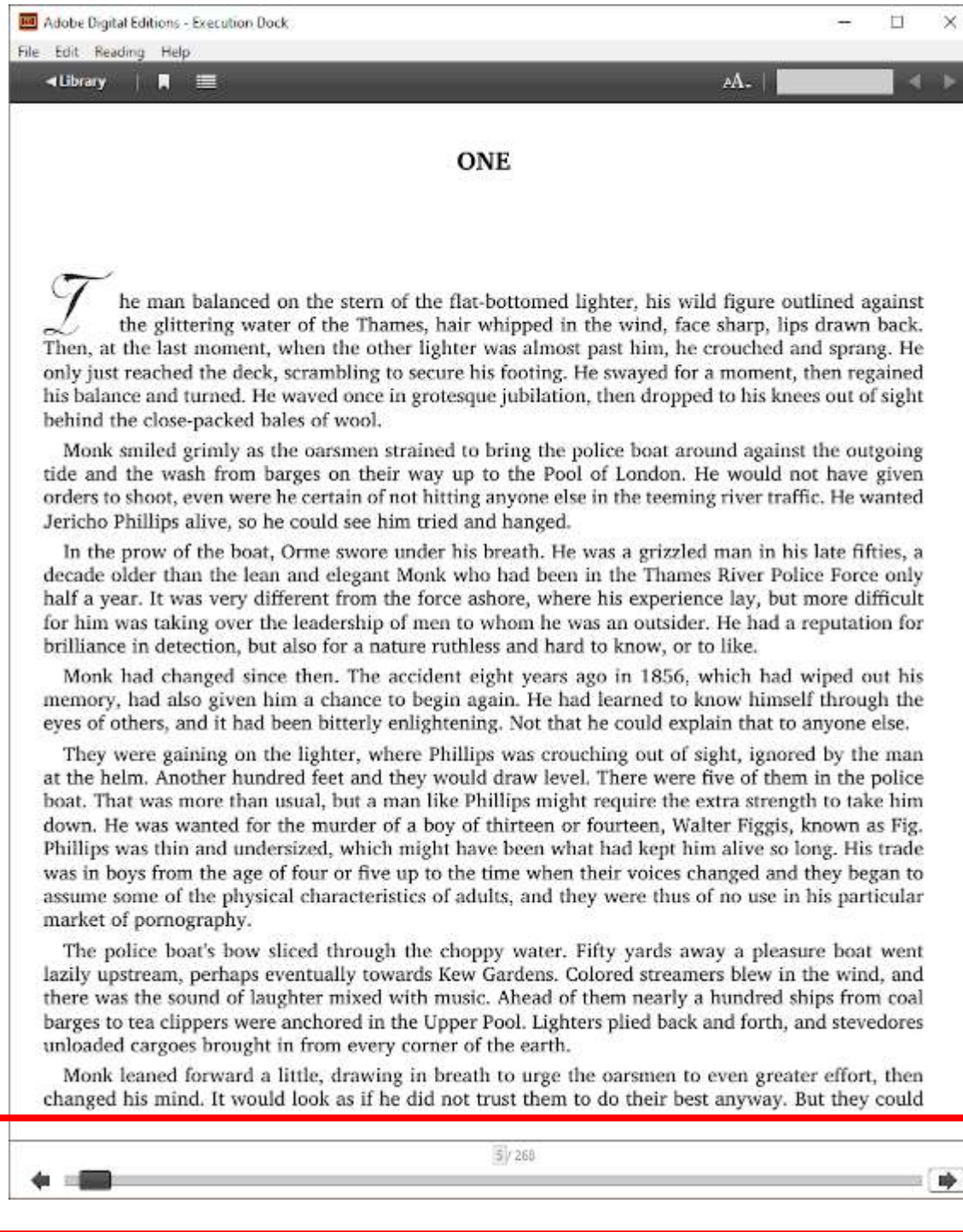
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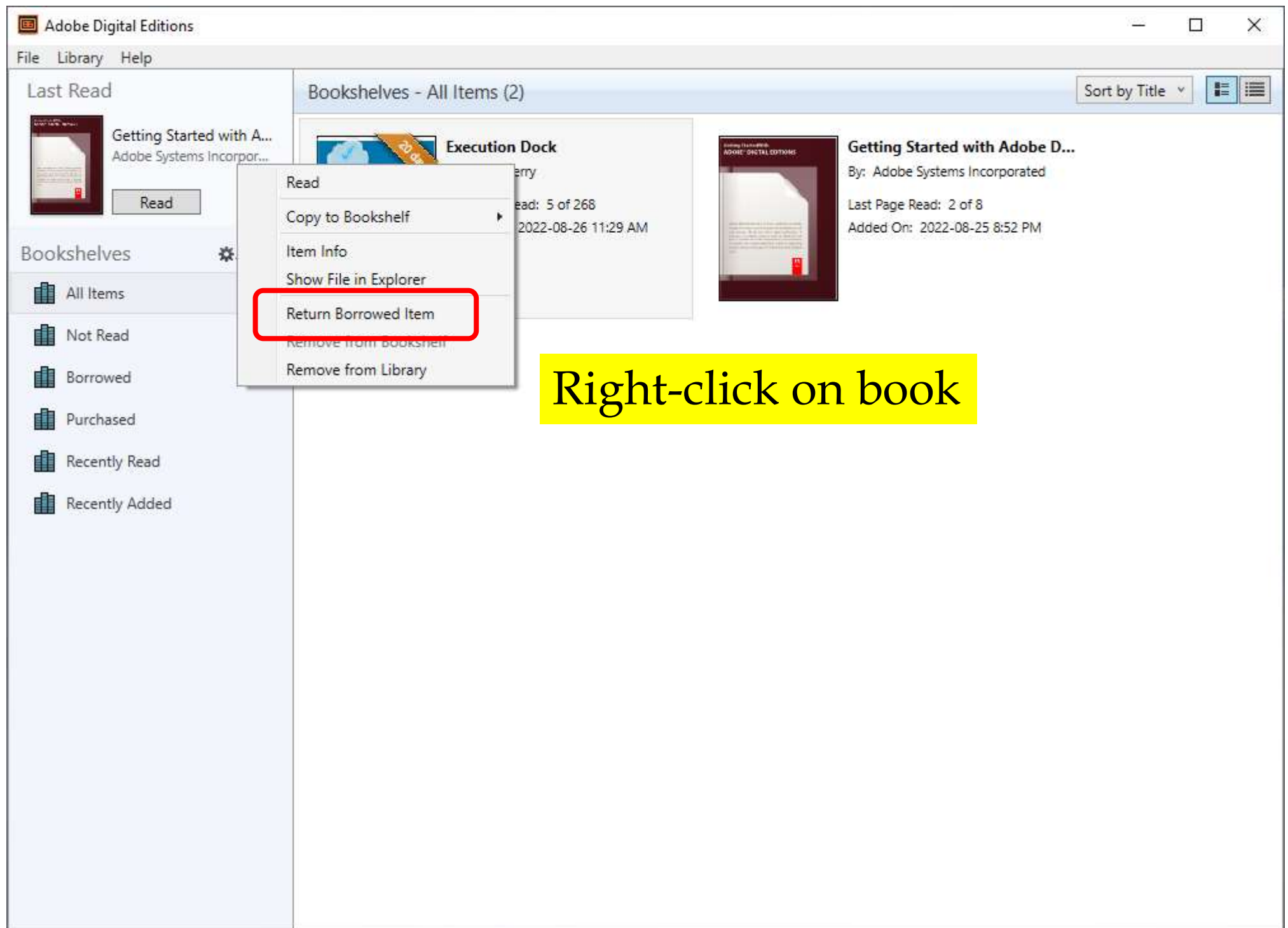
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man balanced on the stern of the flat-bottomed lighter, his wild figure outlined against glittering water of the Thames, hair whipped in the wind, face sharp, lips drawn back. In the last moment, when the other lighter was almost past him, he crouched and sprang. He reached the deck, scrambling to secure his footing. He swayed for a moment, then regained his balance and turned. He waved once in grotesque jubilation, then dropped to his knees out of sight behind the close-packed bales of wool.

Monk smiled grimly as the oarsmen strained to bring the police boat around against the outgoing tide and the wash from barges on their way up to the Pool of London. He would not have given orders to shoot, even were he certain of not hitting anyone else in the teeming river traffic. He wanted Jericho Phillips alive, so he could see him tried and hanged.

In the prow of the boat, Orme swore under his breath. He was a grizzled man in his late fifties, a decade older than the lean and elegant Monk who had been in the Thames River Police Force only half a year. It was very different from the force ashore, where his experience lay, but more difficult for him was taking over the leadership of men to whom he was an outsider. He had a reputation for brilliance in detection, but also for a nature ruthless and hard to know, or to like.

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(3) Keep running (an old version of) OverDrive

*(Currently, no problem downloading
and reading OPL E-books)*



Photo editing on iPhone

- I wonder if you can organize a demo sometime in the future to show us how we can edit photos on an Apple phone?



A Lynda did some research...

- Checked with a friend who owns an iPhone10
- Functions seemed familiar but demo would be awkward.
- Found a good YouTube video tutorial

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lnes3GK5vHY>



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Q&A Session

Sweet Home 3D

- Intro & call for participants



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What is Sweet Home 3D?

Sweet Home 3D is an easy to learn interior design application that helps you draw the plan of your house in 2D, arrange furniture on it and visit the results in 3D.



Features

- Draw walls and rooms of your home from scratch or upon the image of an existing plan, on one or more levels;
- Change the color or the texture of the walls, the floors and the ceilings, importing images of your own patterns if needed;
- Drag and drop doors, windows and furniture onto the plan from a catalog of 1500 objects organized by categories, in which you can import 3D models created by yourself or downloaded from the web.



Features

- Customize the size, the orientation, the elevation, the colors and the textures of each piece of furniture;
- View the changes in the plan simultaneously in a 3D view, in which you can navigate either from an aerial view point, or from a virtual visitor viewpoint;
- Create a photorealistic image of your arrangement depending on the time of the day and the light sources placed in the plan.



Features

- Create a video from a virtual path in the 3D view;
- Print the home plan and the 3D view or export them in files at PDF, PNG, JPEG, SVG, OBJ standard formats, to reuse designed homes in other software;
- Price from free to \$30+ from the Microsoft Store;
- The additional resources provided from contributors across the world is fantastic from what I've seen so far:
 - Outdoor Landscaping
 - Custom furniture and other features



Features

Sweet Home 3D
an easy interior design application





Caveats

- This is a hobby;
 - May not know what I'm talking about;
 - Not a home renovator and I hate painting (shhh, don't tell Lynda)
 - I'm no expert on Sweet Home 3D, yet
- I'm interested in learning and sharing the experience;
- My home is a multi-level built in 1967, with the addition of a 4th level sub-basement (versus the rest of the houses on the street) and the 1st owner was a handy person (not that I'm likely to inherit that skill);
- I'll be able to work an hour each week with the program.



What am I hoping to do?

- Find one or more individuals that wish to also have a usable apartment or house layout;
 - Hoping that someone has a simpler setup than I;
 - An Apartment or small house would be great.
- Remotely meet about 30 minutes every 2 weeks to discuss what they've discovered;



What am I hoping to do?

- Help put together a 15 minute presentation for every other week Q&A.
 - Speaking / presenting is optional;
- We continue to present, work through its features until we have Sweet Home 3D fully figured out (could be many, many, many meetings).

Interested; email Lawrence@opcug.ca

The Microsoft Store

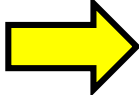




The Microsoft Store



We're going to look at the Microsoft Store over three sessions:

-  **• Part One: What Is the Microsoft Store?**
- Part Two: Desktop Apps vs Microsoft Store Apps.**
- Part Three: The Best Microsoft Store Apps for Windows 10.**



The Microsoft Store



- The Microsoft Store is a digital distribution platform operated by Microsoft for apps, games, fonts, digital videos (mainly movies and TV shows) and more.
- The store works on Windows 8.x, 10 & 11, Windows Server 2012, and on Xbox One OS & Xbox Series X/S OS.
- In addition to the user-facing Microsoft Store client, the store has a developer portal for app developers.



The Microsoft Store



- We're going to focus mainly on apps from the Microsoft Store.
- Some apps are free and some you have to pay for.
- Like other similar platforms such as Google Play for Android users, and the Mac and Apple App Stores, Microsoft Store is curated, and apps must be certified for compatibility and content.



The Microsoft Store



- The Microsoft Store is included with Windows 10 by default. Simply open the Start Menu and search for store to find the Microsoft Store app.
- If you don't use a Microsoft Account to sign into Windows 10, you can still browse and install most free apps. But you'll need to sign in to download paid content.
- You can also browse the web version of the Microsoft Store (<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/>), which includes additional items like hardware (laptops, mice, etc.).



The Microsoft Store



- To download a free app, just click 'Get'.
- Paid apps will require you to sign in with your Microsoft Account and use the payment method you've set.
- Once you've downloaded the app, find it by searching in the Start Menu.



The Microsoft Store



- Microsoft doesn't allow bloat like the extra background services apps like the iTunes ones (iTunes Update, Apple Mobile Device Service, Bonjour Service, and iPod Service) that Apple installs in the non-store versions of iTunes.
- Any background services that are installed are usually disabled by default and require you to enable them as needed.



The Microsoft Store



- **Store apps normally install directly from the Store. You can't download an installation file and run it on multiple computers, or keep a particular version of the installation file.**
- **Apps from the store normally have to update automatically. This may be an issue for those who don't like unexpected updates, but most users are better served by programs being kept up-to-date.**
- **Store apps should uninstall without requiring a separate uninstall app.**



The Microsoft Store



- Many apps in the Store are built using Microsoft's [Universal Windows Platform](#).
- UWP apps can be used across all compatible Microsoft Windows devices, including personal computers, tablets, smartphones, Xbox One, Microsoft HoloLens, and Internet of Things.
- They are designed to work well in a wide variety of circumstances like low-res phone screens, small laptop screens, huge 4K monitors, pen-enabled, touch-enabled, etc.
- There are sometimes compromises made like dumbing down menus and dialogue boxes.



The Microsoft Store



- **UWP apps are primarily purchased and downloaded through the Microsoft Store.**
- **In some cases, the Store gives you a choice between a UWP version and a regular desktop version of an app. We'll look at this in more detail next session.**



The Microsoft Store



- Store apps may not contain, support or approve gratuitous profanity, obscenity, pornography, discrimination, defamation, or politically offensive content.
- They may also not contain contents that are forbidden by or offensive to the jurisdiction, religion or norms of the target market.
- They may also not encourage, facilitate or glamorize violence, drugs, tobacco, alcohol and weapons.



The Microsoft Store



- Microsoft has said that it can remotely disable or remove apps from end-user systems for security or legal reasons. In the case of paid apps, refunds may be issued when this is done.
- Updates to apps published on the Store after July 1, 2023 will not be available to Windows 8.1 (as per Microsoft lifecycle policies, Windows 8.1 will be unsupported in January 2023).



The Microsoft Store



- **With the release of Windows 11, Microsoft announced that it would not require software (excluding games) distributed via Microsoft Store to use its own payment platforms (note that many Store apps are free).**
- **It will also allow third-party storefronts such as the Amazon Appstore (which Microsoft uses for some of its own Android app support) and the Epic Games Store to offer their clients for download via Microsoft Store.**



The Microsoft Store



- You may want to disable '*Nearby Sharing*' and '*Share Across Devices*' (Settings > System > Shared Experiences) and '*Allow Downloads From Other PC's*' (Settings > Update & Security > Advanced Options > Delivery Optimization) before using the Microsoft Store app if you have more than one Windows 10 computer, especially if two or more are likely to be on at the same time, or else strange interactions may occur.
- Check these settings on each computer **REGULARLY** to make sure a Windows update hasn't reset them to Microsoft's defaults!!!



The Microsoft Store



Coming up next:

- Part One: What Is the Microsoft Store?
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The web version of the Microsoft Store

<https://www.microsoft.com/en-ca/>

Info on Microsoft's Universal Windows Platform

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10?**

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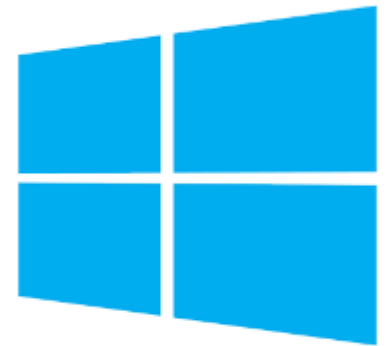
Upgrading from Windows 8

- I have an old laptop that runs Windows 8.1
- I am getting messages that support for Windows 8.1 will end in January and it seems like my only options are to update to Windows 10 or 11 which I'd have to pay for and possibly not be able to do on this laptop
- I think if I don't do anything I won't get more updates
- I don't really use that laptop for the Internet except to download podcasts from iTunes
- I'm worried that as iTunes updates it might not work anymore on the laptop
- Does anyone know any other options?



Best (?) to upgrade to Windows 10

- Upgrade to Windows 10 should still be free
(make a disk image backup before upgrading)
- Old laptop probably doesn't support Windows 11
(CPU and/or TPM)
- Retain Windows 8
 - switch to third-party AV software (e.g. Avast, Avira)
to maintain virus signature updates
- Should be “good enough” security
for downloading podcasts from iTunes



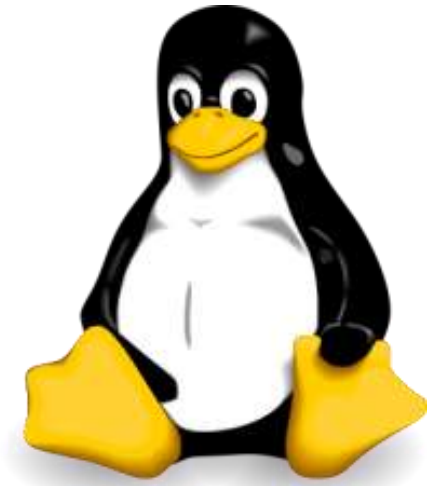


Use an external USB drive

- Options depend on the model of the MS Surface computer and the available ports
- Some Surface units have Micro-SD, SD and USB-A slots
- Micro-SD and regular SD cards are available with capacities up to 512GB and are fairly cheap
- If possible, I would leave the USB-A slot free and use whichever of the SD card slots are not needed for a camera or other devices
- Or, use the USB-A slot for an external USB drive (high-capacity, desktop or portable)

A The nuclear option!

- Switch to Linux
 - on-going support but there will be a learning curve
 - no native Linux version of iTunes
 - requires running iTunes under Wine (definite learning curve!)
- Any other suggestions?





**Any other:
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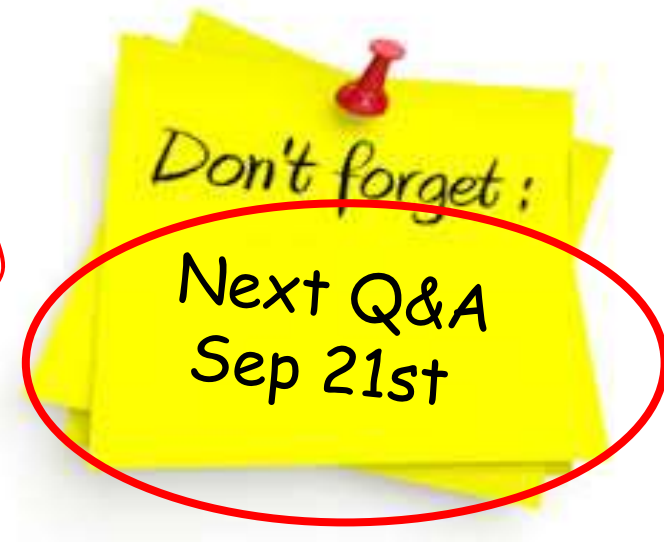
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