

## 2. Downloading and Reading Books



The very first Kindle developed by Amazon was an e-reader for e-books, newspapers and magazines. The Kindles that came out after that had improved screens and more functions. Today, the Kindle Fire HDX is a multifunctional tablet computer with so many features that you might forget its roots as an e-reader. But the e-reader is still there. Everything that made the previous Kindle e-readers so special has been incorporated in the Kindle Fire HDX.

In this chapter you will learn how to download books from the Kindle *Bookstore* where you have direct access to millions of paid and free titles. You will see how easy it is to read a book, adjust the book settings and add bookmarks.

In this chapter you will also get acquainted with the Cloud Drive, Amazon's free unlimited online storage space for all digital content purchased from the Kindle *Bookstore* and other Amazon.com stores. With the Cloud Drive, you will never run out of storage space on your Kindle Fire HDX.



Tired of reading? Then start listening to your favorite books. In this chapter you will learn about downloading and playing audiobooks.

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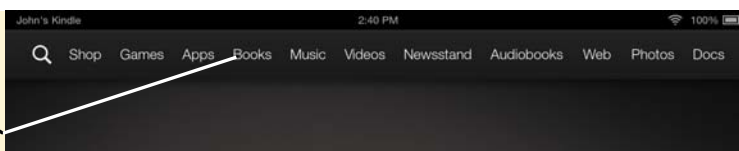
- search for books in the *Bookstore*;
- download a free book;
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- use the *Books* library;
- remove a book from the device and download it again from the Cloud Drive;
- add highlights and notes;
- use narration.

## 2.1 Searching for Books in the Bookstore

When you start using your Kindle Fire HDX, the *Books* library is empty. From the *Books* library you can access the full range of e-books in the *Amazon Kindle Bookstore*. This store contains millions of books that you can buy or download for free. If you want to search for a book, you start by opening the *Books* library:

 **Unlock or turn on the Kindle Fire HDX**  1


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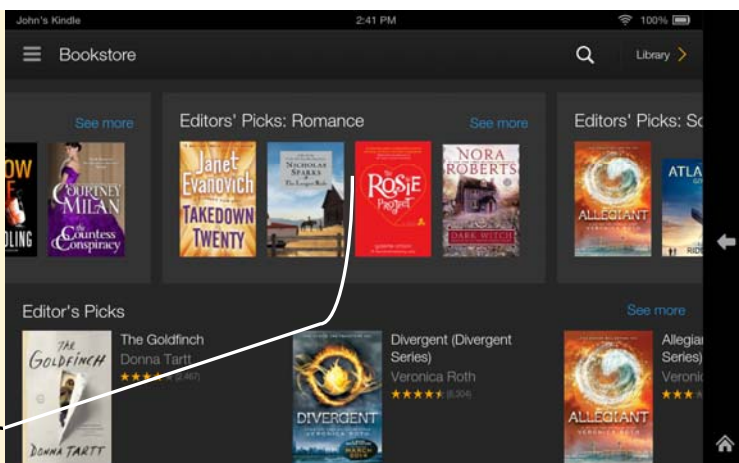


In this example, the *Books* library is empty. The *Bookstore* is shown automatically:

You see the top categories in the *Bookstore*:

You will probably see different books on your screen because the online *Bookstore* changes regularly.

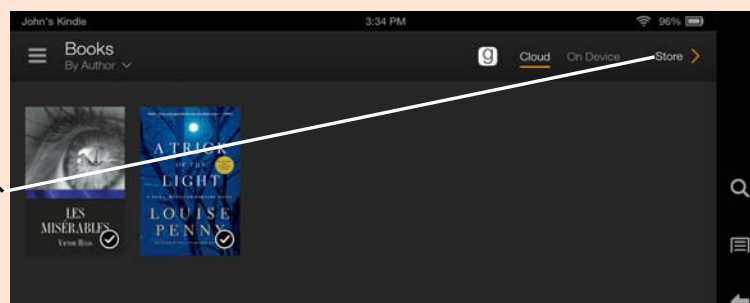
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**HELP! I do not see the Bookstore.**

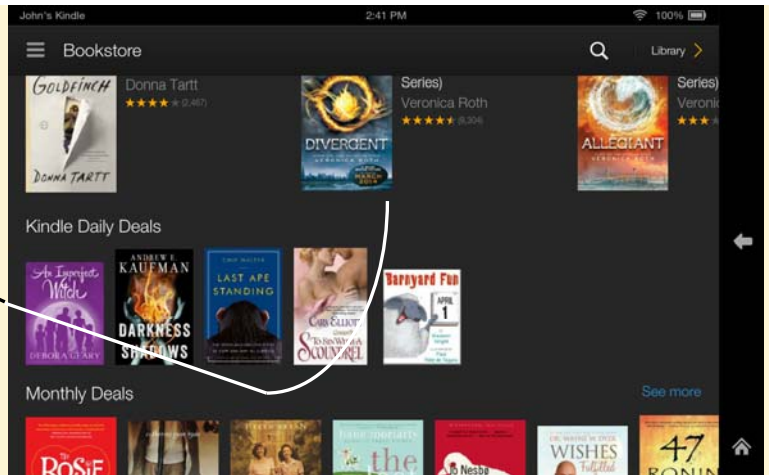
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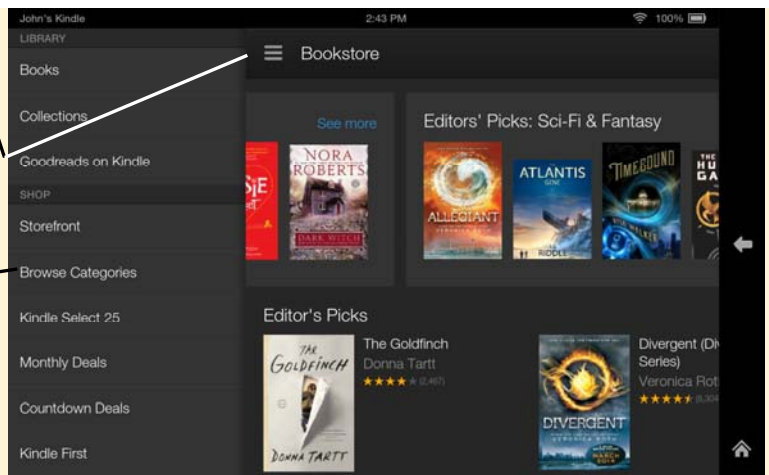
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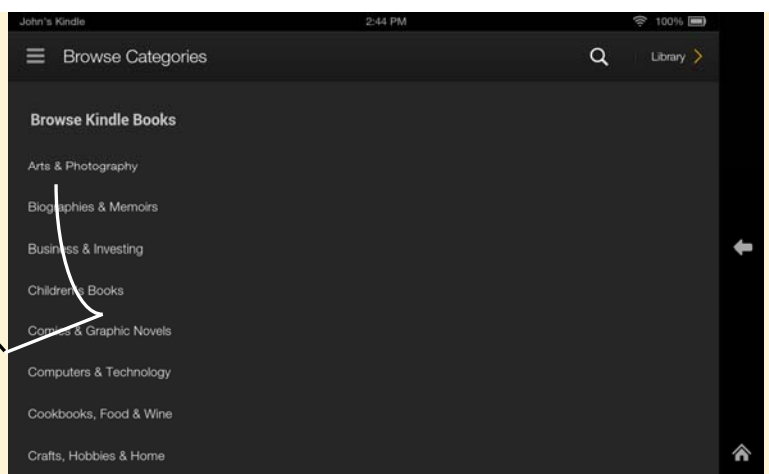
You can also display books per category. To see all categories:

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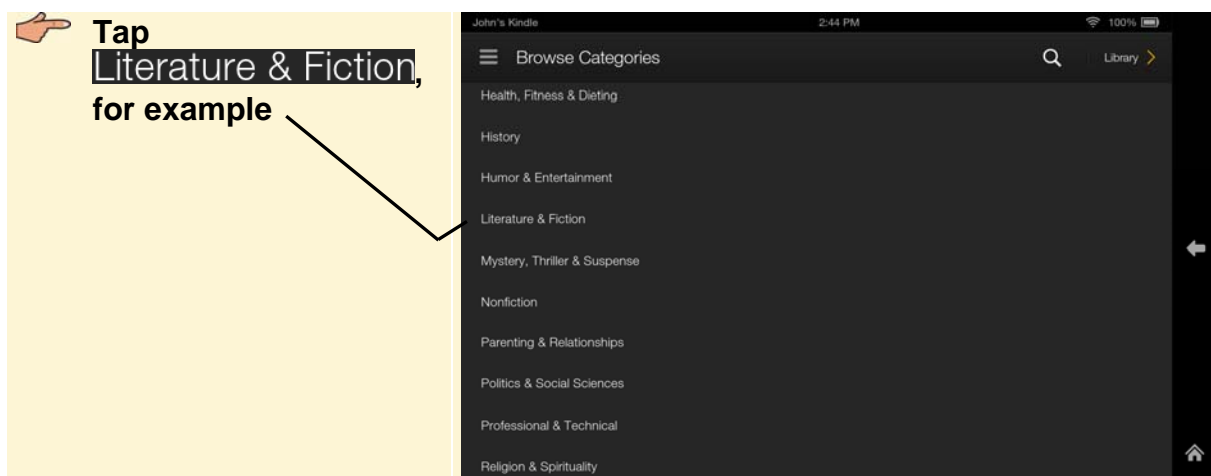


You can scroll down to see more categories:

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To see all books in a particular category:



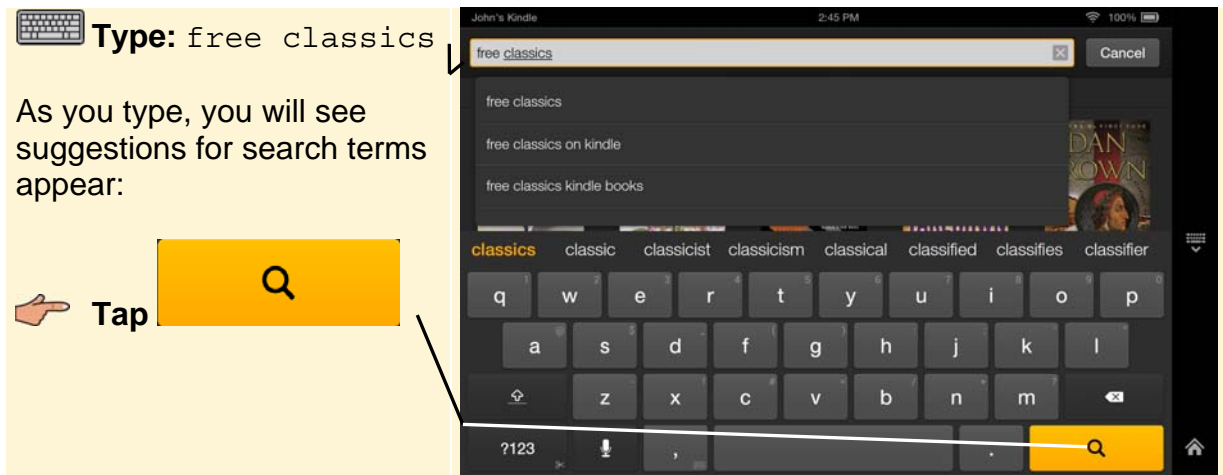
You will see the first books in the category Literature & Fiction. You can scroll down to see more books, but that is not necessary now.

Below each book the price is listed:

★★★★☆ (2,472) is the rating for the book given by readers. The number of readers that have rated it is shown in parentheses:

You can use the Search icon to look for a different book category:



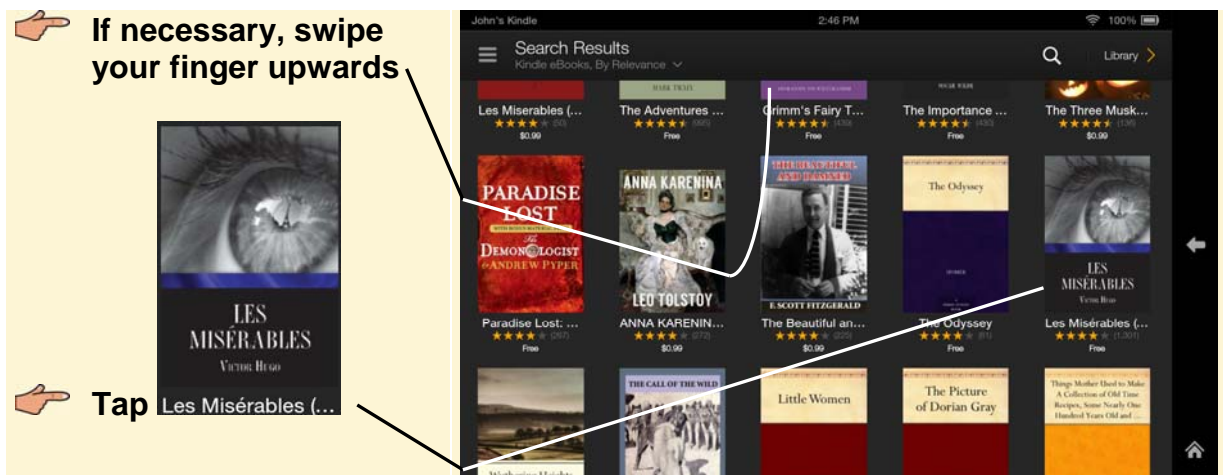


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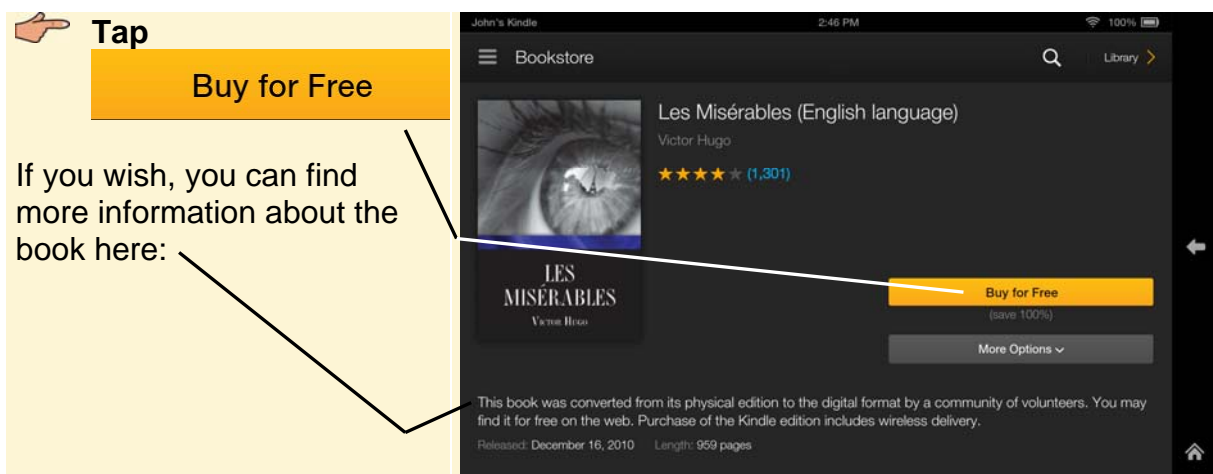
**List of suggestions**

Do you see the search term you need in the list of suggestions, tap it and the search will be performed right away.

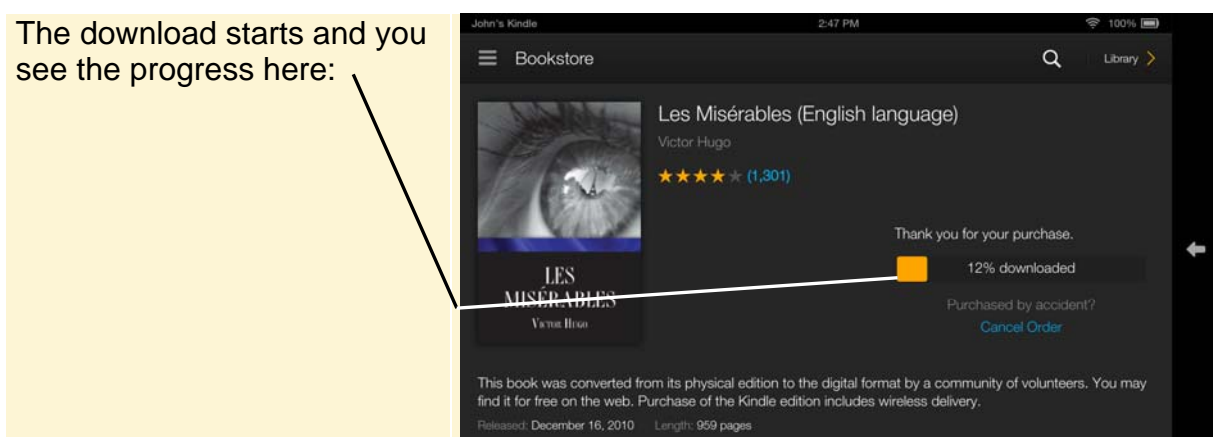
In the search results you will find the book *Les Misérables*. *Les Misérables* is the classic work that the successful musical and movie were based on. If you cannot find the book, you can select another free book. You can recognize free books by the label **Free**.



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