

Getting started with the Kobo eReader

What is a Kobo?

Kobo is a type of eReader produced by Rakuten Kobo inc. that is used to read digital versions of books.

Kobo FAQ's

How can I read books on my Kobo?

You have a couple of options with a Kobo that **has built-in** OverDrive support:

- You can browse, borrow, and read directly on your Kobo.
- You can browse and borrow books in Libby (on a supported device), then sign into your Overdrive account on the Kobo and the device will sync the titles checked out on the Libby app using Wi-Fi.
- For older models, you can download titles to your computer and use Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) to transfer to the Kobo device.

Please note: For this option to work correctly, make sure you're signed into OverDrive on your Kobo with the same library card you use in Libby.

What titles from Libby can I read on Kobo?

- Not all ebooks in Libby are compatible with Kobo, those titles that come as an “EPUB” format are available to sync and transfer. Additionally, audiobooks and magazines from Libby are not supported on Kobo devices.

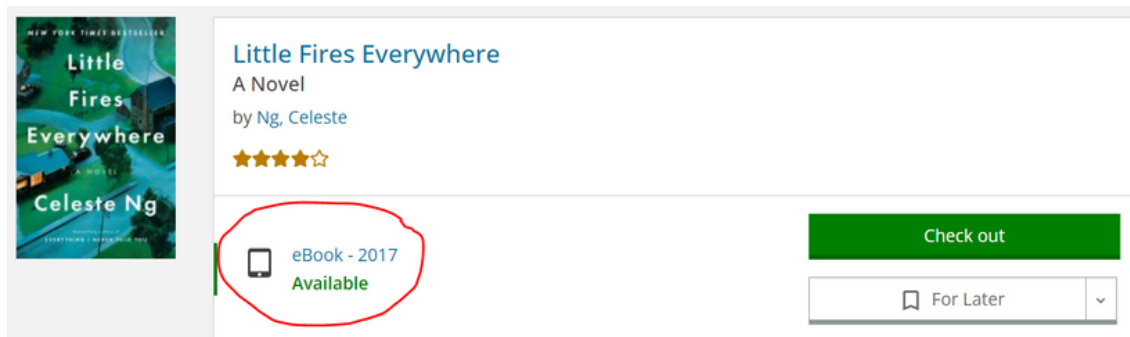
How does Kobo work with Overdrive discontinued?

Many newer Kobo models include built-in OverDrive support and those models will still work. You can add your library card and read ebooks directly on your Kobo ereader this way.

Checking out Items on the Kobo (Using Adobe)

Downloading the title:

1. Visit kdl.org and search the catalog to find a title you are interested in.
2. When you have found a title you are interested in, click on the eBook format icon below the title:

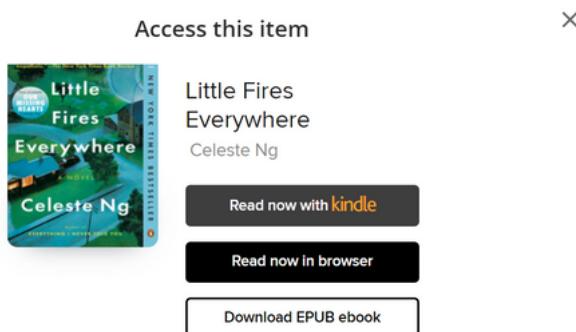


3. Once the new book description page loads, look to the right side of the page, under “formats” to locate if “Adobe epub” format is listed (this is the format necessary to download and use with Adobe Digital Editions).

4. After you confirm that format is available, you can select the green “checkout” button to enter you library account credentials and check the title out. A green pop-up at the bottom of the page will confirm that the title is checked out for download.

5. To the right of the page, you’ll see the green button now says “checked out”. You will want to select the drop down arrow next to this phrase and select “access this item”.

6. A new box will appear and you will want to select “Download epub eBook” followed by clicking on the black button that says “Download eBook”.



7. After the download has been completed, the title should appear in your computer’s downloads file.

Checking out Items on the Kobo (Using Adobe)

Uploading title to Adobe Digital Editions (ADE):

Before opening Adobe Digital Editions, connect your eReader to your computer using a USB cable.

1. Open your Adobe Digital Editions
2. Under “Devices” right click on the eReader you are downloading the title to and select “authorize device”.
3. A new page will pop-up and, from here, you will want to click on “authorize device” again. Click “OK” on the confirmation screen.
4. Once you are at the main page of ADE again, click on “File” and select “Add to Library” and a browser window will pop-up.
5. Look for the .acsm formatted file of the title you want to read within your computer, select the file and click “add”.

Please note:

- On a PC: Click the "E-Books" drop-down menu and select Adobe Content Server Message.
- On a Mac: Click Options, then click ACSM Files.

6. After you click “add” your title will open on ADE. You can click on the phrase “Library” located at the top-left part of the screen to go back to the ADE homepage.

7. Once at the home page, click on “All items”

8. Click on the title you want to transfer and drag it to your preferred eReader’s bookshelf (listed on the left side under Devices).

9. After this is completed, you can disconnect your eReader from your computer and the title will be uploaded to your device, ready to read!

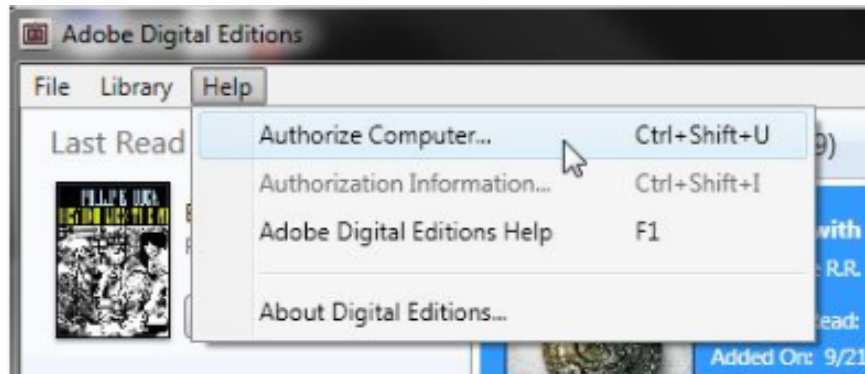
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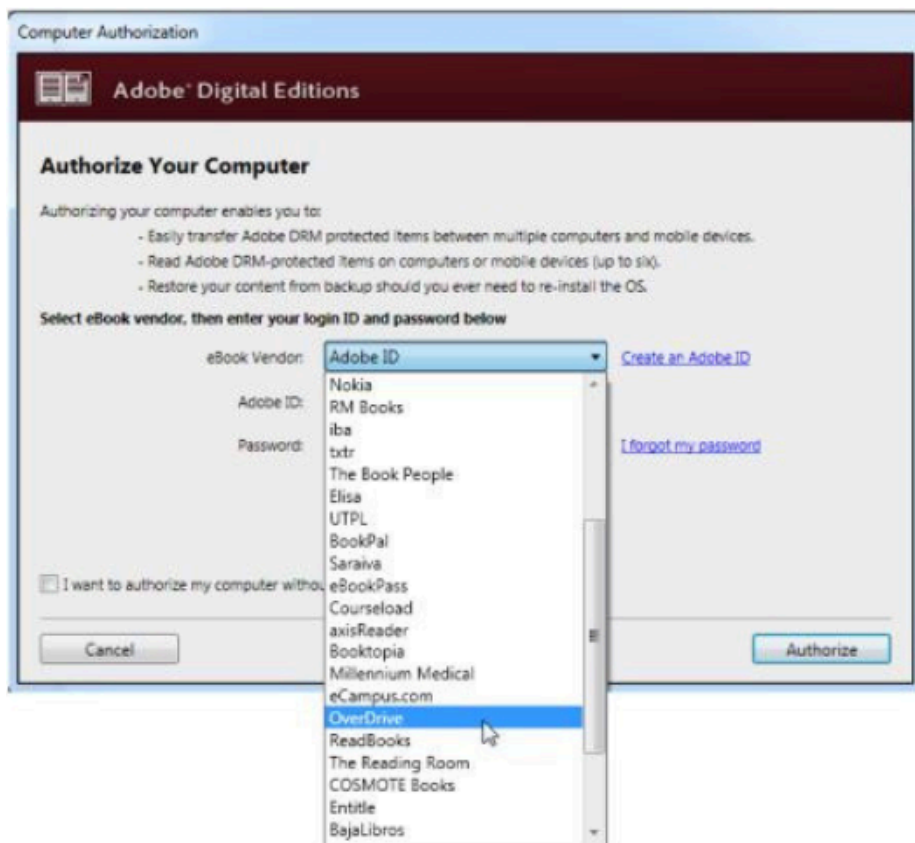
In order to download DRM-protected ebooks and upload them to an ereader, Adobe Digital Editions (ADE) will need to be downloaded and authorized.

Use the steps below to authorize ADE:

1. When you open ADE, you should be prompted to authorize ADE. If this prompt does not pop-up, go to Help > Authorize Computer.



2. On the new page, you will see an eBook Vendor drop-down menu and you will want to select Overdrive (recommended) or Adobe ID.



3. Enter your email address (for Adobe ID section) and enter your password, then select Authorize.

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