

## iBooks - Downloading from iBookstore & Importing PDFs (Should Know)

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iBooks is also a great application for reading PDFs. It renders the documents wonderfully and helps keep them organized and accessible for offline viewing.

In these sections we'll go over everything you need to know about using iBooks, from purchasing books and importing PDFs to organizing your collections.

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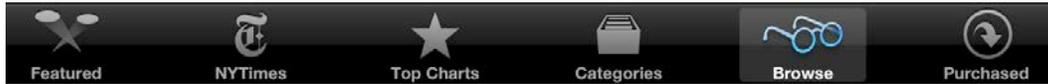
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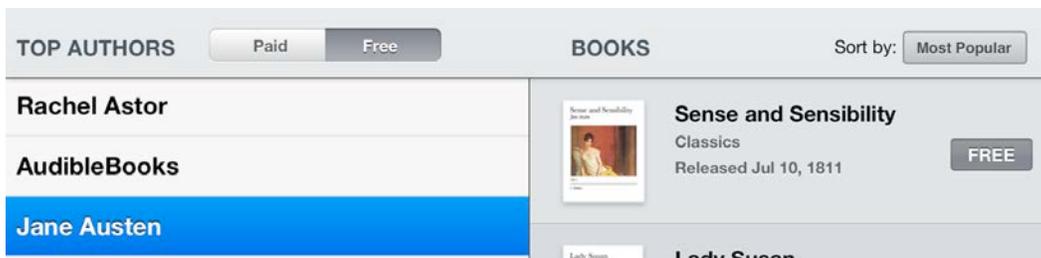


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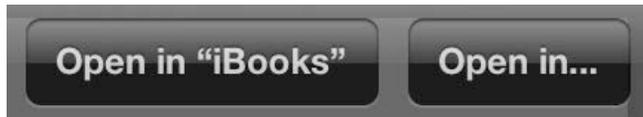
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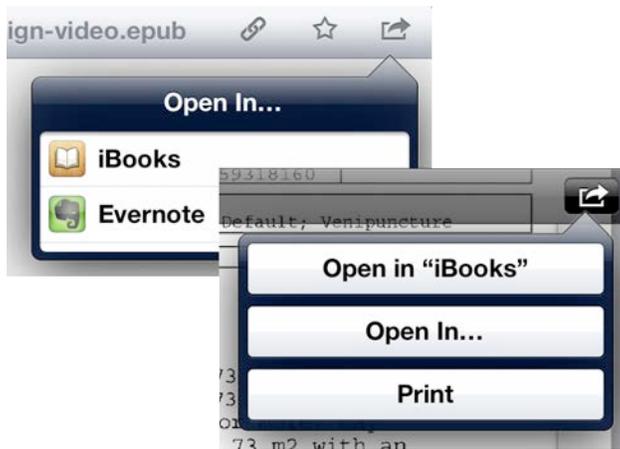
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The following topics cover how books can be imported into iBooks via other applications and how we can organize our Library:

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### Importing via other Applications

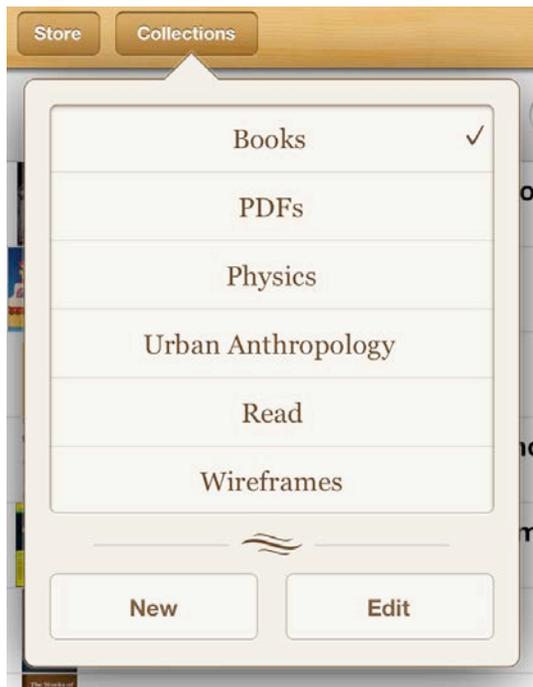
To import via any other application, keep an eye out for an "Open in iBooks" button available in the Share icon. Below are a couple of examples.



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## Organizing your Library: Collections

With iBooks, organizing books is as easy as organizing apps. Tap on **Collections** and we can create a collection or view collections we've already created. Below is a list of collections and the **New** and **Edit** buttons.



To move books or PDFs into a category, we need to tap **Edit** in the upper right of the screen. This changes the top menu so we can select the items we wish to move into a

category or delete. The following image shows the **Move** and **Delete** buttons. We're now able to organize our library.

