

How to use our service with an iOS device (iPhone/iPad/iPod touch)

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How to Activate your Account and Set up the App on your Device

You need the OverDrive app to download audiobooks from us on your iOS device. It is a free app which will allow you to listen to titles at home and on-the-go. Follow the steps below to get started.

1. You must first login to the Listening Books homepage at www.listening-books.org.uk to activate your account and change the password to one of your choosing.

2. Next, download the OverDrive app  from the Apple Store onto your iOS device.

3. Once downloaded, open the app and tap on **Already have an account? Sign In** and then tap **Sign In Using Your Library Card**.

Sign in using library card

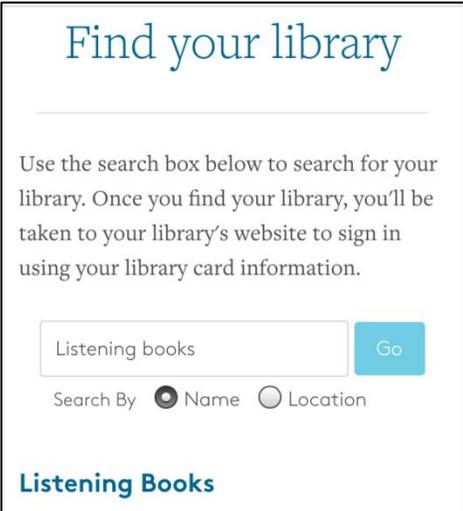
4. You will be taken through to **Find Your Library**. Search for **Listening Books** by typing it in the search bar. Tap 'Go'.

5. The Listening Books name will appear. Tap on it and you will be asked to sign in with your username and password from **Step 1 above**.

6. Overdrive will ask you if you are over 13 or not. Tap **Yes** or **No**. You do not have to enter your name and email. Tap **Sign Up**.

7. A new screen will appear. Tap the three lines in the top left hand corner, and select '**Add a Library**'. **Search for Listening Books** and select us when we appear.

8. If the Library page does not appear, tap on **Add a title** to begin browsing the catalogue.



Find your library

Use the search box below to search for your library. Once you find your library, you'll be taken to your library's website to sign in using your library card information.

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Search By Name Location

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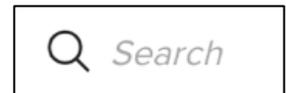
MY LIBRARIES

Add a library

How to Borrow Titles

Browsing the Catalogue

1. If you know the author or title you would like to find, tap on the word '**Search**' next to the image of the magnifying glass in the top left of your screen.



Here you can type the name and tap 'Search' on your keyboard.

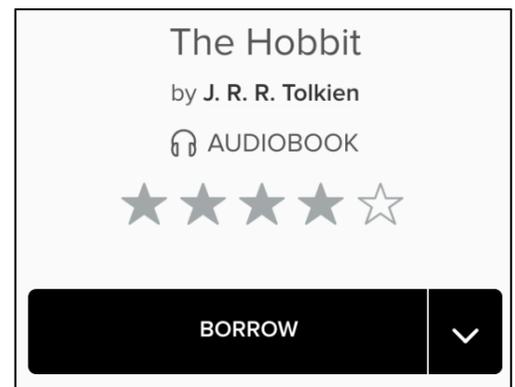
2. If you are not sure what to borrow you can either **scroll down** the page to view our library collections or tap the three lines on the **right hand** side of the screen and select '**Subjects**' from the drop down menu.

This will show you a page of genres and themes you can use to find the types of books you like which are divided under fiction, non-fiction, juvenile fiction, juvenile non-fiction etc.

Borrowing Titles

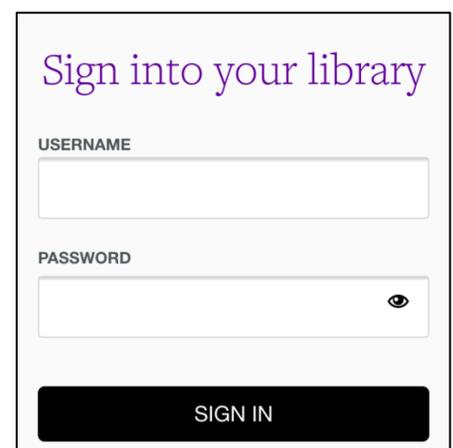
1. Once you have found a title you like, tap on the picture of the book to see the details and synopsis.

If you decide you would like this book, tap on **Borrow**.



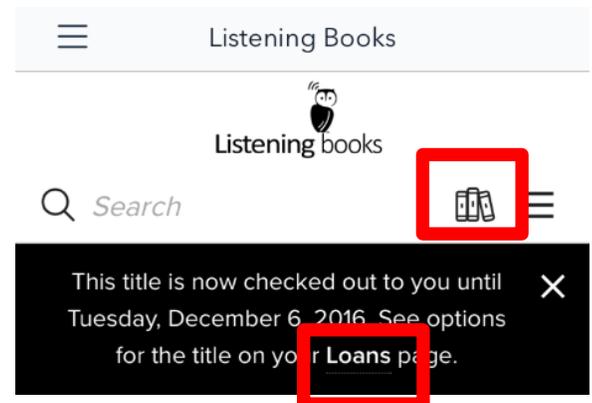
2. **Sign In** to your Listening Books account. This will ask you for your '**Library Card**'. This is the username we gave you and the password you changed on our website.

If you would like the app to remember your username, click the checkbox underneath marked **Remember My Username on this Device**.



3. Your title will then be added to your **loans page**.

4. To find it, either tap on the black button that says **'Go to Loans'** or tap on the information bar at the top of the screen that says **'See options for the title on your Loans page'** or tap on the **three books icon** in the top right hand corner.

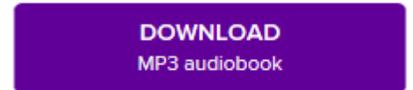


5. **All of the books you have checked out will appear here.** The default lending period for all titles is 14 days.

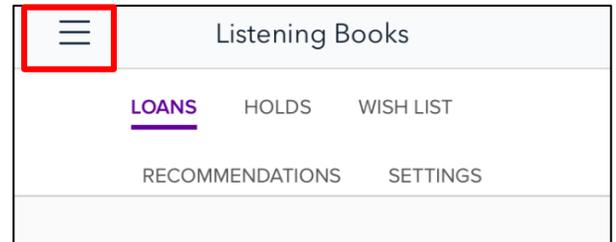
You can **change the lending period** to 7 or 21 days if you prefer. Simply tap the picture of three books within the app and go to **'Settings'** where you can change the audiobook lending period.

Downloading and Listening to a Book

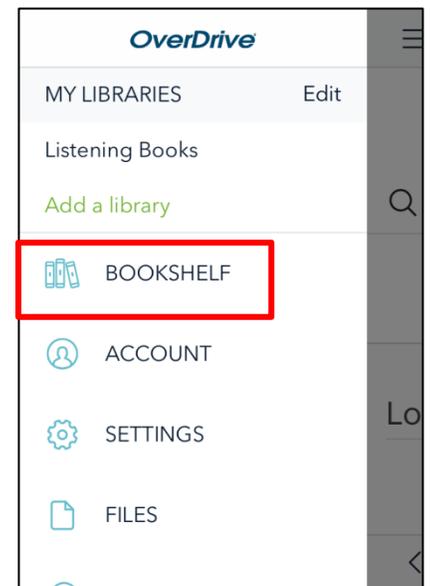
1. To listen to the book you will need to download it within the app. In your **loans** page tap on **Download MP3 audiobook** next to the book cover and the title will download to your device.



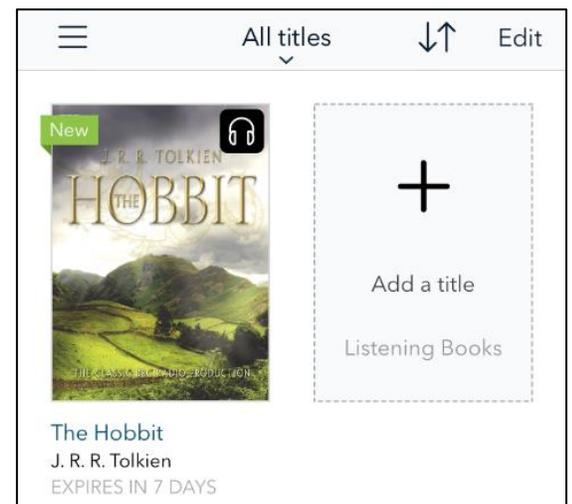
2. To access your download, tap on the three lines in the **top left-hand corner** of the screen.



3. Once the pop up menu appears on the left hand side, tap on **Bookshelf**. Your downloaded titles will appear here.



4. To listen to your book, just tap on the picture of the book cover. It will take a few minutes to download fully.



Returning Books Early

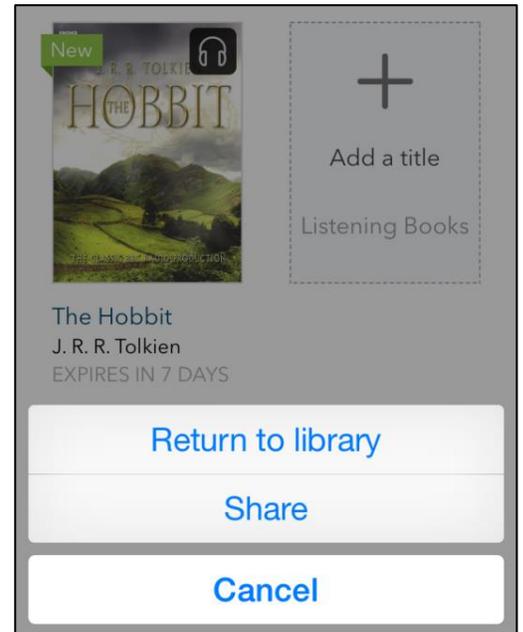
Titles are automatically returned at the end of your lending period, but you can return titles early to borrow more books.

1. To return a title that you have **downloaded** before the end of the lending period, go to your **Bookshelf** ([see here](#)).

Once there, hold your finger on the picture of the book until an option to **Return to Library** button appears underneath your book.

Tap **Return to Library**.

2. You will be asked if you want to return the title early, tap **Return**.



You can now borrow and download another book. Tap on '**Add a Title**' and you will be taken to the Listening Books Library page to search for and borrow a new title.

How to Stream/ Listen to Books over a Wifi Connection

To stream a book you will need to access the library through your device internet browser.

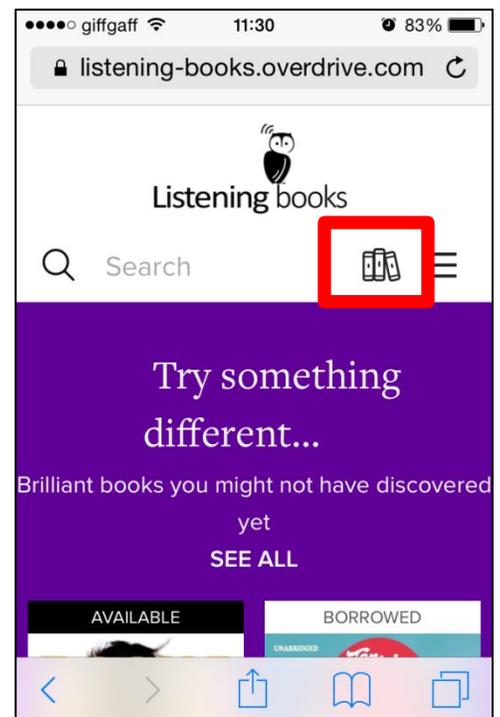
1. Open your device internet browser, i.e Safari, Chrome.
2. If this is the first time you have used your Listening Books Account you must first login to the Listening Books homepage at www.listening-books.org.uk to activate your account and change the password to one of your choosing.
3. Now go to our OverDrive Library web site- <https://listening-books.overdrive.com/>



If you need to find a book to listen to then you can browse the catalogue and borrow a title in exactly the same way as you would in the app ([see instructions above](#)).

4. After you have done this, or if you already have a title borrowed, go to your loans page by tapping on the **three books icon** in the top right hand corner of the page.

You may be prompted to sign in with your '**Library Card**'. This is the username we gave you and the password you chose.

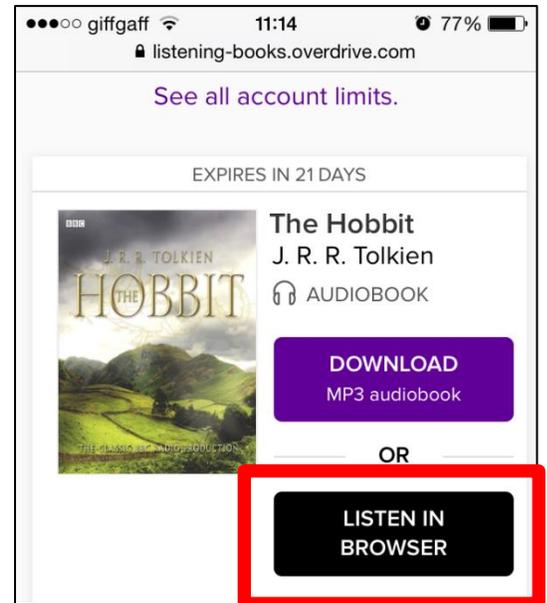


Listening to Your Book

1. In your **Loans page**, tap **'Listen in Browser'** next to the book cover. This will open another tab in your browser with the OverDrive player.

OverDrive Listen is a streaming audiobook player, so you'll need an active internet connection to use it.

If you'd like to listen to audiobooks without an internet connection, you must download it to your device.



2. To play the title, tap the **triangle play** button in the middle of the screen.



3. When you have finished listening to the book, tap the **pause button**.

This will save your place in the book.

You can click your device's circular home button to return to your home screen.

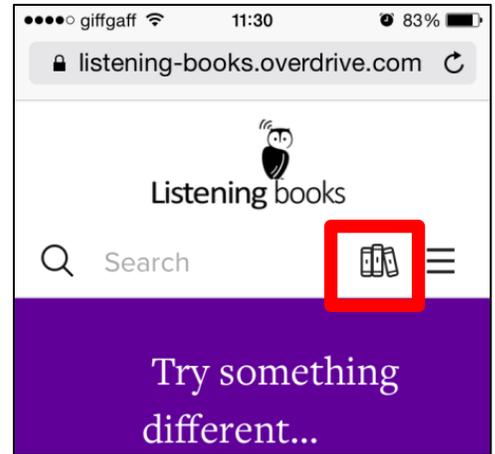


Returning Titles Early

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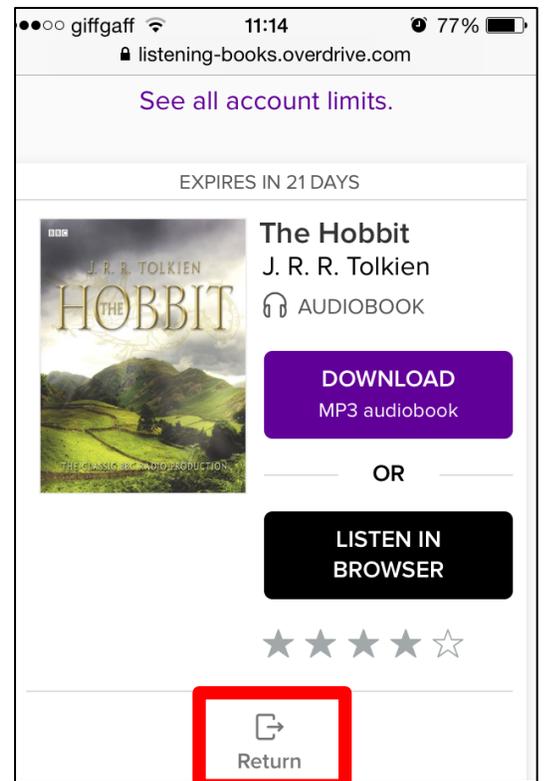
1. In your browser, go to our OverDrive website <https://listening-books.overdrive.com/> and open your **Loans Page** by tapping on the **three books icon**.

You may be prompted to sign in.

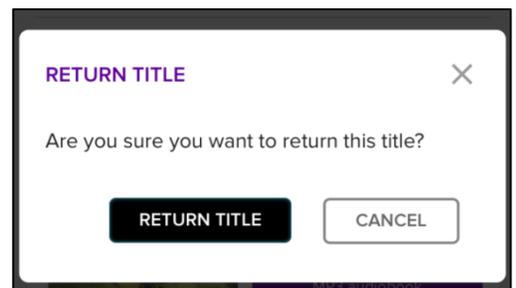


2. Find the book you want to return under **Loans**.

Underneath the option to 'Listen in Browser' there is **Return**. Tap **Return**.



3. You will be asked if you are sure you want to return the title, tap **Return Title**.



Further Information

If you need help using the Listening Books service, please contact the library on 0207 234 0522 or email library@listening-books.org.uk