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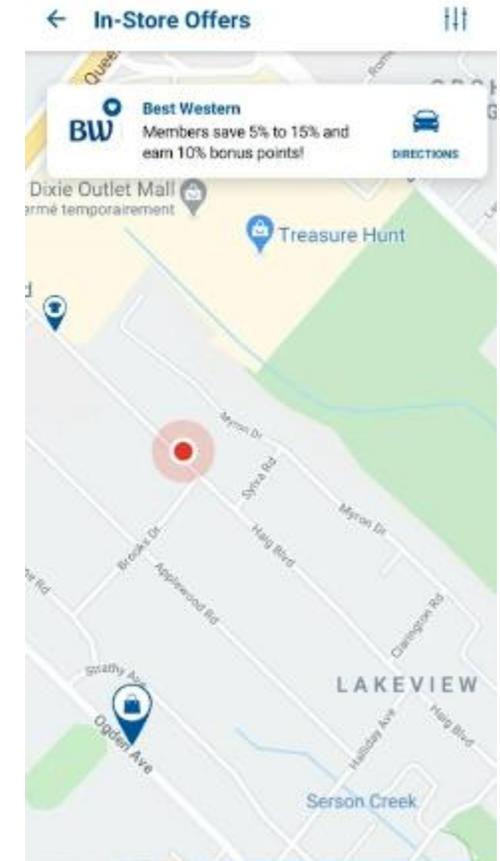
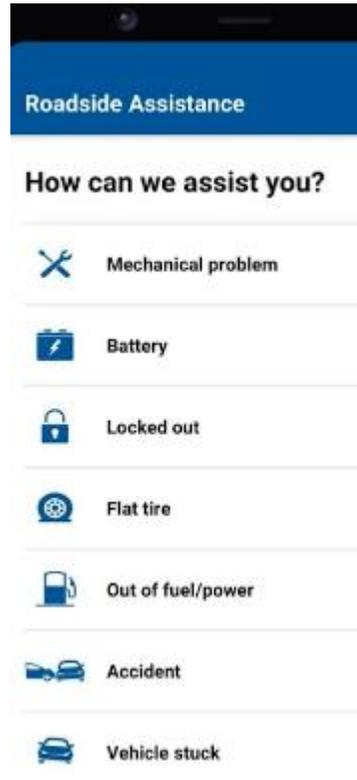
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CAA Mobile
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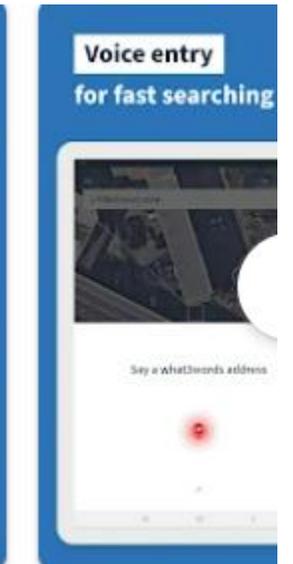
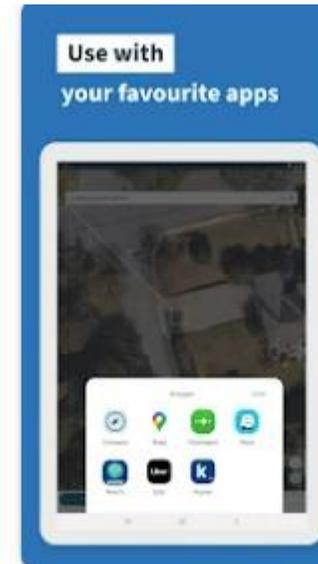
Although this app has a lower average review than I like, it's the only one that does what it does.

Apps

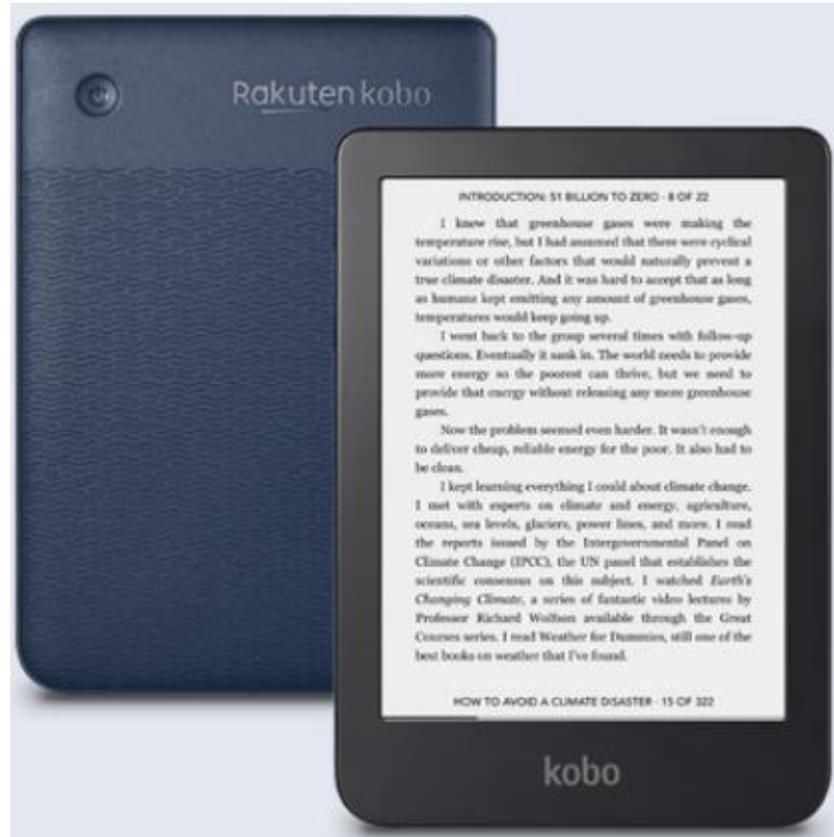


Used by most first responder groups in North America, U.K., and other countries to precisely locate people in need of assistance. CAA recently adopted it for Roadside Assistance dispatchers.

Also useful to meet family and friends in large parking lots, parks, strange cities, rural areas.



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Amazon Kindle, Chapters/Indigo Kobo,
Barnes & Noble Nook

The 3 leading e-reader formats are Kindle, Kobo, Nook. Each is associated with a major bookseller (sometimes hard to remember that's how Amazon started) but also have various 3rd-party manufacturers and have various models in different sizes and shapes and with slightly different features.

Some e-books are available in all 3 of the leading formats as well as a generic **epub** format and the ubiquitous **pdf**, others are available only in one or some formats. I know that many books sold by Amazon are cheaper (or **free**) in the Kindle format but also available in other formats, I don't know whether Chapters/Indigo and Barnes & Noble have similar marketing tactics.

Hmmmm.

Looks like a *tablet*.

Some e-readers can do almost nothing except display e-books for your reading leisure, others can also run **a few** other apps.

There are also **many** e-book apps for tablets and smartphones, including **Kindle, Kobo** and **Barnes & Noble**.

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So, e-reader or tablet?

Using an e-book reader **should** be as much as possible like reading an actual printed-on-paper book, and they try to be ... with varying degrees of success, some more than others. There also covers and cases for many e-readers that might help them imitate books, or might just provide protection. Intended as mostly single-purpose devices, you might expect them to be less expensive than multi-purpose tablets ... and they are, but not all that much.

On the other hand an e-book reader app on a tablet should also **try** to be somewhat like an actual book ... and maybe for not much more money you get a more useful device.

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Once an e-book is downloaded to your e-reader or to your computer, tablet or phone, you do not need Internet or Wi-Fi access to read. Much easier than carrying a box of books to occupy your time on a plane, train or beach. You can also download videos, including Netflix and Amazon Prime movies (to tablet or phone, not to e-reader), though these take more of your storage than e-books. However for the beach you may need to find shade, viewing our electronic devices in bright sunlight can be difficult.

Most (many, at least) e-readers and apps also take audio books, not as much problem in sunlight.

This is what works for me, it may not be best for you.

I tried a couple of e-readers about 10 years ago, given me by my family.

I didn't find them **enough** like books, and they didn't do anything else.

10 years ago, maybe they weren't the best brand or model, maybe there are better now.

Later I acquired a couple of small tablets – 8" and 10" screens.

These I use mainly for reading but they are also usable for email and several other apps when my laptop isn't at hand.

E-book apps for tablets and smartphones (some *might* also run on *some* e-book readers).

OverDrive is used and supported by many public libraries, who offer some e-books in only this format.

Libby by OverDrive is a newer and better app which I think is fully compatible with **OverDrive** and also supported by the same libraries.

These and some other apps link to your Library Card and your library.

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Promotional books (many new authors offer some of their work free to promote other work, or in exchange for you writing a (hopefully favourable) review.

Most e-readers and e-book apps make it easy to find some free books. There are a number of groups of volunteers working to digitize out-of-copyright books to make them more readily available, usually in pdf format that you can open on any computer, tablet or smartphone and on most e-readers.

(3 years ago I finally read *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley, because it was free.

I did know, as I suppose many of you do, that Frankenstein is the doctor not the monster.

Maybe not as many know that the monster was the victim, not the villain.

Or how [the monster might possibly be part of the source of the Santa Claus character.](#))

Other e-book apps mostly free

Kindle, Kobo and Barnes & Noble are good, particularly if you already have some e-books in those formats.

The *Google Play* and *Apple App* “stores” have books, both free and not-free, and their own readers (I use the *Google Play Books* reader.)

Many others.

Browse your App store and read the reviews.



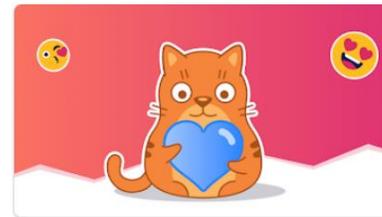
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