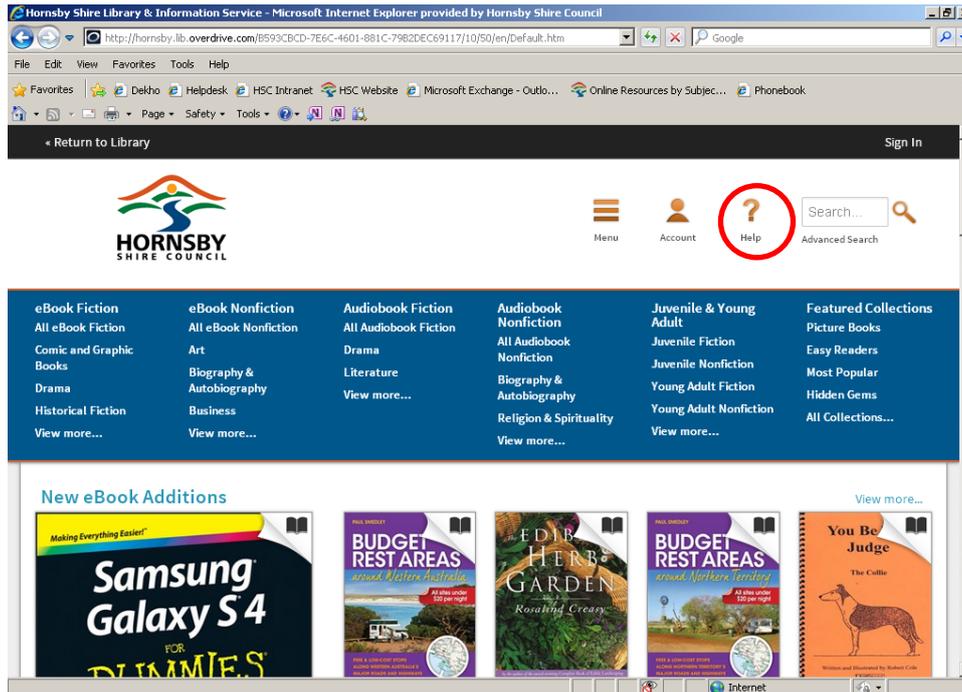# Overdrive eBooks for eReaders

For Windows PC and Mac Computer, with option to transfer to most eBook readers except Kindle.

Overdrive can be accessed from the eLibrary or from URL hornsby.lib.overdrive.com

Step 1. Download Adobe Digital Editions to your computer
From the Overdrive website, click on the **Help** menu icon

From the Help page select Software

Select to download Adobe Digital Editions

A new window should open taking you to the Adobe website.

Click **Install Now**. This will open the links for the Adobe Digital Editions Installers.

Click the edition appropriate to you, Windows or Macintosh.

Step 2. Create a free Adobe ID - You **must** set up an Adobe ID for Overdrive to work

Open Adobe Digital Editions which should look like this:
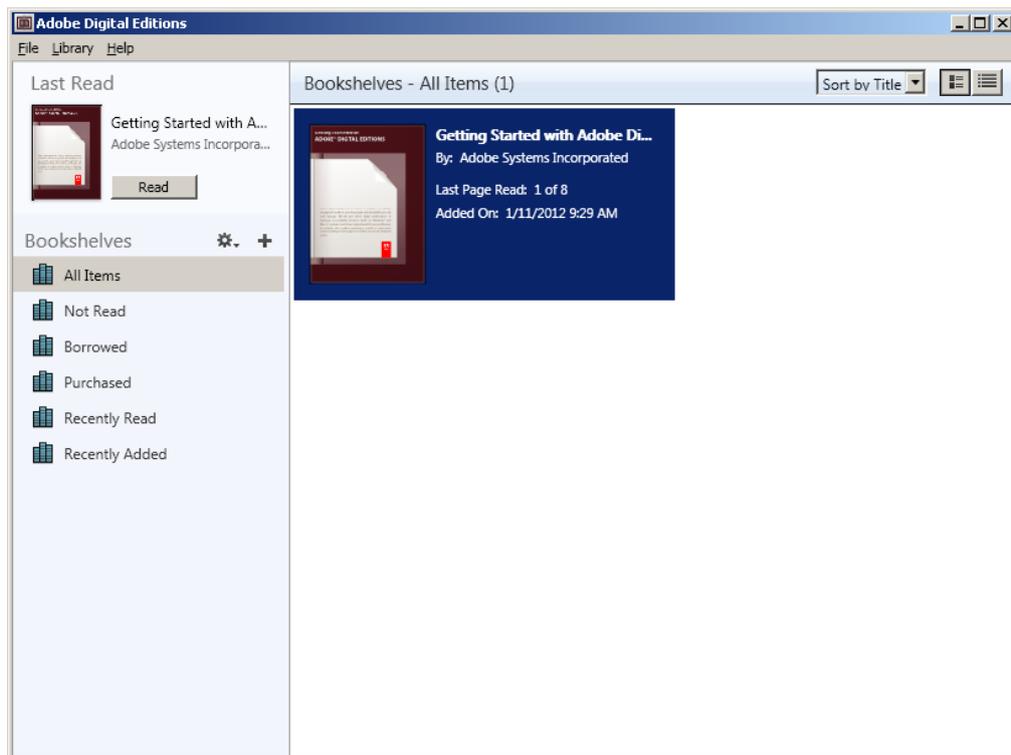
From the top menu bar select **Help**, then **Authorize computer.**

This screen should pop up:
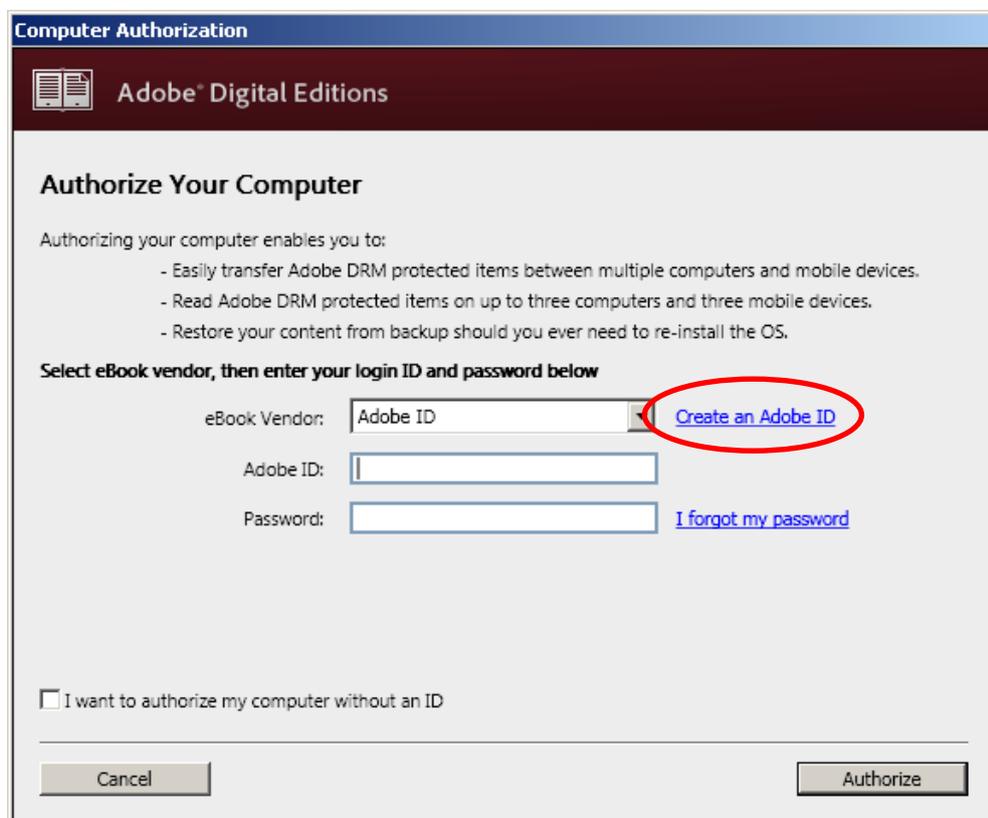
On the left click **Create an Adobe ID**. This will open a browser window to create your Adobe ID. Enter your details in the fields and click **Create.**

Step 3. Authorize computer with your Adobe ID

Open Adobe Digital Editions software. Click **Help**, and then click on **Authorize Computer…**
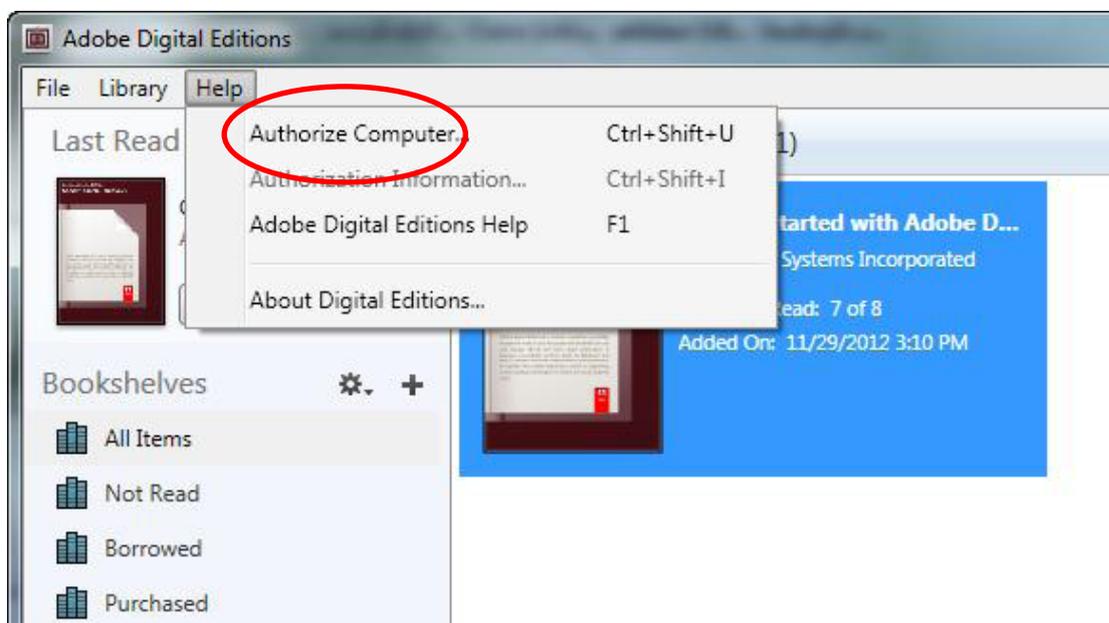
2. Type your **Adobe ID** and **Password.** Then click on **Authorize.**

Adobe® Digital Editions

Authorize Your Computer

Authorizing your computer enables you to:

- Easily transfer Adobe DRM protected items between multiple computers and mobile devices.
- Read Adobe DRM protected items on up to three computers and three mobile devices.
- Restore your content from backup should you ever need to re-install the OS.

Select eBook vendor, then enter your login ID and password below

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eBook Vendor:	Adobe ID	Create an Adobe ID
Adobe ID:	ask@spl.org	
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☐ I want to authorize my computer without an ID

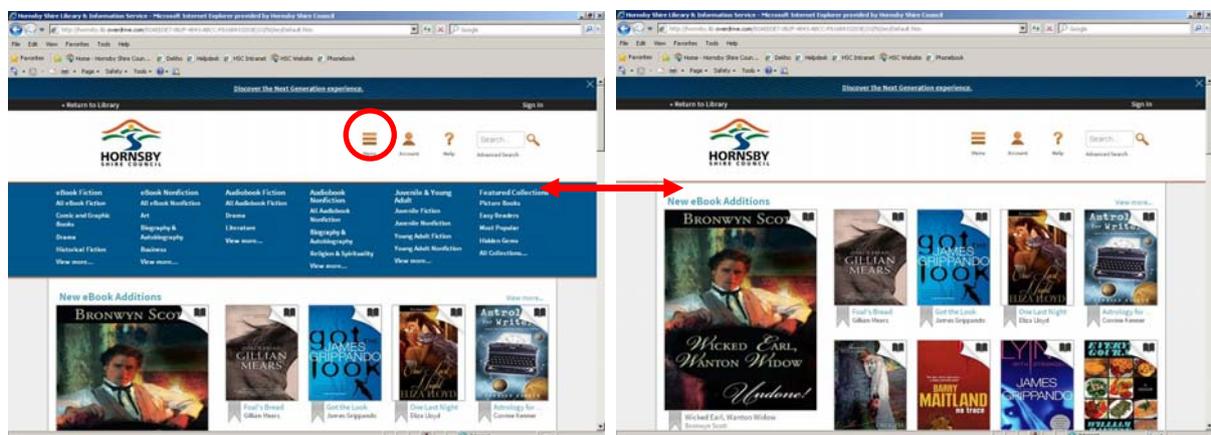Cancel   Authorize

Step 4. Using Hornsby Library's Overdrive website

Return to the Hornsby Library Overdrive website at **hornsby.lib.overdrive.com/**
The following screen should be displayed showing the menu, browsing options, and promotions for the latest and popular items.
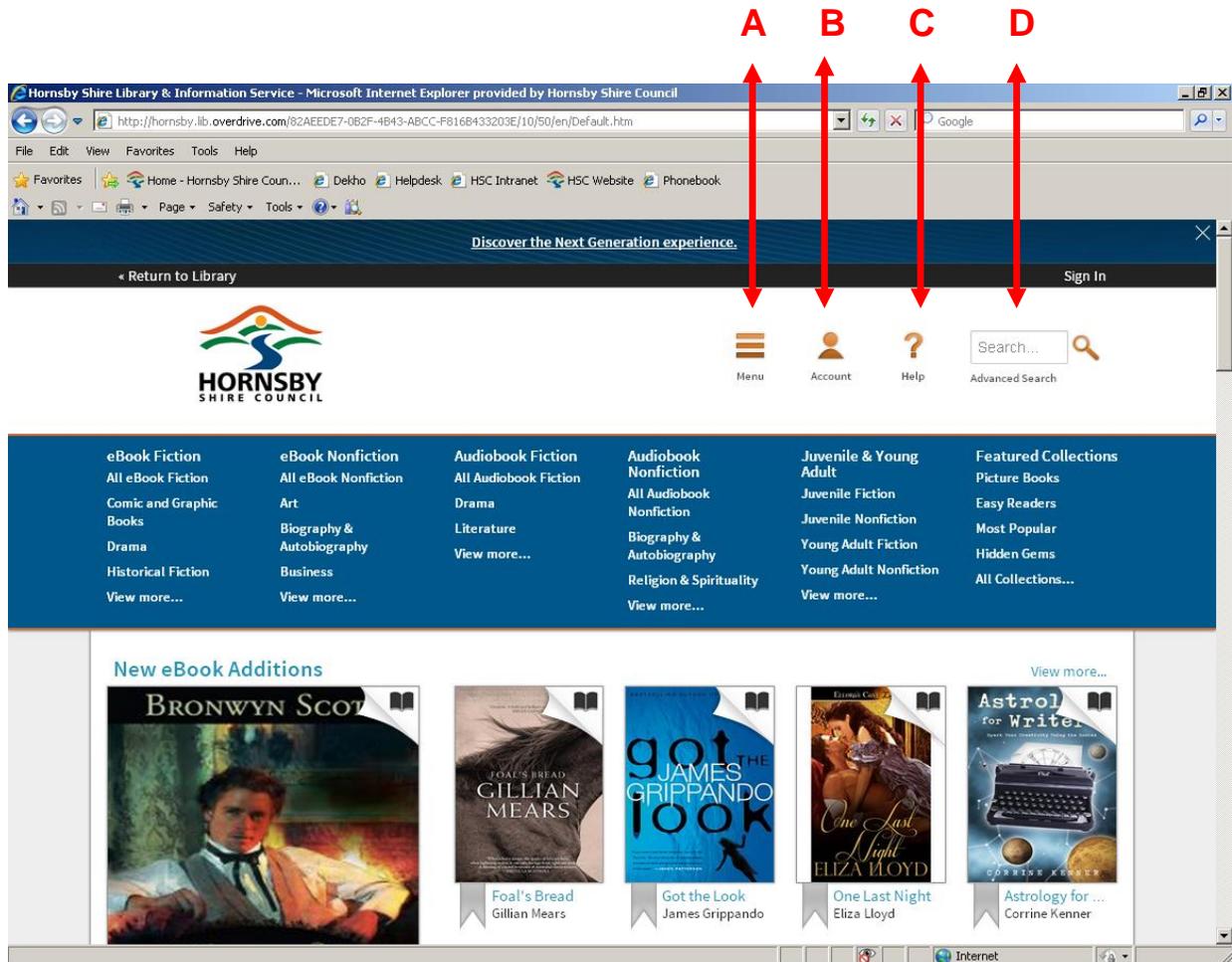
Look for the links A, B, C, and D above the top right.
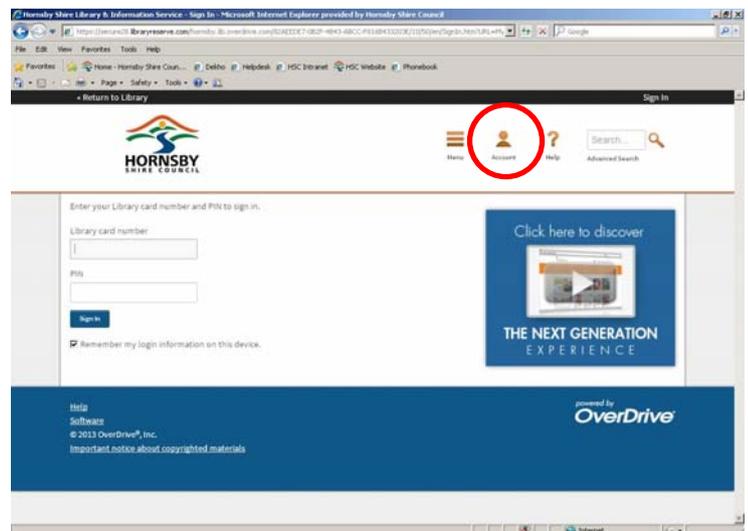
A. MENU

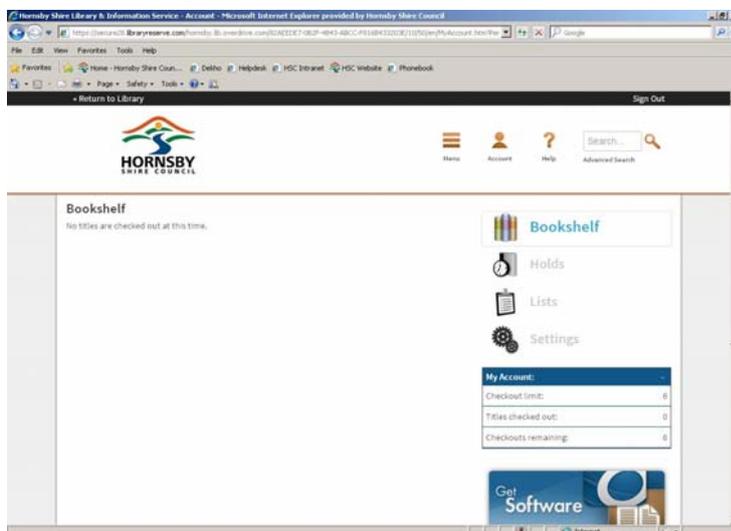This controls the grey menu above the book titles. It can be revealed or hidden by pressing this button.

B. ACCOUNT

This displays the login screen for your personal Hornsby Library Overdrive account.
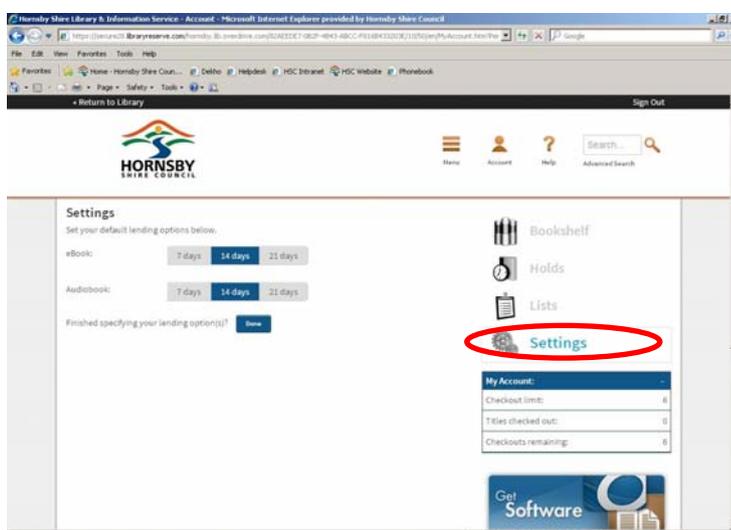Sign in now using your Hornsby Library card number and PIN and clicking **Sign In.**

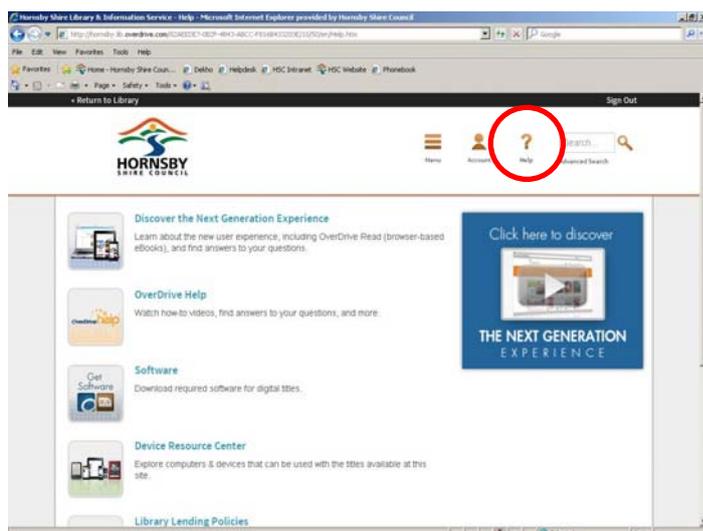The following screen should display defaulting to your bookshelf.

Now that you're in your personal Overdrive account it's best to set up your personal loan preferences. Click **Settings.**

Next select your preferred loan periods against eBook and Audiobooks and click on **Done**. This will automatically save those preferences for all future borrowings.

C. HELP

This is the page the Adobe Digital Editions software was downloaded from in Step 1. Once this is complete you can go back to this page at any time for helpful instructions and videos on how to use Overdrive.

D. SEARCH AND ADVANCED SEARCH

You can do a quick search of the entire Overdrive catalogue using the box provided:
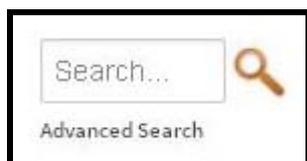
Or you can click Advanced Search below that box to refine your search further including author, subject and format as shown below.
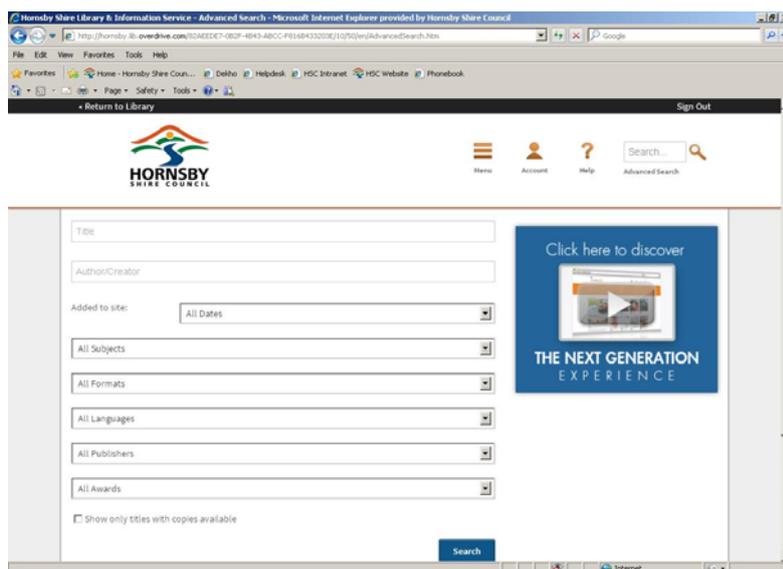
Clicking the Hornsby Shire Library icon in the top left of screen will return you to the start screen at anytime.

Step 5. Conduct a search for a title as shown in Step 4 section D, or browse using menu options as shown in section A.

Keep an eye on the top right hand corner of books to assist in your searching:
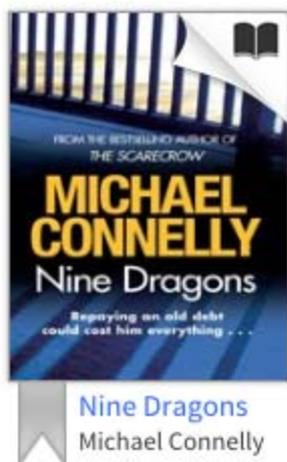
The picture of an open book means this item is available as an eBook
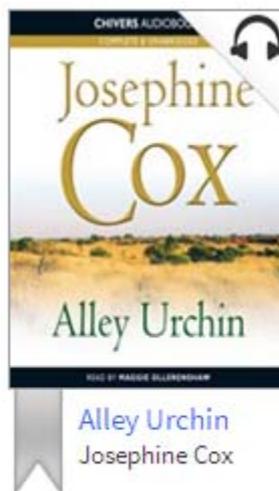
If there is a picture of headphones it means this title is available as an Audiobook

If either of these icons is shaded in a grey colour that means this title is on loan to another borrower and therefore unavailable for borrowing. For example:

The title on the left has a grey eBook icon and is therefore currently *unavailable* for borrowing. The title on the right is displaying a black eBook icon and therefore is *available* for borrowing.

Step 6. Once you have found a title you would like to borrow click on its cover to open more details.
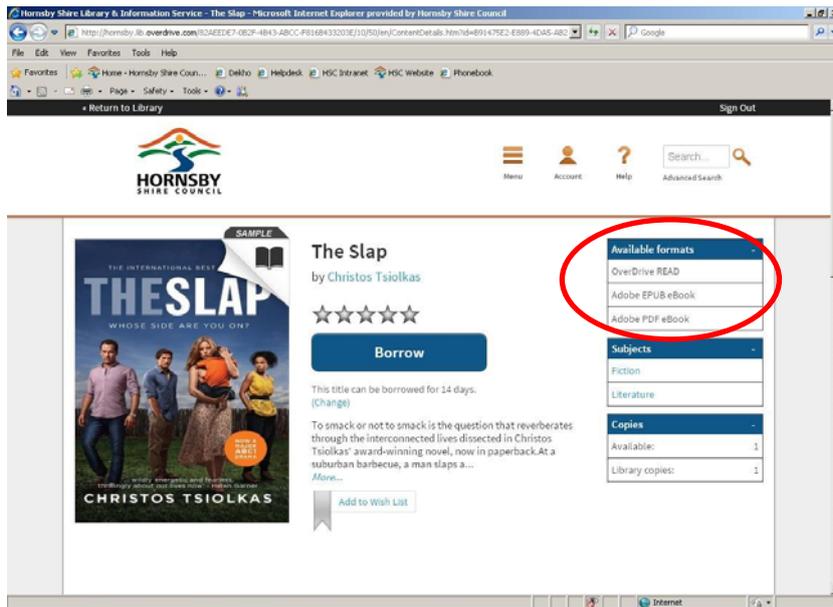
You will notice here the available formats for the title. This particular eBook is available as:
- an *OverDrive Read,* a format able to be read through your internet browser
- an *EPUB eBook,* standard form for most eReaders and tablets
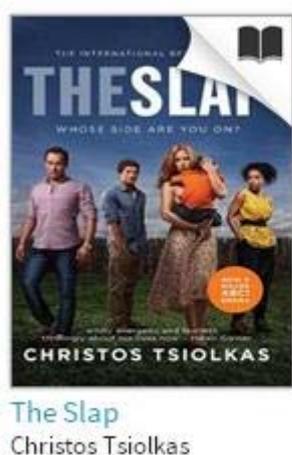- a PDF eBook, recommended for graphic novels and picturebooks but not compatible with the mobile version of Overdrive.

Step 7. Click the **Borrow** button.

This will instantly move your borrowed item to your bookshelf as displayed below.
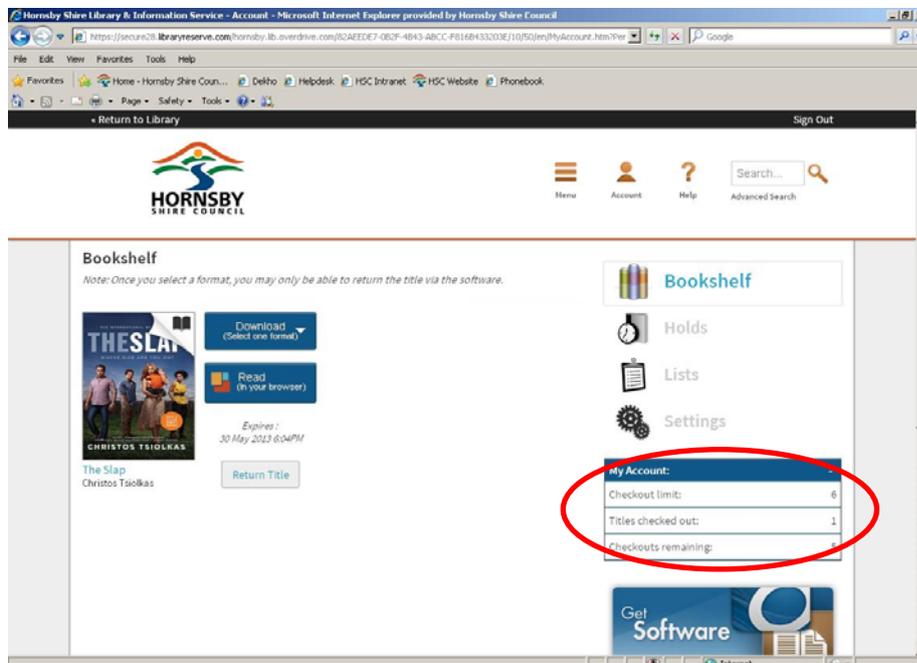
Note the **My Account** box which allows you to keep track of your loans.

Step 8. Your loan

Click to reveal formats available to download title. Refer to **Step 10.**

Click to Read in your browser window. Refer to **Step 9.**

This is your due date. Books will automatically be returned from your account by this date. Remember you nominated your preferred loan period in Step 4B.

The Return Title button allows you to return your loan at any time before the due date.

Step 9. Read (in your browser)

Opening and reading your book this way is easy and flexible, especially if you don't have an eReader.

It's simple, just click and a new internet browser window will open with your book as below.

Follow the instructions on screen to navigate. You can bookmark this browser window to return to your loan at anytime without having to go through Overdrive.

Step 10. Downloading your loan

It's best to download your loan in order to sync it to an eReader or MP3 Player, thus making it mobile.

If there's more than one format, click **Download (Select one format)**

The menu will display to choose your format.
Here we will select EPUB
If there's only one format, click Download.
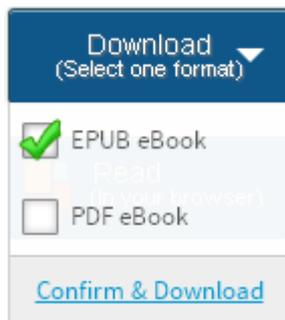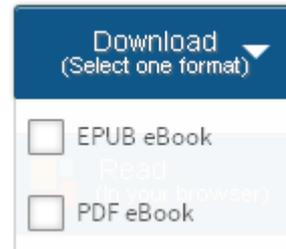
Click **Confirm and Download**

At the bottom of the screen, you should see this message. Click **Open** and Adobe Digital Editions should open automatically.

Do you want to open or save **ManningBrides9781426820007.acsm** (1.76 KB) from **ofs.contentreserve.com**?   Open   Save ▼   Cancel   ×

Step 11. Open your loan

You should now see Adobe Digital Editions downloading your loan.

Digital Editions

Fulfilling The Slap

Downloading Content...

Cancel
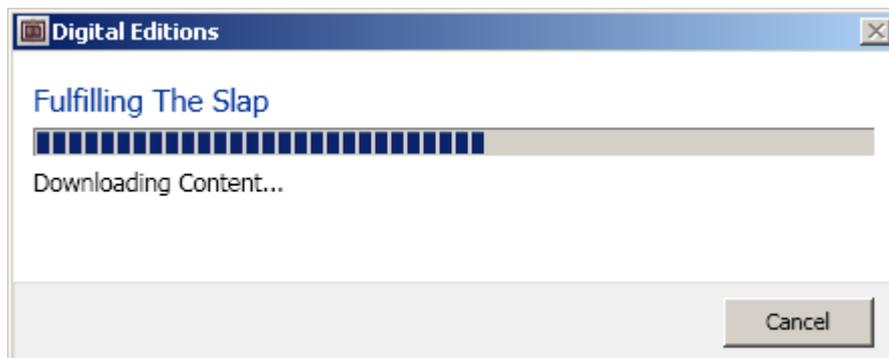
Allow it to download until you see the book cover in your bookshelf as below. To open a book simply click the cover.
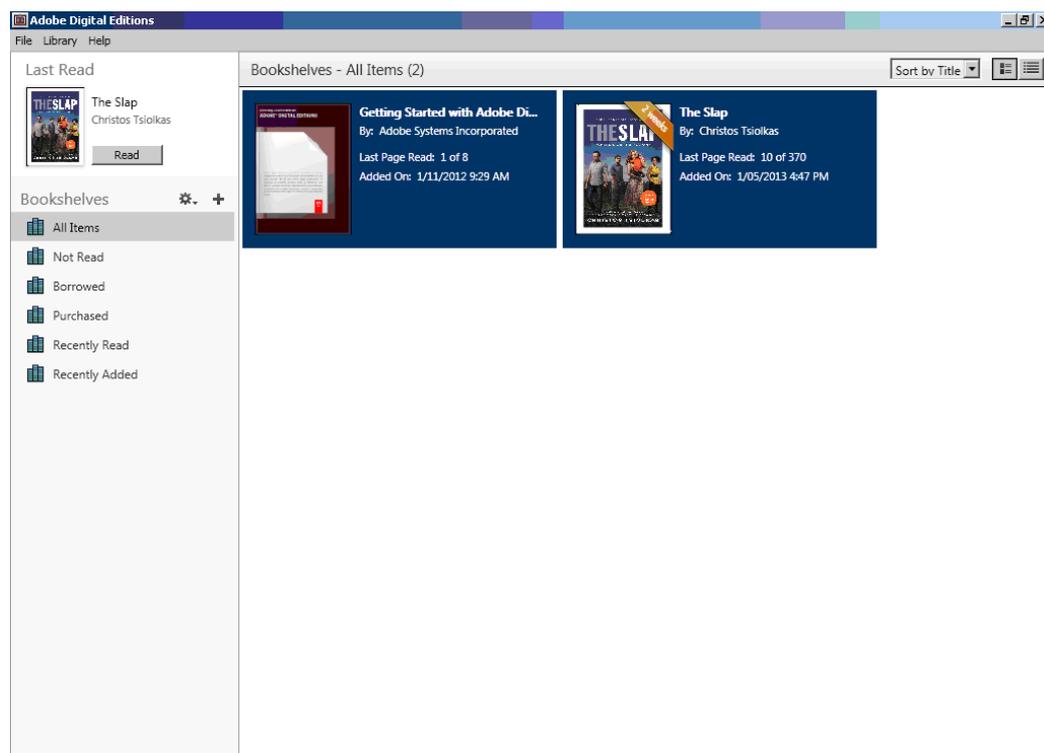
Once open your book will look something like this. You are now ready to flick through and read.

You can move back to you bookshelf by clicking the top arrow back to **Library**.

Step 12. Transfer eBooks to an eBook reader

Plug in your device into your computer, open Adobe Digital Editions. You should see the name of it pop up under the **Devices** menu.
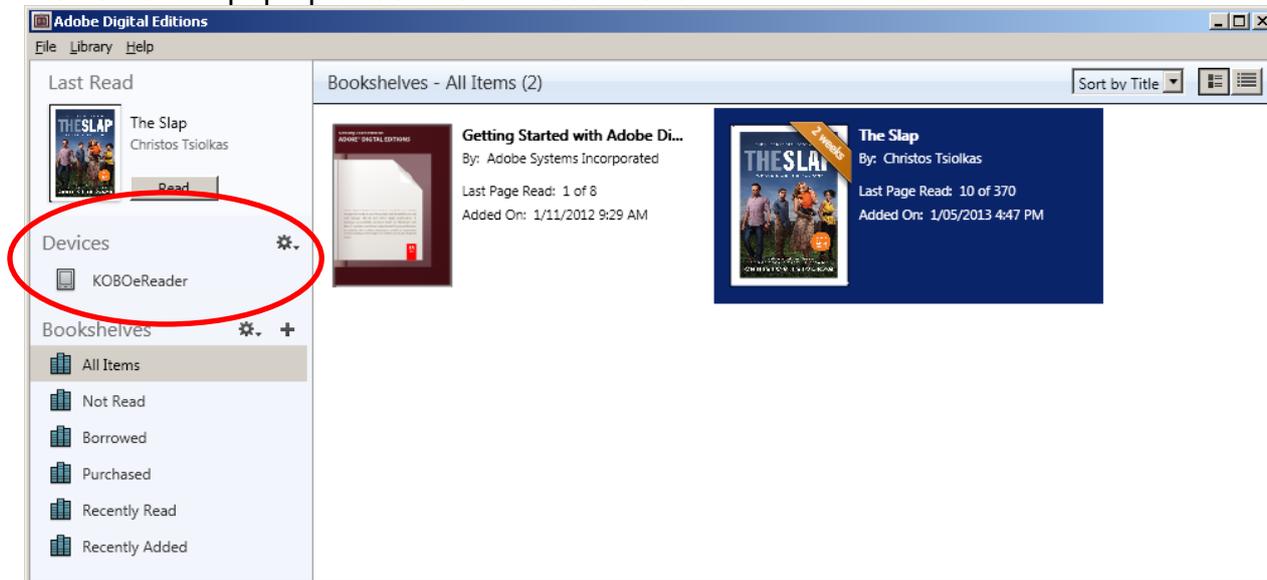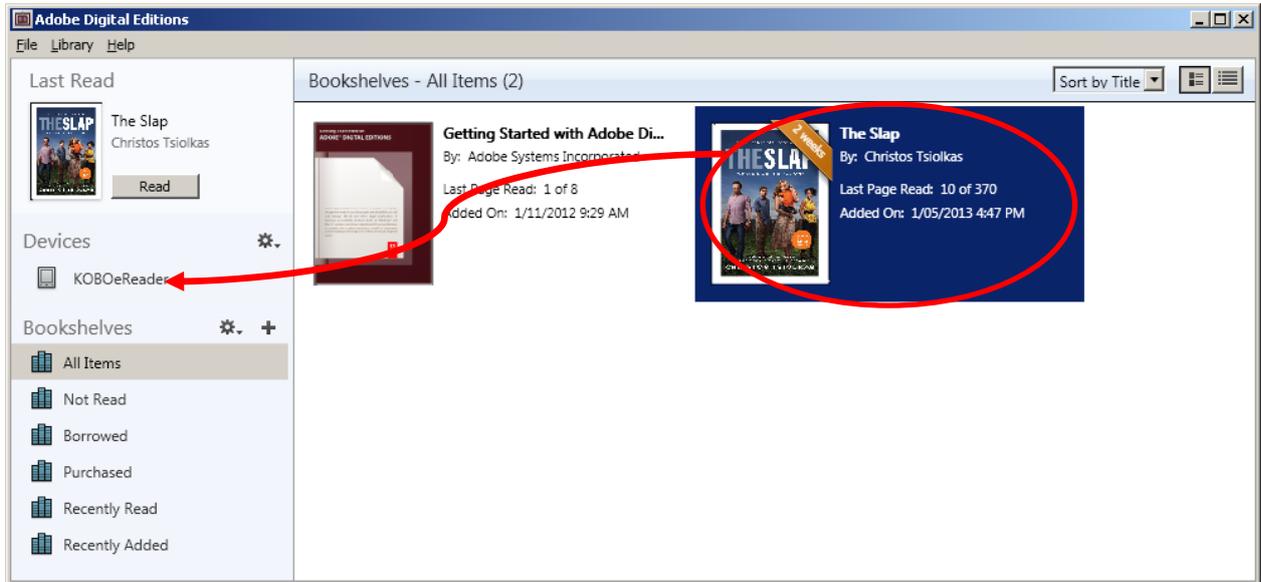

Click on device name (Kobo, etc), click on the settings icon, select **Authorize Device**.

Select your Adobe ID and then **Authorize Device.**

Now click and drag your chosen title across to the name of your device with Adobe Digital Editions and it should start downloading direct to it.

Safely disconnect your device. Enjoy your e-book!