

Using Audible for the iPhone & iPod Touch




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Introduction

Audible is the Internet's premier provider of digital audiobooks and more. The Audible for iPhone app puts the more than 75,000 audio titles available from Audible right in the palm of your hand.

Once you have downloaded Audible for iPhone from the Apple App Store, you'll be ready to create a new Audible account or sign in to your existing account, and begin listening to books immediately (fig. 1).

Signing In

You will be prompted to sign in the first time you run the application. If you have an existing Audible account, enter your Audible username and password and hit the blue Sign-In button (fig. 2). You will then be taken back to the My Library view with all of your downloaded titles displayed for listening.

If you would like to sign in later, you can also browse to Settings and tap the Sign In button at the top of the screen.

Creating an Audible Account

If you do not currently have an Audible account, you can create one within the Audible for iPhone app. Tap the orange Create Account button (fig. 3) at the top of the My Library view.

At the Create Account page, you will be able to create a new Audible account by entering the required information. You can now use your new Audible account on the Audible.com website and in the Audible for iPhone application.

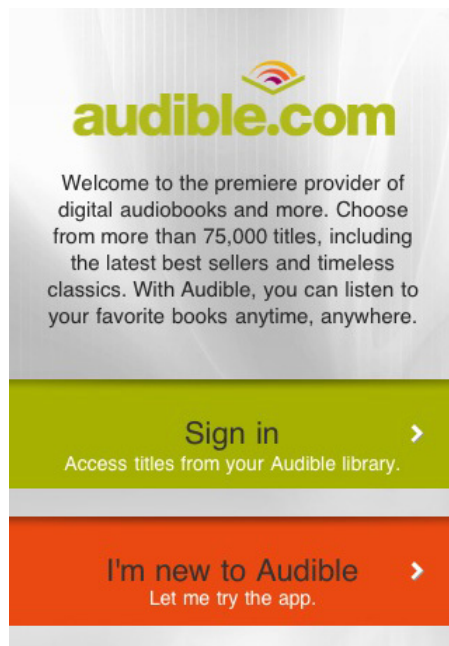


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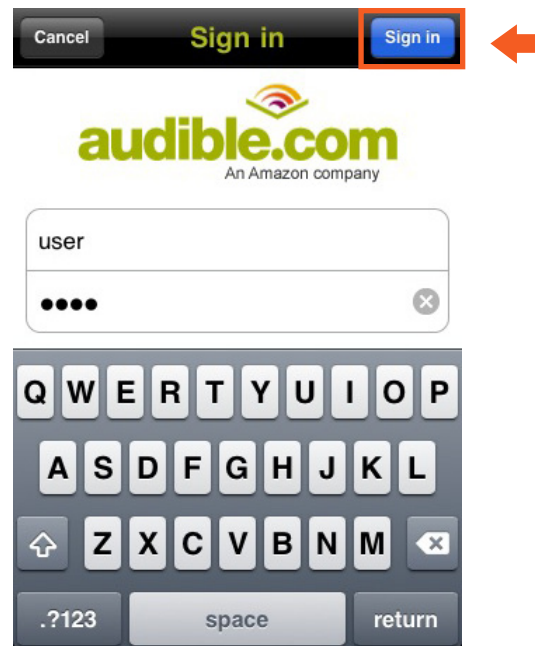


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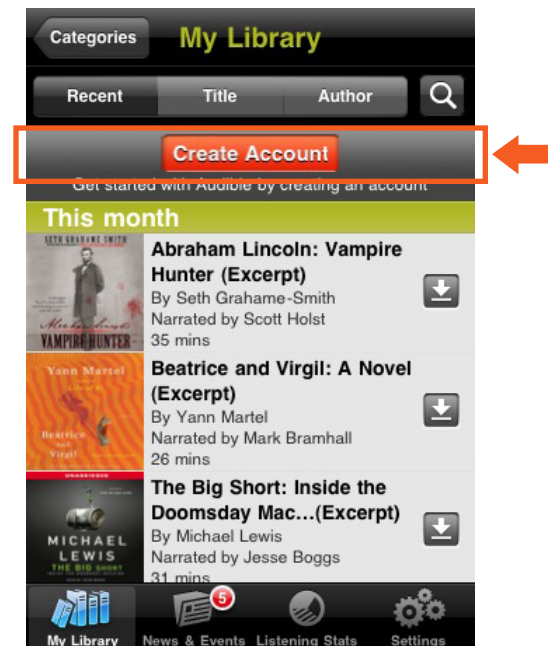


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My Library

Think of My Library as your handheld, mobile bookshelf. All of the audiobook titles you've purchased on Audible.com will be available for listening from the My Library screen within Audible for iPhone.

Sorting

Once on the My Library screen, you can sort your titles by using the Recent, Title, and Author sorting tabs at the top of the screen. (fig. 4)

- Recent: Sorts your titles by purchase date, beginning with the most recent
- Title: Sorts your titles A – Z using the title name
- Author: Sorts your titles A – Z using the author's last name

Searching

You can also search for a specific title inside My Library by tapping the Magnifying Glass icon (fig.5) and entering a search term.

Filtering

To further filter your library, tap the Categories button (fig. 6) at the top of the My Library screen. This will allow you to filter your library further, including My Library (all titles), Audiobooks, Free, Newspapers, On My Device, Not Downloaded, Performances, Magazines, etc. You will be able to filter between audiobooks purchased on Audible.com and audiobooks synced via iTunes using this filter.

Refreshing

You can always refresh the My Library screen by tapping the orange Refresh button at the top of My Library.

Managing iPod audiobooks

Any audiobook titles you've synced to your device via iTunes will be visible in the My Library screen (after selecting it via the Category filter). Please note that iPod audiobooks do not contain chapter information or additional details about the title.

To see audiobooks that you've synced to your device via iTunes, please do the following:

1. Go to Settings -> Show iPod Audiobooks. Set this to ON.
2. On the Library page -> Tap the Categories button to filter your library
3. You will see a filter to view your iPod titles near the bottom of the list

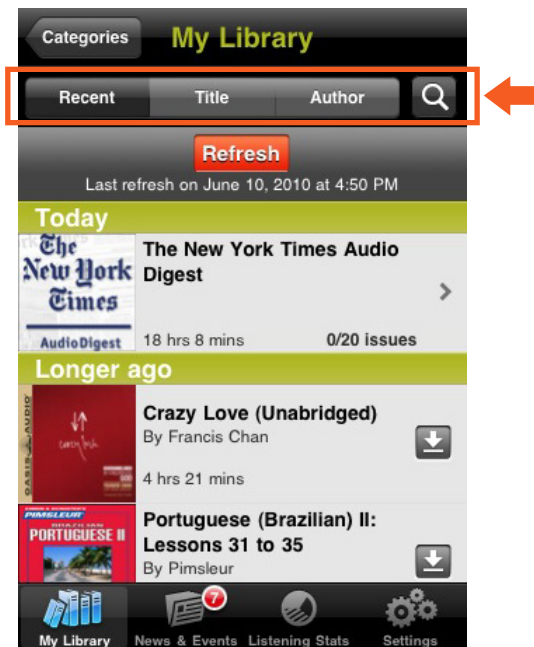


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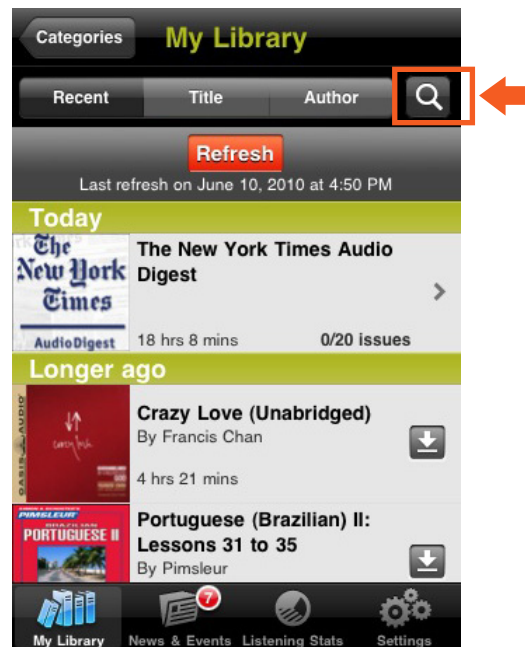


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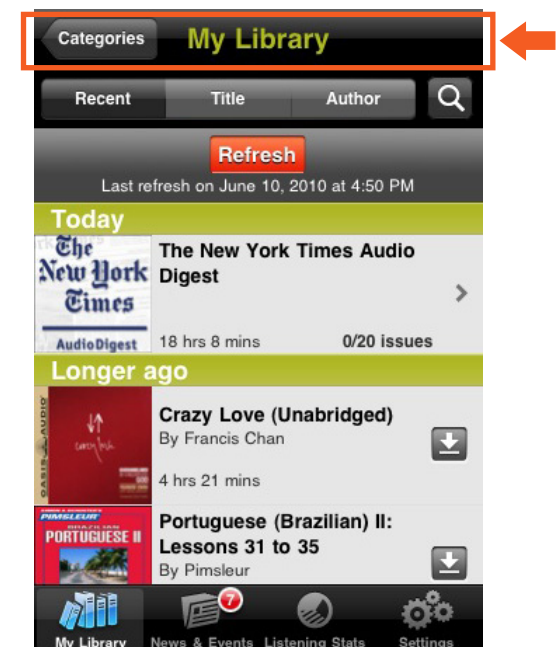


fig. 6

Downloading Audio from My Library

All of the audio you've purchased on Audible.com will be available for wireless download from the My Library view within Audible for iPhone.

To begin listening, tap the Download icon image (fig. 6) next to the title you want to hear. Once the icon is expanded, tap the orange Download image (fig. 7) to begin wirelessly transferring your audio.

After you have downloaded a small portion of your title, you can begin listening by tapping the Play image (fig. 8) next to your title.

You can always cancel your download by swiping the download progress bar. A download can be resumed again by tapping the Resume Download icon.

Please note that a Wi-Fi connection is required to wirelessly download audio titles larger than 20 megabytes.

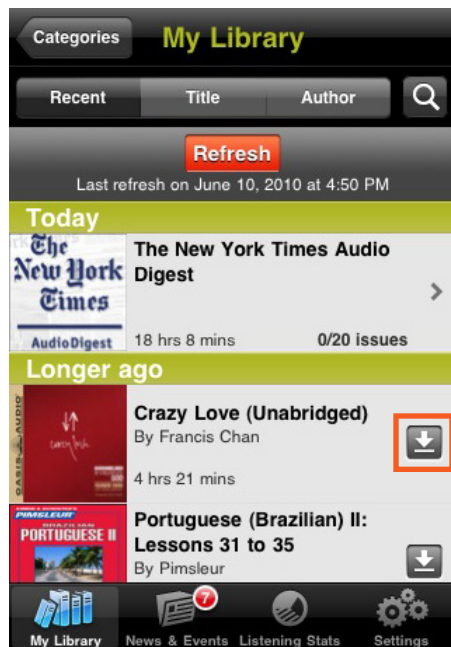


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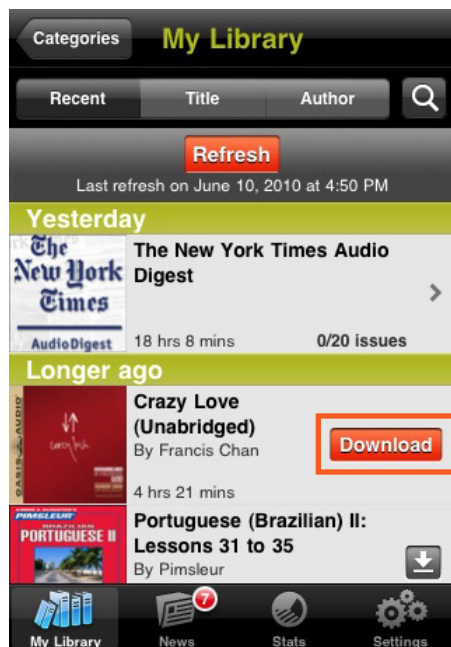


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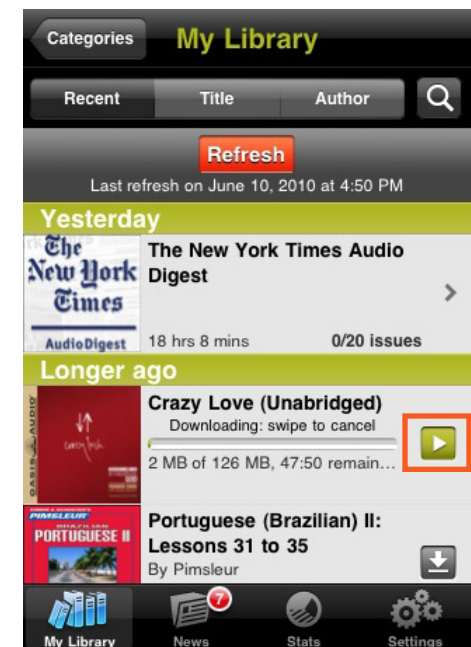


fig. 8

Removing Downloaded Audio

Audio titles that have already been downloaded to your iPhone will be displayed with a white background within My Library (fig. 9).

If you would like to remove a downloaded title from My Library, swipe your finger left-to-right (fig. 10) on the title to reveal the Remove from Device button (fig. 11). Tapping it will remove it from your iPhone.

Removing a title does not remove it from My Library; it simply removes the downloaded audio from your device's memory.

You will always be able to re-download the titles you've purchased from Audible.com from the My Library screen.

Please note that you are not able to remove iPod audiobooks that have been synchronized via iTunes. To delete iTunes titles, dock your iPhone to a PC/MAC with a USB cable and remove it using iTunes.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions are audio titles that publish frequently over time, such as daily or monthly. If you have purchased a subscription (such as *The New York Times*), you will be able to view it in My Library. Tapping on the Subscription title in My Library will display the issues, (such as *The New York Times: 02-23-2010*) that are available for download and playback.

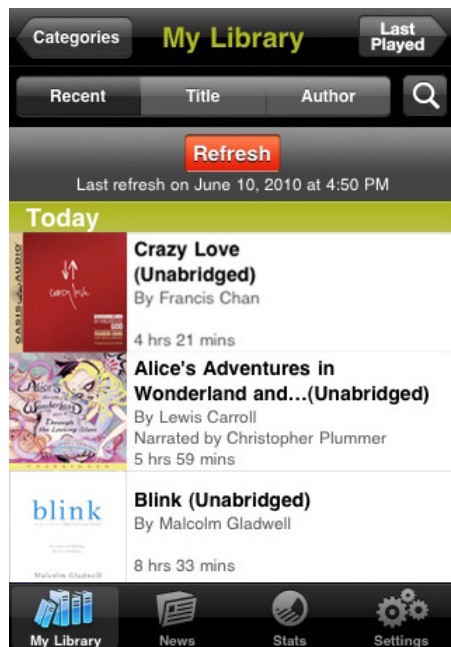


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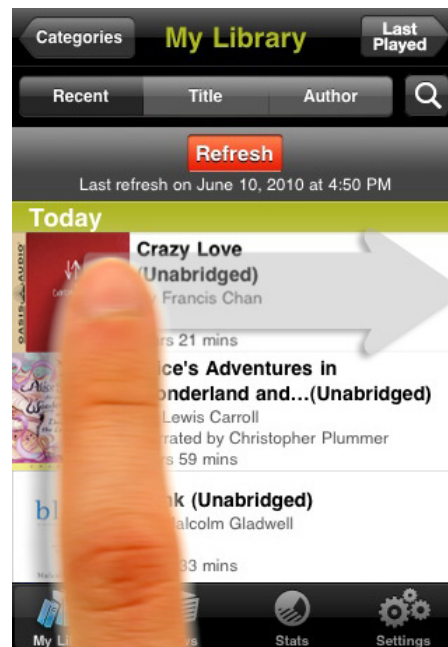


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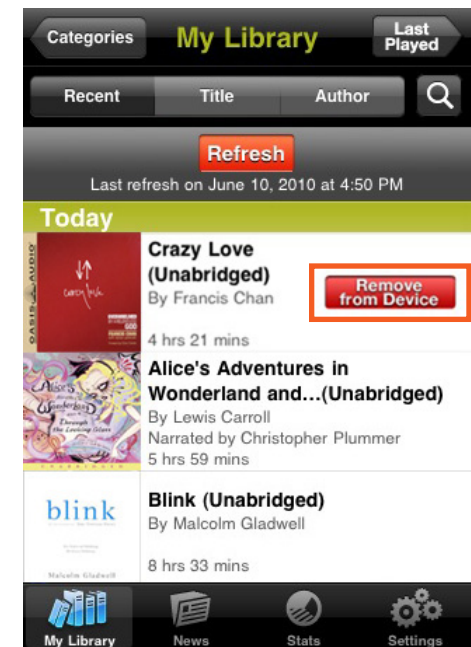


fig. 11

Listening to Audio

The Audible for iPhone Player view provides a rich collection of features designed to deliver the best audiobook listening experience available for iPhone.

To choose the title you'd like to listen to, tap it on the My Library screen. If it is not yet ready for listening, follow the instructions in the "Downloading Audio from My Library" section to do so.

The following features are available within the Audible for iPhone Player view.



Listening Controls

The default Player view allows you to play and pause your selected audio, as well as Jump Backwards 30 Seconds (fig. 12) from your current listening position.

You can expand the playback console to reveal additional listening controls (fig. 13) by pressing the top of the player console and sliding your finger upwards. The additional features allow you to Rewind, Fast Forward, go to Previous Chapter, go to Next Chapter, and Adjust the Volume slider.

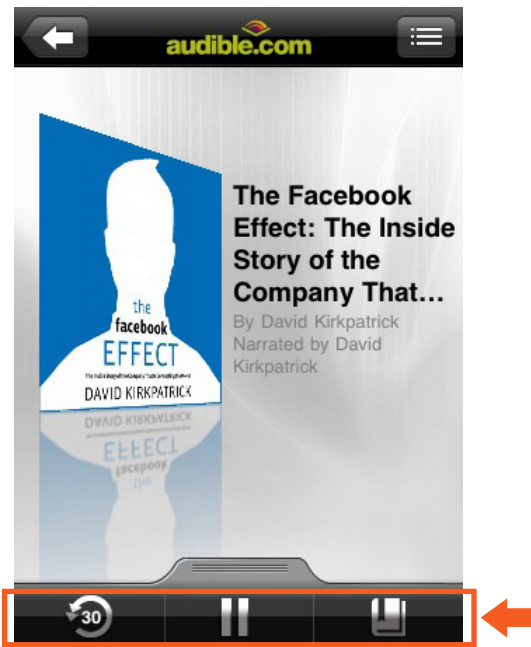


fig. 12

Adjust View

The Default Player View displays the title name, cover art, author, and narrator of the title you are listening to. Swiping the cover enlarges the cover art of the title, hiding the detailed information.

Swiping the cover art again will return you to the Default View. If you're listening to an Audible Enhanced title with synced images, we suggest using the Enlarged View.

Tapping the player screen will reveal additional options: Scrubbing Timeline, Button-Free Mode, Sleep Timer, Rate Title, and Share Title.



fig. 13

Timeline and Scrubbing

The timeline (fig. 14) displays your current listening position within the chapter you're listening to. You can slide your finger left or right within the timeline to scrub—or quickly move to a different position—within the chapter.

To slow down your scrubbing speed, slide your finger downward—away from the timeline—while scrubbing. Similarly, you can slide your finger upward—towards the timeline—to increase your scrubbing speed.



fig. 14

Playback Position

Audible for iPhone will always remember the playback position of the audio you are listening to. Whether you pause the audio playback using the listening controls, close the Audible for iPhone application, or receive an incoming phone call or SMS message, the last location of the audio timeline will be preserved so that you can always pick up where you left off when you return.

Background Audio

Audible for iPhone supports Background Audio and Background Downloading for iOS 4.0 devices that support multi-tasking.

Button-Free Mode

Button-free mode (fig. 15) allows you to control audio playback using gestures.

Notes:

- Tap anywhere to play/pause
- Swipe left to rewind 30 seconds
- Swipe right to fast-forward 30 seconds
- Swipe vertically to add bookmark

Sleep Timer

The Sleep Timer (fig. 16) allows you to set a period of time to cease audio playback. Tap the Sleep Timer icon, and then choose the amount of time you would like the audio to continue playing back.

Audio will automatically end when you've reached the limit that was set.

Rate Title

You can rate a title directly within Audible for iPhone. Simply tap the Rate Title icon (fig. 17) and select your rating.

Share Title

Audible for iPhone allows you to share what you're listening to with your friends and social media networks. Tapping on the Share Title menu item will display the Share Title menu screen.

Once on the Share Title menu screen, you can select to share the title you're listening to with your friends via email, Twitter, or Facebook.

If this is your first time sharing a title on Twitter or Facebook with Audible for iPhone, you will be prompted to enter the appropriate sign-in credentials. When you sign out of the app (via the Settings menu), we will also de-register your Facebook and Twitter accounts from Sharing within the application.



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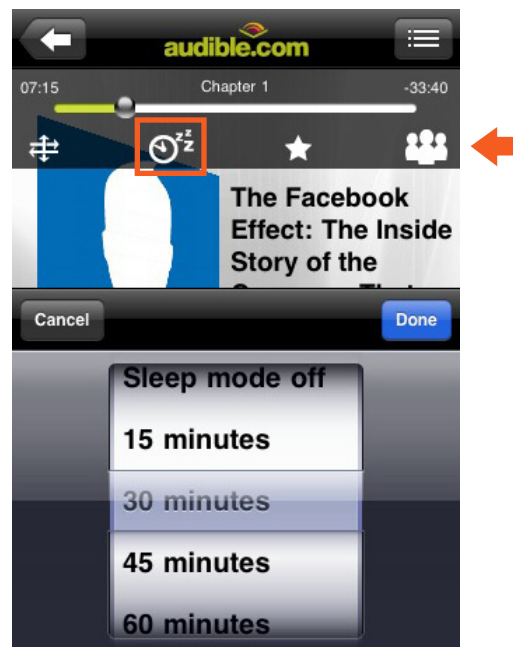


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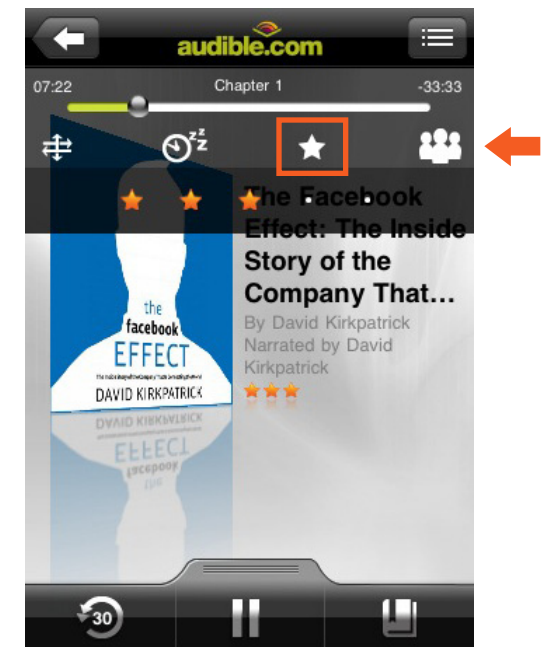


fig. 17

Create and Annotate Bookmarks

The Create Bookmarks function allows you to bookmark your current listening position, just like you would in a book. While listening to audio, tap the Bookmarks menu item (fig. 18) to mark your current listening position.

If you would like to annotate your bookmarked position, select “Add Note” when prompted and add your desired text. Note that playback will be temporarily paused for iPhone devices so you can concentrate on writing your note. You can resume playback by tapping the Play icon in the top left corner.

Later, you will be able to access and manage bookmarks in the Details, Chapter, and Bookmark Viewer.

Details, Chapter & Bookmark Viewer

The Details, Chapter, and Bookmark Viewer allows you to browse more information about the title you are listening to and easily navigate to chapters and bookmarks.

To view this section, tap the Details, Chapter, and Bookmark Viewer image icon on the player screen (fig. 19). Here, you will be able to see additional information about the title you’re listening to, chapter information, and view and edit your saved bookmarks.

To view additional details about the title you are listening to, tap the Details tab at the bottom of the screen (fig. 20). You’ll also find the option to delete the locally stored copy of this Audible title from the bottom of the Details tab.

To view chapter information, tap the Chapters tab at the bottom of the screen. Selecting a chapter within this menu will begin playing audio from the beginning of that chapter.

To view bookmarks you’ve previously created, tap the Bookmarks tab at the bottom of the screen.



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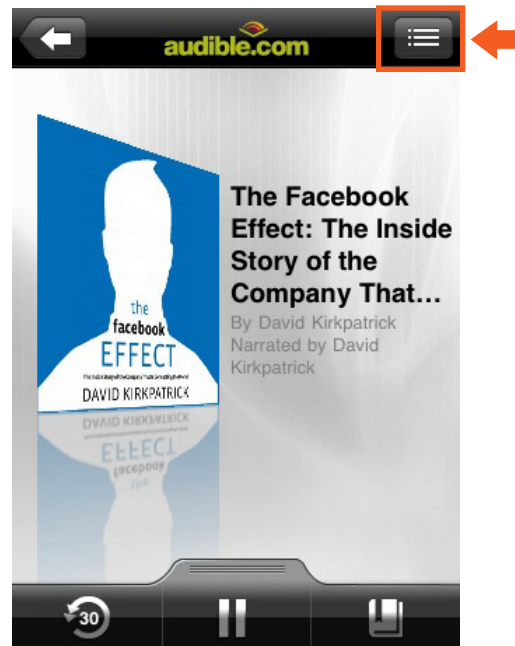


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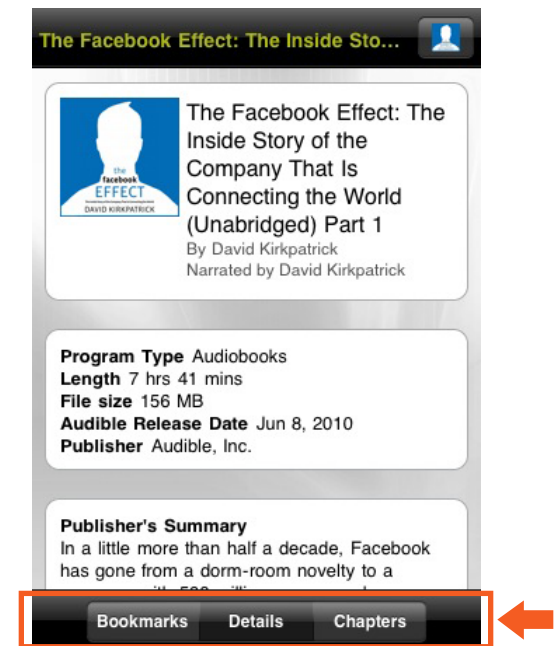


fig. 20

Stats and Badges

The Stats portion of Audible for iPhone is a fun way to track all sorts of audiobook listening information, including:

- Daily, Monthly, and Total Listening Time (fig. 21)
- Your Listening Level. Are you a Newbie or a Master?
- Total Number of Audible Titles

In addition to Stats, performing certain actions on Audible for iPhone and the Audible.com website will allow you to earn badges (fig. 22).

From badges for listening activities to other actions you can take on your phone while using Audible for iPhone, we encourage you to experiment with the application and uncover them all!

News & Events

The News section (fig. 23) is the best way to get the latest information on your favorite authors, narrators, Audible events, and more. News is updated often, and in real-time, so keep checking back!

You'll be notified when there are newly added News feed items by a red numeric badge appended to the News Feed icon.



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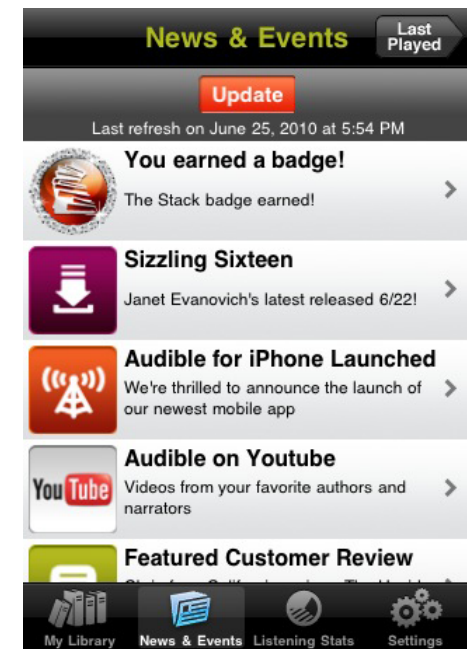


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Settings

The Settings screen allows you to set your preferences in the Audible for iPhone application. To access it, tap the Settings on the bottom navigation bar. The following settings are available:

General Settings

Show iPod Audiobooks:

Turning this setting On enables Audible for iPhone to display audiobooks that have been synced to your device via iTunes. To view iPod titles after enabling this setting, please tap the Categories button in the top right corner of the My Library and select to view iPod titles from the filter menu.

Disable 'Auto Lock':

Prevents auto-lock from engaging while audio is playing, so you can have full access to the application window (for audio control, bookmarking, etc). Note: Your battery life will be reduced while this setting is enabled.

Sign Out:

Allows you to sign out of the Audible account you are currently using. By signing out, you will still have full access to the books you've downloaded locally to your device. You will continue to earn badges and listening stats, however, they will not be attributed to your Audible account.

Help & Support

Call Customer Care:

Begins a phone call with the Audible Customer Care Team.

Email Customer Care:

Provides an email for delivery to the Audible Customer Care Team.

Feedback & Request Feature:

Provides an email for the Audible Wireless team.

Reset Application:

Reverts all settings to their default values and log you out of the application.

Send Bug Report:

Initiates a bug submission for the Audible Wireless team.

Additional Help and Support

The following resources provide additional information that may not be covered in this guide.

Audible Wireless Homepage

<http://www.audible.com/wireless>

Audible Customer Care Website

<http://www.audible.com/helpcenter/>

Audible Customer Care Phone Support

888-283-5051 (USA & Canada)

1-973-820-0400 (Intl.)

Monday-Friday 9AM-10PM EST

Saturday 10AM-7PM EST