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This guide will help you to learn how to download and listen to audiobooks via Google Play and Apple Books.

*Instructions may vary according to your device model.

What you'll learn

1. How to register on Google Play and Apple Books
2. How to download and listen to audiobooks on Google Play and Apple Books

Registering on Google Play and Apple Books

Before you start your listening experience, you will need to register an account with either Google Play or the Apple App Store through Apple ID or login if you already have an account set-up.

Google Play

1. Open the web browser
2. Select the address/search bar
3. Type in play.google.com and press return/enter
4. Click on 'sign up'. You can sign up using your Google account. If you don't have one, you will need to create one by entering your name, email address and a password

Select 'Next' to create an account and agree to Google Play's terms and conditions. Your account will then be set up and ready to go.

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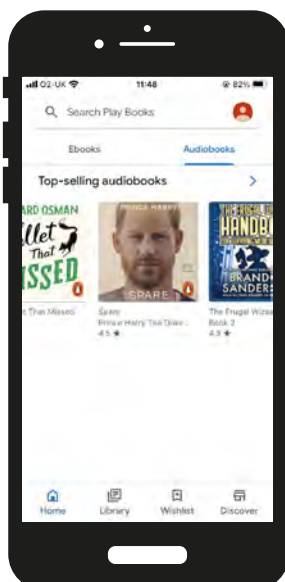
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1. When on the Google Play website or app, click on 'Books' from the menu at the top of the screen
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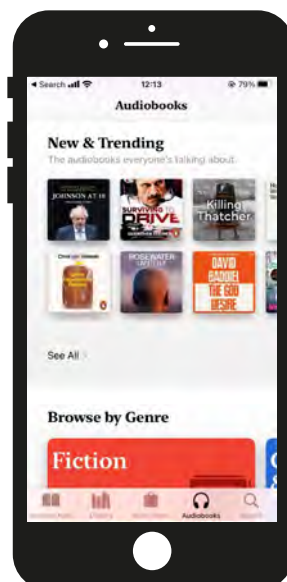


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