



# How To Buy, and then Read Kindle Electronic Books

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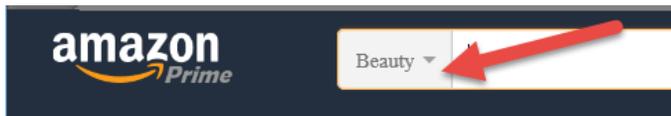
No, you don't have to wear rubber gloves when you read electronic books for fear of getting an electrical shock. But you know that.

There is a companion note, to this one, called "[Free Software For Reading Kindle Books.](#)" It talks about the dedicated Kindle readers (as well as computers) that enable you to read Amazon Kindle publications. But this piece tries to help you with two things: ❶ buying a Kindle book online and ❷ downloading the free Kindle reading software to read it if you don't have a dedicated Kindle hardware reader.

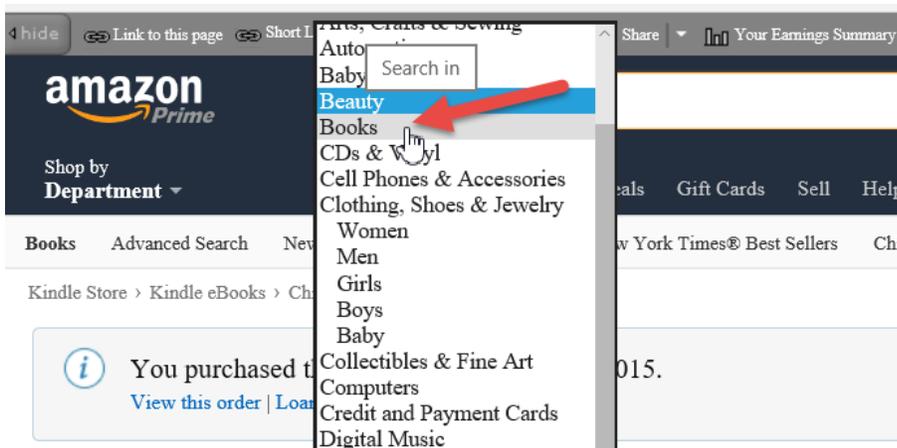
❶ First you have to buy the book (unless it is a free one) from the Amazon website. To do that, go to <http://Amazon.com>.

If you don't already have an Amazon account, there you can establish one. Then you search for a book you'd like. Let's say you want to acquire a children's (and adult's) book by Andrea Oswald called *Icicle*. Here's how.

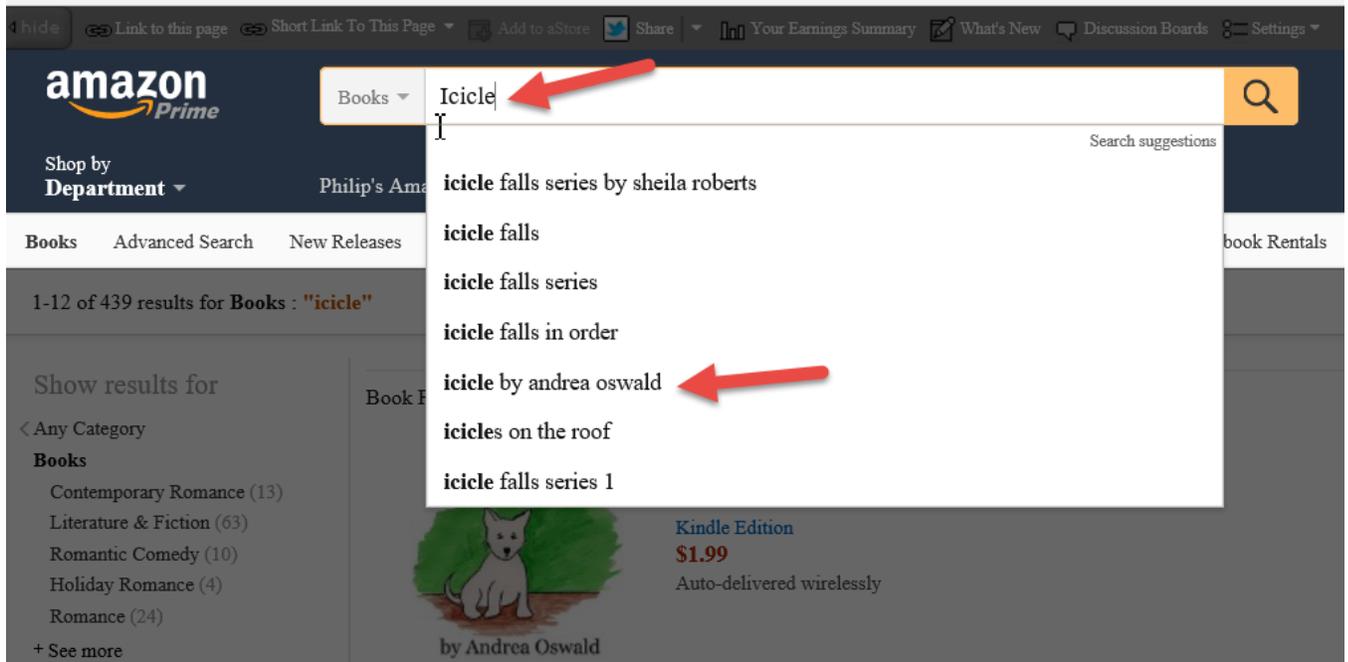
At Amazon, go up to the top of the home page and click on the downward pointing triangle (to the left of their search bar):



When the menu dropdown, scroll down until you see "Books" and click on it:



Using the search bar with the “Books” category selected, type in your search criteria. Shown here is the name of the book “Icicle.”



If your criteria doesn't find it (as it did in the above example), try using the Author's full name like “Andrea Oswald” and then tell it to search for what you typed by clicking on the magnifying glass icon to the right of Amazon's search bar.

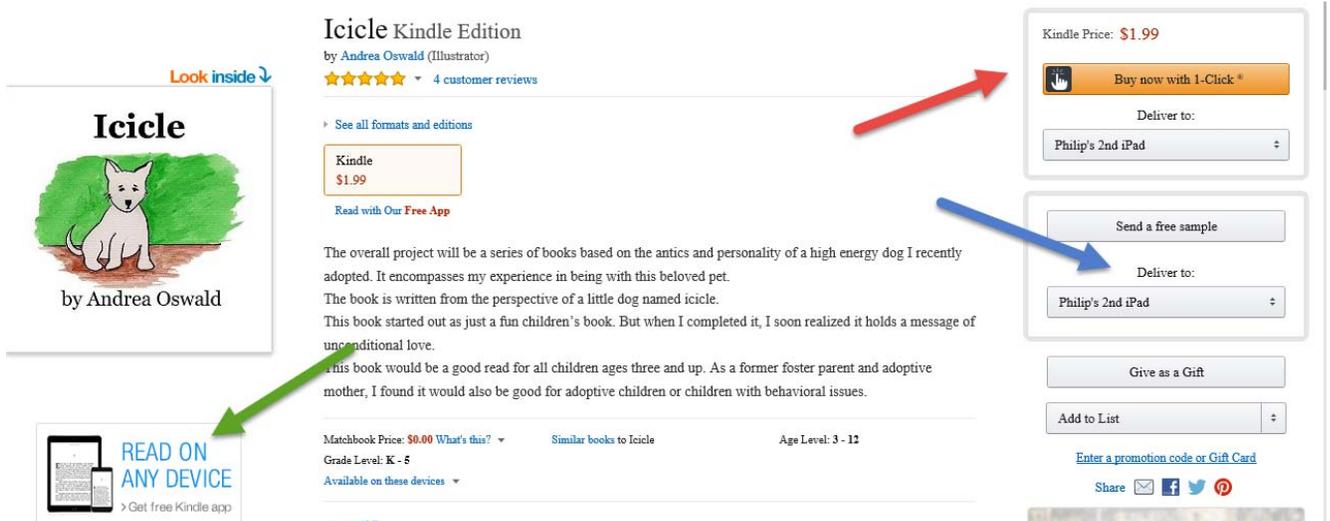
You'll land on the store page dedicated to selling this book.



You'll notice that at first, it is only available in the Kindle (electronic) version. It will likely be available in **print** soon. But for now, you want the **Kindle Edition** so you click on that.

This brings you to the *Icicle* purchasing page. Since you already have an Amazon account (if you didn't yet, you could easily do it on your way to buying the book), you can purchase it by clicking on the "Buy now with 1-click" button (red arrow).

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