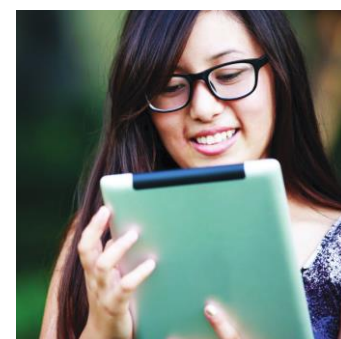# How-to Guide:

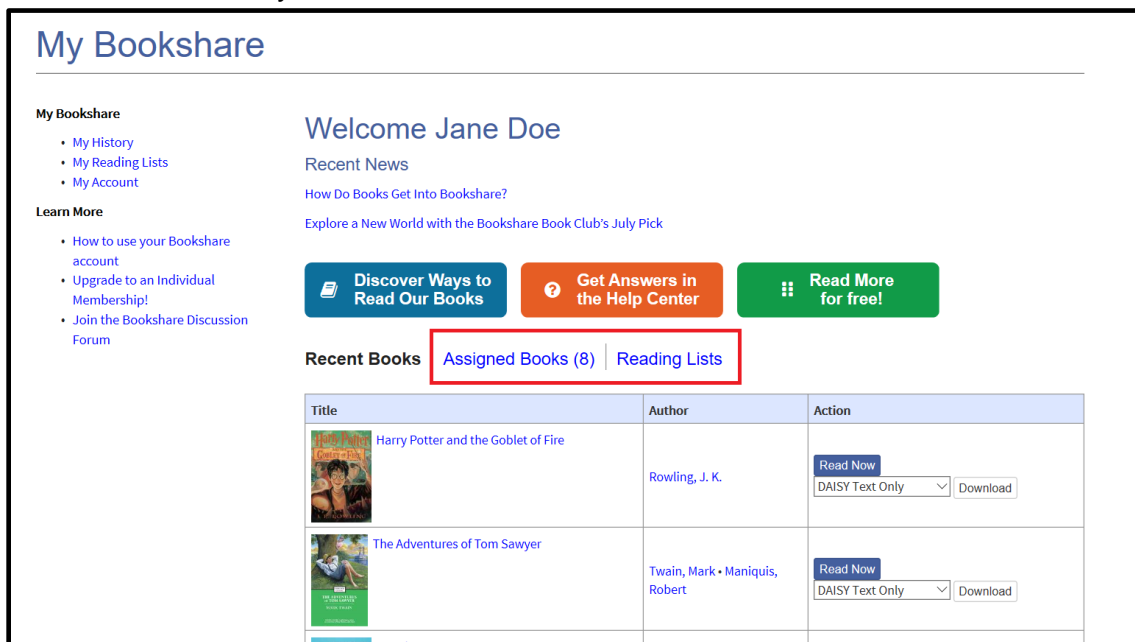## Students: How to Read Bookshare Books

How to Find and Read Your Assigned Books

Here you will learn how to read your assigned books. You can read quickly and easily with Bookshare Web Reader in an internet browser (Google Chrome or Safari) right on your computer or Chromebook. You can also read books with an app on a mobile device or with other Assistive Technology tools. The "Reading Tools" wizard can help you determine what tools will work best with your devices.

1) Log into Bookshare with the username and password created by your teacher to see what books have been assigned to you.
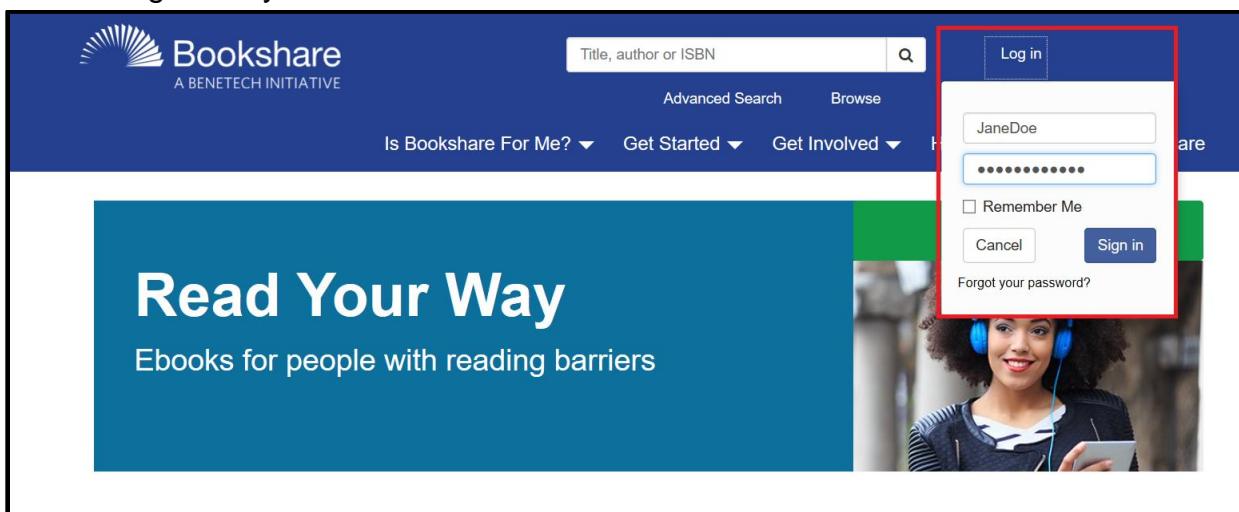
2) Books that have been assigned to you will be under the "Assigned Books" link. Books that have been assigned on a Reading List are found under the "Reading List" link. Ask your teacher if you are not sure where to find your book.

3) To read directly in your web browser select the "Read Now" button.

4) The book will be prepared for reading in your browser. Depending on the size of the book, it may take 30-60 seconds. The book will then be ready to be viewed – and heard – in the Bookshare Web Reader.

5) To hear the book read aloud, select "Play."

6) Use the settings button ⚙ to change the font size, text and background color combination and voice and rate of speech if desired. Select "Save" after making changes.

SETTINGS

FONT FACE
Default (current TNR) ▼

FONT SIZE
18-point ▼

TEXT AND BACKGROUND COLOR
● Black and White
○ Arabian Nights
○ Sands of Dune
○ BeeLine (text color gradiation)

| Bright | Dark | Blues | Gray | Inverted | Learn more |

DISPLAY FORMAT
Scrolling ▼   ☑ Display page numbers
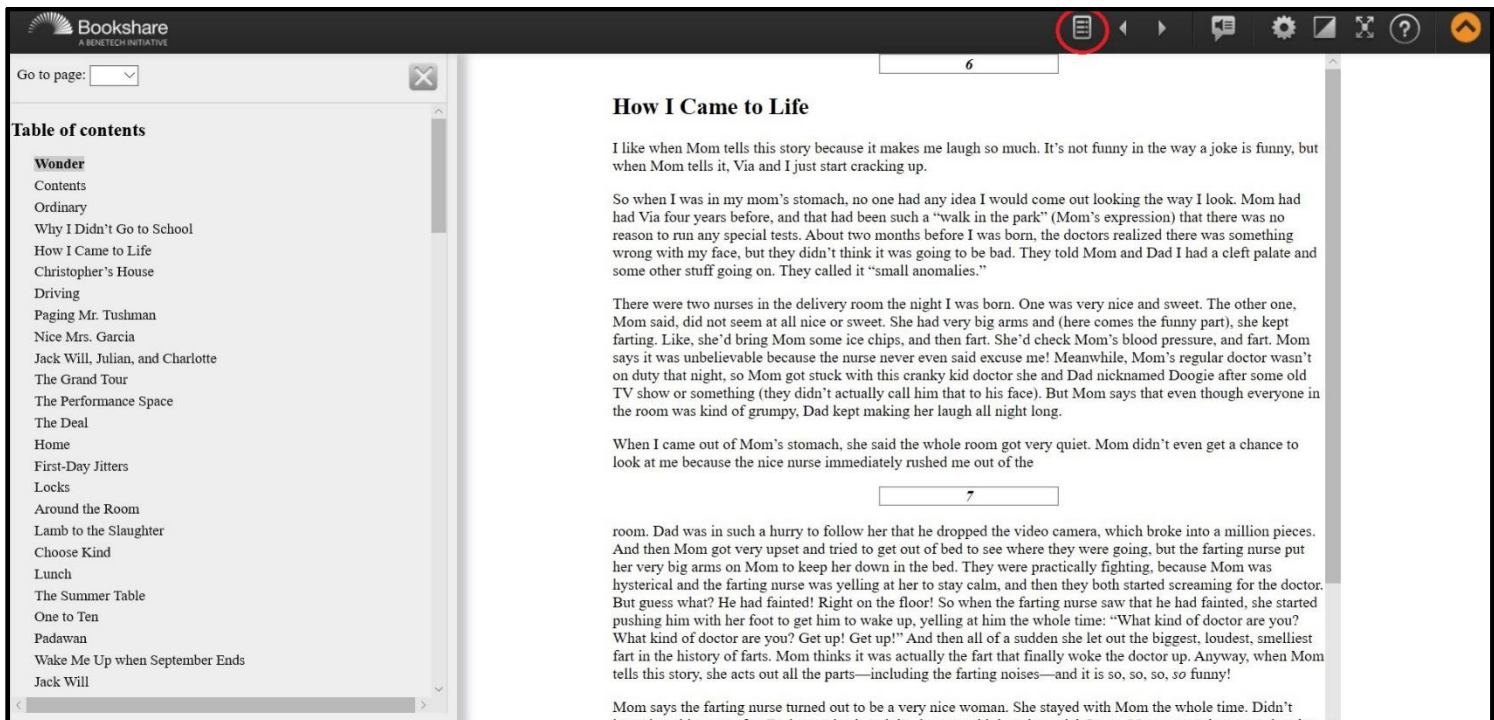
MARGINS

SPEECH RATE
Slower ——■———— Faster

VOICE   Learn more about voice options
Microsoft Zira Desktop - English (United States) ▼

Cancel   Save

7) Use the Table of Contents icon ▦ to select where you want to start reading.

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How I Came to Life

I like when Mom tells this story because it makes me laugh so much. It's not funny in the way a joke is funny, but when Mom tells it, Via and I just start cracking up.

So when I was in my mom's stomach, no one had any idea I would come out looking the way I look. Mom had had Via four years before, and that had been such a "walk in the park" (Mom's expression) that there was no reason to run any special tests. About two months before I was born, the doctors realized there was something wrong with my face, but they didn't think it was going to be bad. They told Mom and Dad I had a cleft palate and some other stuff going on. They called it "small anomalies."

There were two nurses in the delivery room the night I was born. One was very nice and sweet. The other one, Mom said, did not seem at all nice or sweet. She had very big arms and (here comes the funny part), she kept farting. Like, she'd bring Mom some ice chips, and then fart. She'd check Mom's blood pressure, and fart. Mom says it was unbelievable because the nurse never even said excuse me! Meanwhile, Mom's regular doctor wasn't on duty that night, so Mom got stuck with this cranky kid doctor she and Dad nicknamed Doogie after some old TV show or something (they didn't actually call him that to his face). But Mom says that even though everyone in the room was kind of grumpy, Dad kept making her laugh all night long.

When I came out of Mom's stomach, she said the whole room got very quiet. Mom didn't even get a chance to look at me because the nice nurse immediately rushed me out of the

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room. Dad was in such a hurry to follow her that he dropped the video camera, which broke into a million pieces. And then Mom got very upset and tried to get out of bed to see where they were going, but the farting nurse put her very big arms on Mom to keep her down in the bed. They were practically fighting, because Mom was hysterical and the farting nurse was yelling at her to stay calm, and then they both started screaming for the doctor. But guess what? He had fainted! Right on the floor! So when the farting nurse saw that he had fainted, she started pushing him with her foot to get him to wake up, yelling at him the whole time: "What kind of doctor are you? What kind of doctor are you? Get up! Get up!" And then all of a sudden she let out the biggest, loudest, smelliest fart in the history of farts. Mom thinks it was actually the fart that finally woke the doctor up. Anyway, when Mom tells this story, she acts out all the parts—including the farting noises—and it is so, so, so funny!

Mom says the farting nurse turned out to be a very nice woman. She stayed with Mom the whole time. Didn't leave her side even after Dad came back and the doctors told them how sick I was. Mom remembers exactly what

Read Books with other Devices

1) Use the "Reading Tool" wizard to find other ways to read your books. First, select the type of device(s) that you have.

Reading Tool Wizard

What kind of device do you want to use?

1. Computer or Laptop
2. Tablet or Smartphone
3. Assistive Technology Device

2) You will then find options for devices in that category. Select the specific type of device you have to find the recommended reading tools.

Smartphone or Tablet

What kind of device do you have?

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1. iOS (iPhone or iPad)
2. Android
3. Kindle or other ebook reader

3) Select the logo or the name of the product to learn more about the tool and how to use it.

Read on an iPhone or iPad

Bookshare Recommends:

	Price:	Key Features:	Requirements:
Dolphin EasyReader	Free!	• Listen with text-to-speech audio • See book text • Synchronized word-level highlighting • Displays images • Dyslexic font	• iOS 9.1+

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More Great Options on iOS:

	Price:	Key Features:	Requirements:
Voice Dream Reader	$14.99	• Listen with text-to-speech audio • See book text • Synchronized word-level highlighting • Displays images • Dyslexic font	• iOS 7.0+
Capti Voice	Free! (Premium Available*)	• Listen with text-to-speech audio • See book text • Synchronized word-level highlighting • Dyslexic font • Displays Images*	• iOS 4.0+

4) These tools integrate with Bookshare and require you to sign in to them using your Bookshare username and password. Then search for the titles of the books you wish to read. If you are only a member on your school account you can only read books that your teachers have assigned to you. If you wish to read more books, your account can be upgraded to include a free Individual Membership which gives you full access to the Bookshare collection. Learn more!