Reading Services

ePUB **Information Booklet**

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Using Your EPUB Books

EPUB is an e-book file format that can be downloaded and read on devices like smartphones, tablets, computers, or e-readers. EPUB book files are smaller in size than DAISY book files and they are supported by a huge variety of apps on both computers and tablets.

Some of the enhanced features with EPUB reading apps on tablet devices in particular are:

- text highlighting
- notetaking
- text manipulation options
- background and foreground colour changing options
- detailed image focusing
- audio support

All EPUB reading software on Windows and Mac computers provide options for text manipulation and colour changes. There is currently one piece of software that allows you to highlight text and make notes. Built-in audio support is currently available with only one piece of software on Windows laptops.

- Your EPUB titles will be delivered to you via your Online Bookshelf account.
- You do not have to unzip these files – they are ready to go once you download them to your computer or tablet device, but **you must have an EPUB reader installed** on your tablet / computer before you download them.
- If using a tablet device, you can download the reader you choose from the iPad App Store or from Google Play.
- If using a computer you can follow the links provided in this document.

EasyReader

EasyReader is a FREE accessible reading app for readers with low vision or blindness. It is available for iPad and Android devices, although we have found that some Android devices are not compatible, particularly if you are running older versions of the software. Users will need to create a free Dolphin account upon opening the app for the first time after downloading it. There are some issues with sentences beginning with bullet points, in that the sentence is placed below the bullet. Also, there is no image zoom function and the highlight option provides a bookmarking option instead of a visual highlight. However, the audio features of EasyReader are way ahead of all others.

Marvin 3 (iPad only)

The Marvin 3 has a nice feel to it and there are lots of customisation options available. The free version contains a banner at the bottom of the screen which can only be removed by purchasing the full version (€5.49).

iBooks (iPad only)

Choose from eight fonts and four page colours. Add bookmarks, notes and highlights with "tap and hold". Double tapping on an image opens image viewer; you can then zoom with "pinch and zoom". The highlighting and note-adding functions work well together, i.e. once you highlight, the option to "add note" remains as an option.

Bluefire Reader

Bluefire Reader is a simple e-reader that covers all of the basic features, and works nicely. It is not as sophisticated as iBooks and Marvin, which may be an issue depending on how you engage with the content. Highlighting and adding notes to text is a several step process. That said, it does automatically date notes, and allow sorting by date or location. The image viewer is also quite interactive, allowing for various zoom levels and rotations.

EPUB Reading Software for Computers

Calibre

Calibre is a cross-platform eBook management software system, meaning it can be used on both Windows and Mac platforms. One of the most visually attractive aspects of Calibre is the book carousel where all titles that have been added to it, are displayed in a virtual bookshelf. Double-clicking on either the book image or the book title below it, opens the book in the eBook viewer where you can set your individual preferences. Unfortunately, Calibre does not support text highlighting. It can be downloaded by visiting the link below and following the download instructions.

https://bit.ly/1WSp87B

Adobe Digital Editions

Adobe Digital Editions does support text highlighting by clicking and dragging the mouse over the selected passage. Notes may also be added in a pop-up bar that appears after right-clicking on the highlighted passage and selecting "Add Note". There is also the option to organise titles into different libraries (e.g. by subject, genre etc…). However, text customisations are limited. Adobe Digital Editions can be downloaded by visiting the link below and following the download instructions.

https://adobe.ly/2DMRkVI

EasyReader

EPUB titles are supported in the most recent release of the desktop version of EasyReader. Similar to the tablet version users will need to create a free Dolphin account upon opening the app for the first time after downloading it. There are some issues with sentences beginning with bullet points, in that the sentence is placed below the bullet. Also, there is no image zoom function and the highlight option provides a bookmarking option instead of a visual highlight. However, the audio features of EasyReader are way ahead of all others.
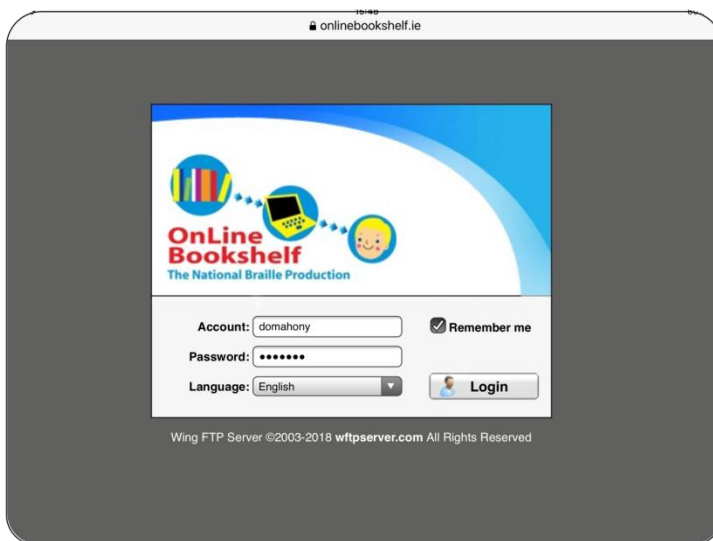
Edge Browser (Windows 10)

Edge supports changing text size, spacing, font style and page themes (light, sepia, and dark). It also supports search, bookmarking, annotation and read aloud. Once you have downloaded the EPUB file, just right click with the mouse, select Open With and then select Microsoft Edge. You can also set Microsoft Edge as the default EPUB viewer. The image zoom feature is also very useful.

Before downloading your EPUB titles from Online Bookshelf remember that you must have one of the EPUB Reading Apps already installed on your iPad.

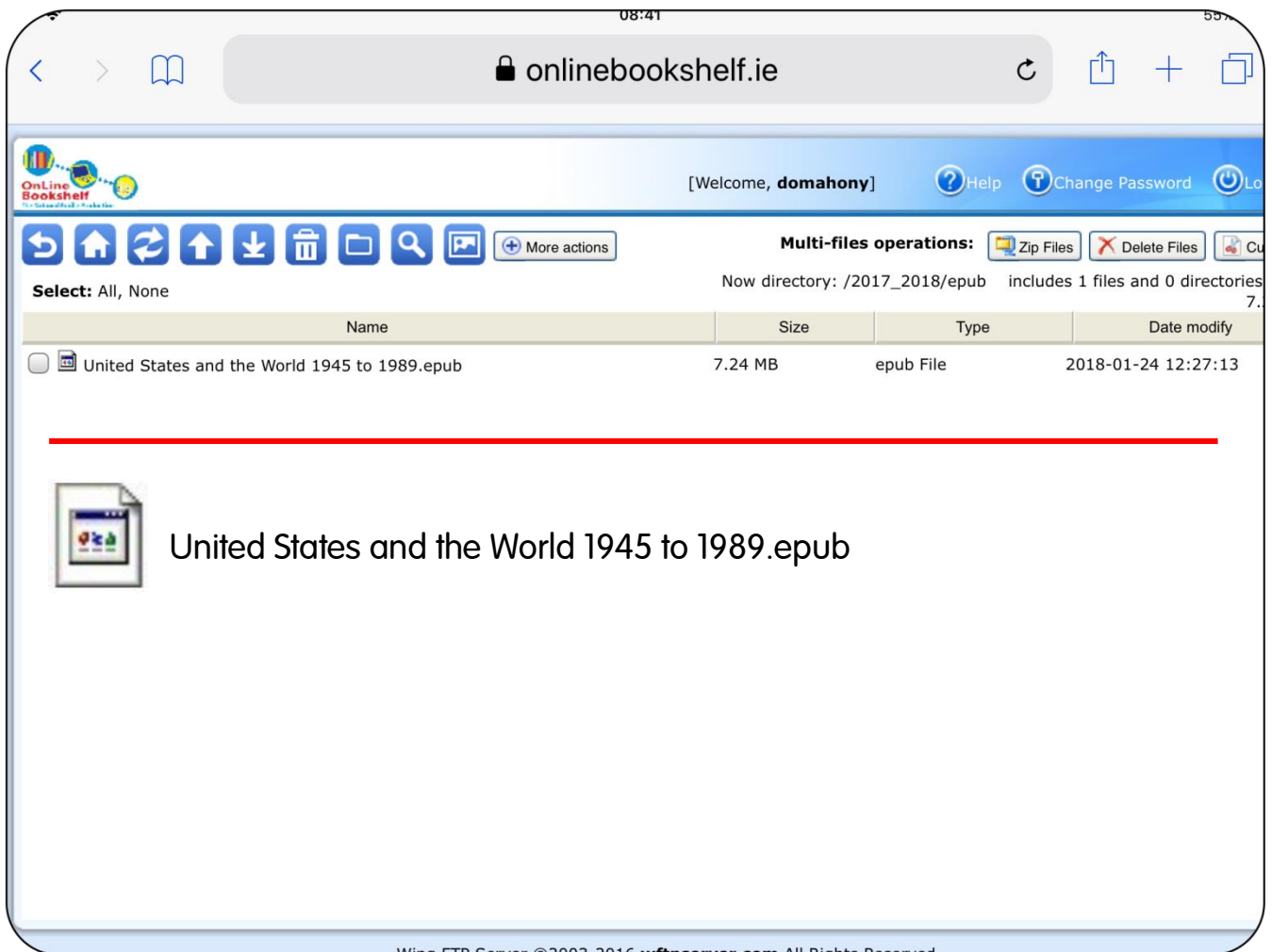We also would recommend using the Safari browser to download your EPUB titles.

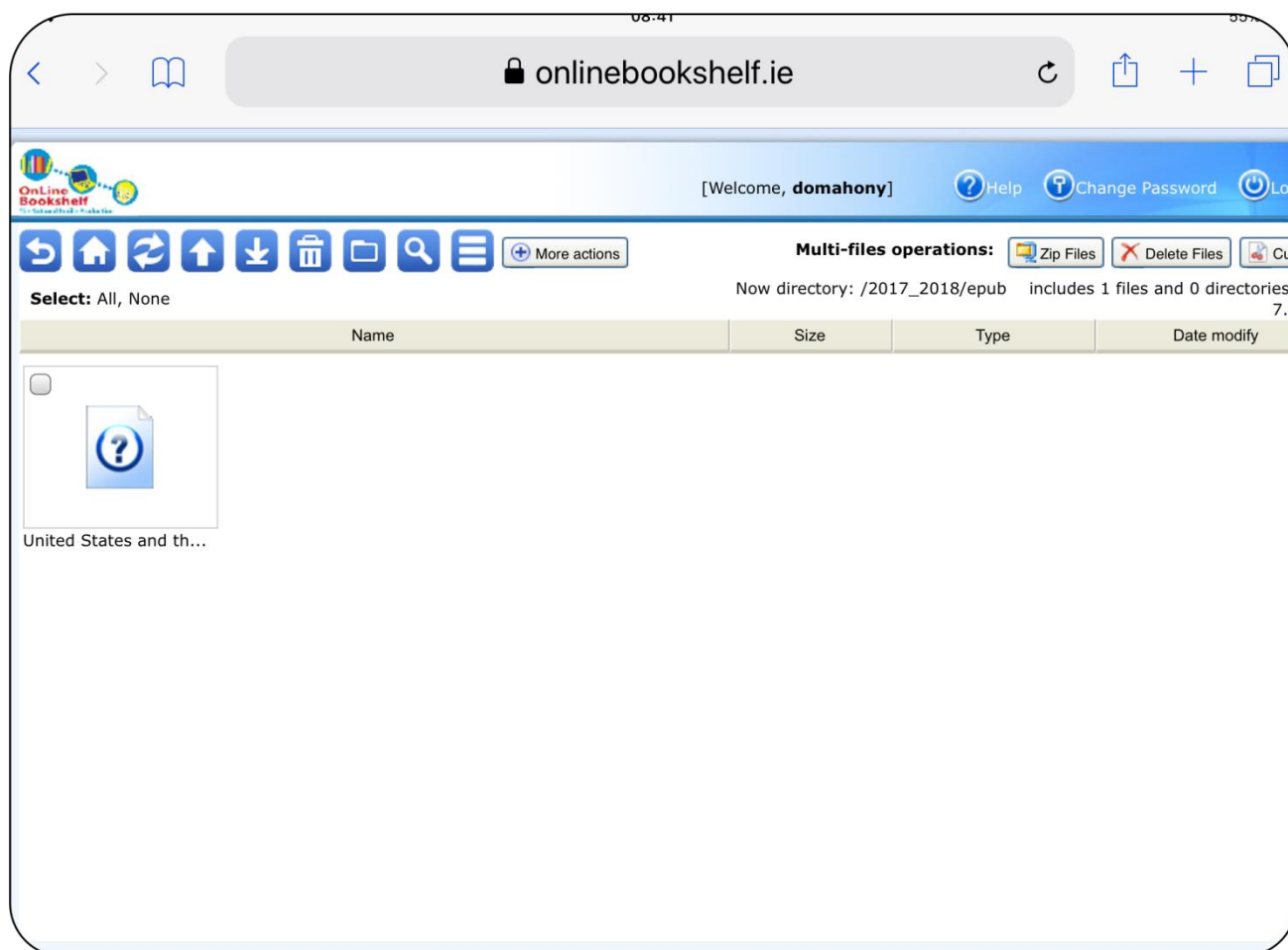1. Log in to your Online Bookshelf account and navigate to the folder for the appropriate academic year.

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(Optional)

2a. If you have set your Online Bookshelf display to be in list mode your EPUB titles will be identified with **.epub** at the end of the file name.

2b. If you have set your Online Bookshelf display to be in thumbnail mode your EPUB titles will look like this or similar:

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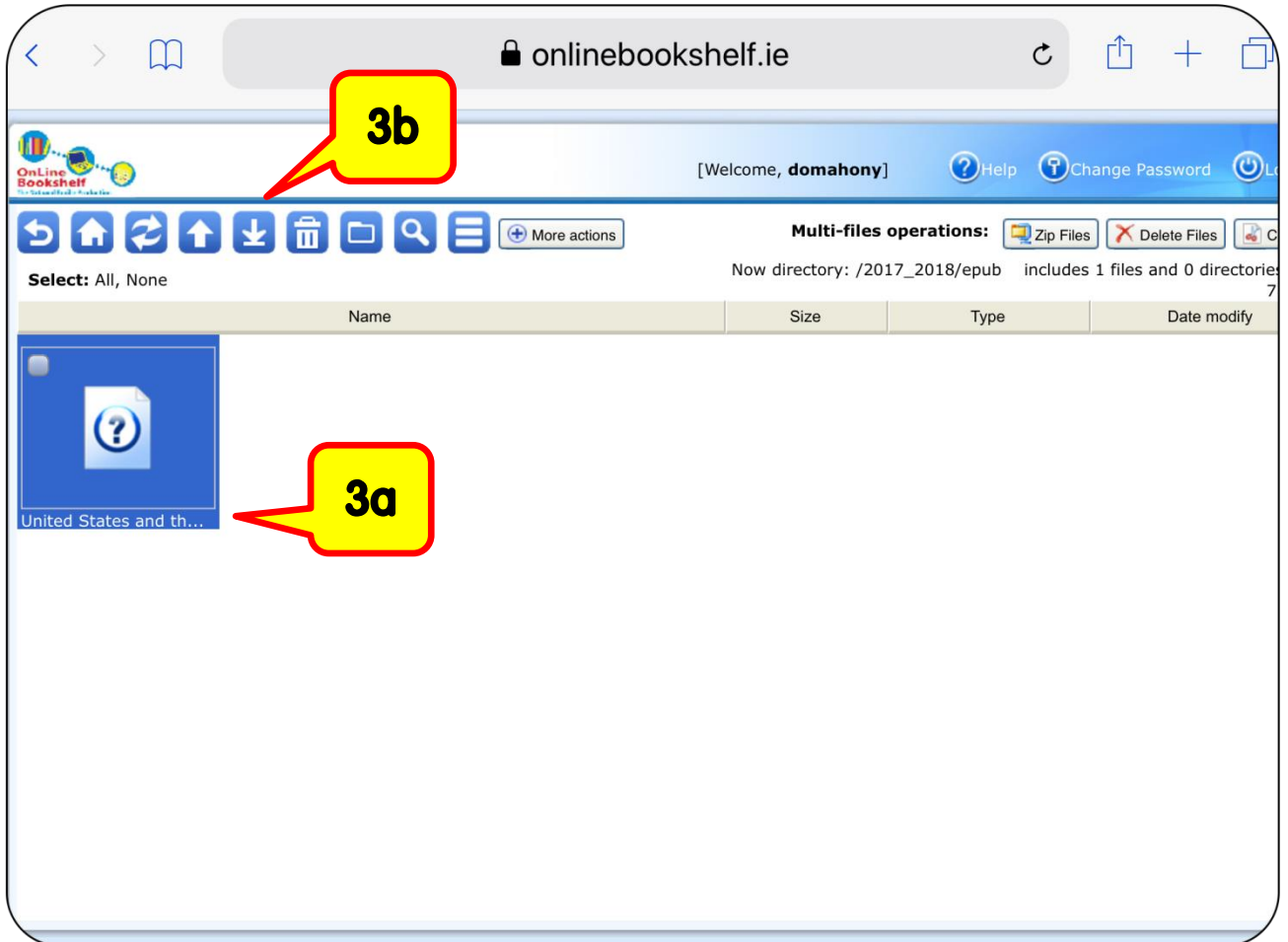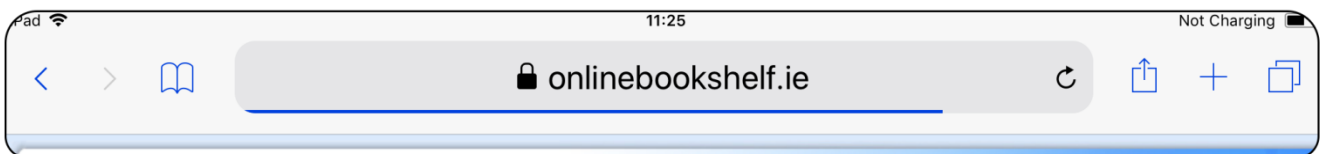

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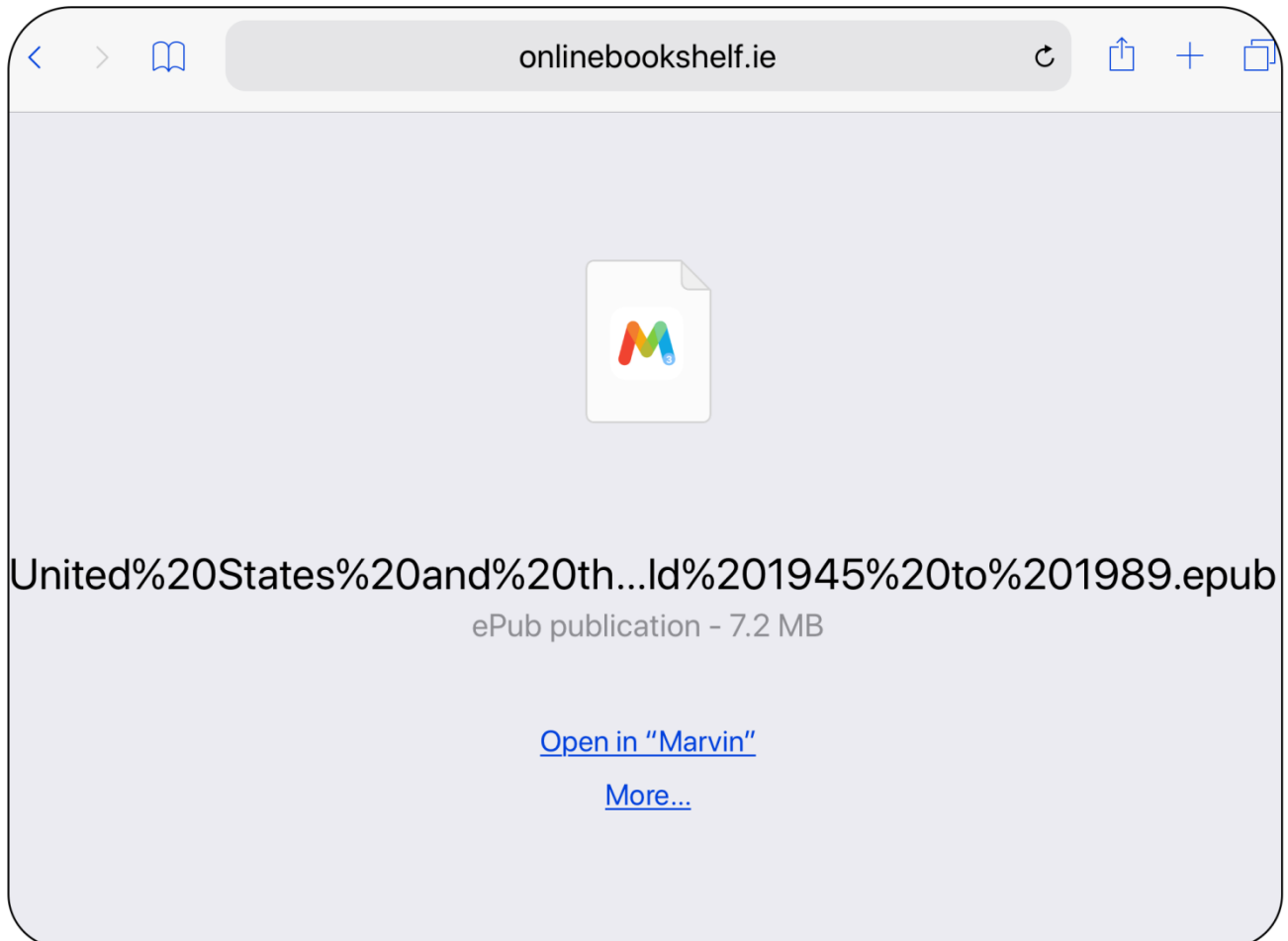**3b.** Tap the download button in the menu bar.

Your EPUB title will begin to download to your device.

**4.** When the file has downloaded you will be presented with a page to open your EPUB title in a specific app.

If you wish to open the EPUB title in that app then click on **Open in ...** and it will be automatically added to that app's specific library.
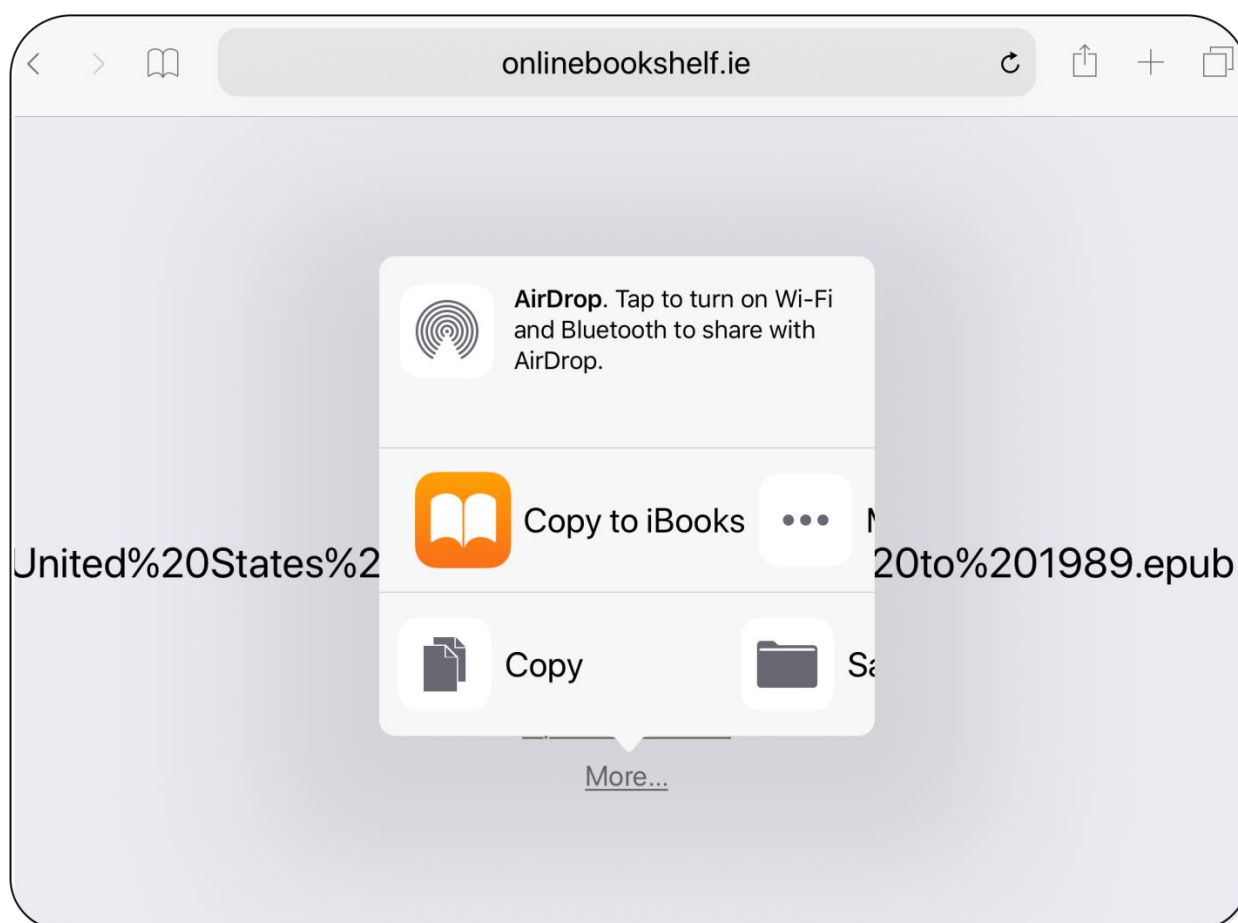
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Open in "Marvin"

More...

(Optional)

5a. If you have more than one EPUB Reading App on your iPad and would like to use a different one to that suggested by the operating system, tap on **More…**

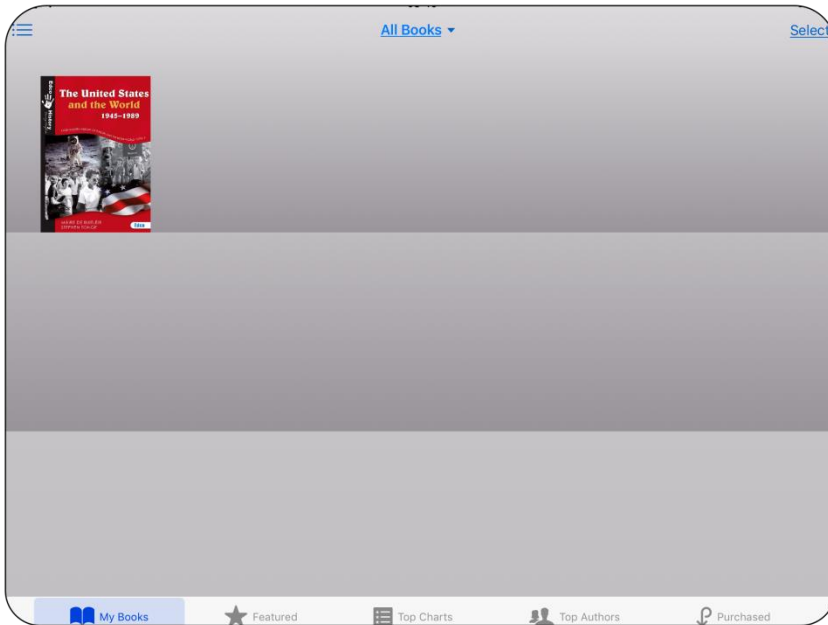A popup window will appear. We are concerned with the middle menu that provides options to "Copy to" a specific app
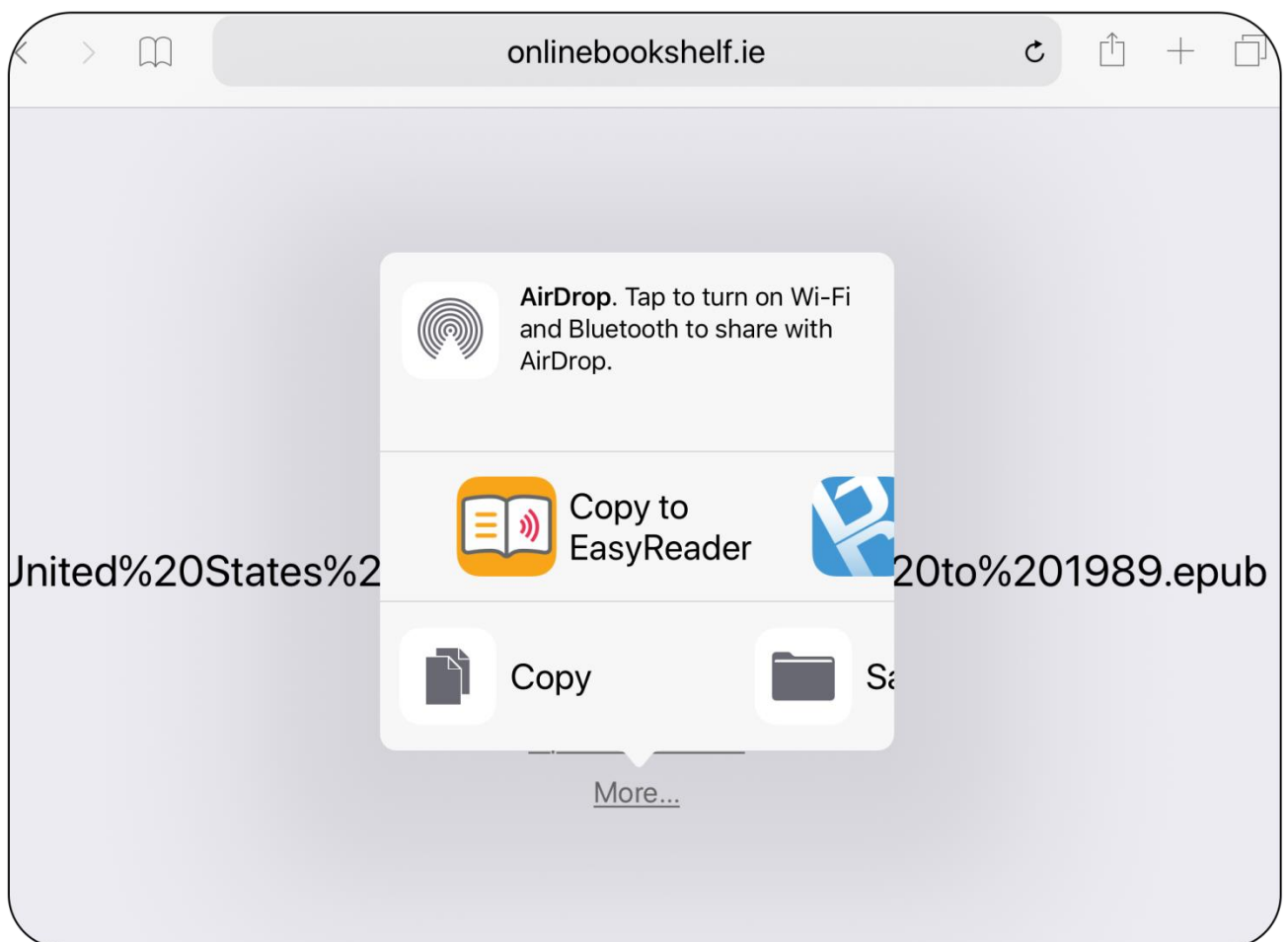
(Optional)

5b. Flick left on this menu to find the app you want and tap on it to open your EPUB title in your selection.

You have now successfully added your EPUB title to your app of choice on your iPad.

Example of EPUB Title in iBooks Bookshelf:

Example of EPUB Title in EasyReader Bookshelf:

Downloading EPUB titles from Online Bookshelf on Android

Before downloading your EPUB titles from Online Bookshelf remember that you must have one of the EPUB Reading Apps already installed on your Android.

Most of these apps are available through the Google Play Store, with the exception of EasyReader. In our tests we were required to go to the Dolphin website and tap "GET IT ON GOOGLE PLAY".

The process for adding EPUB titles to EPUB Reading Software on Android Devices is slightly different to iPad but equally as simple. Just follow the instructions below.

1. Log in to your Online Bookshelf account and navigate to the folder for the appropriate academic year.

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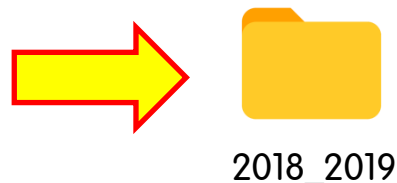
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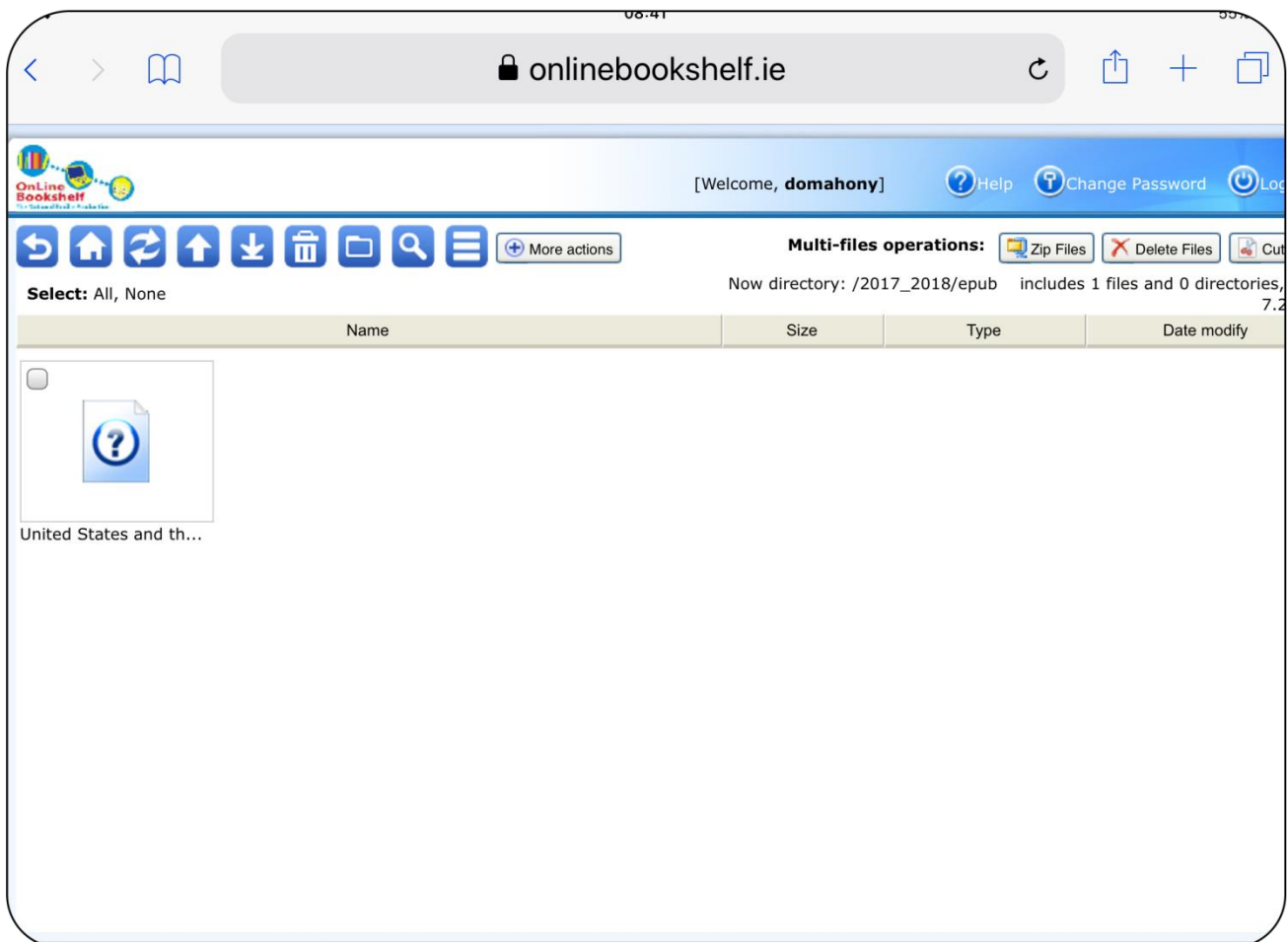
If you wish you can easily switch between list mode and thumbnail mode by clicking on this relevant icon in the menu bar:
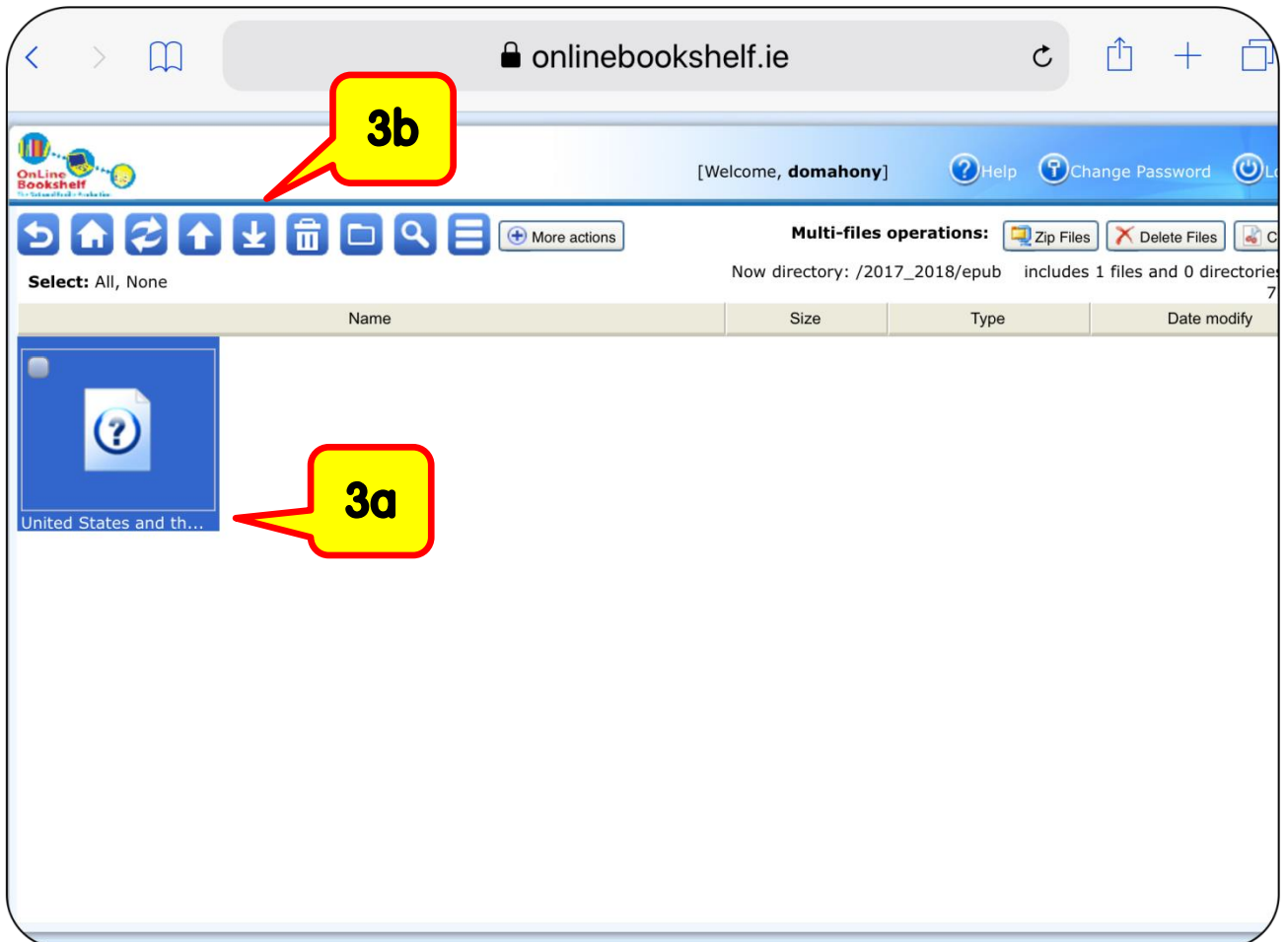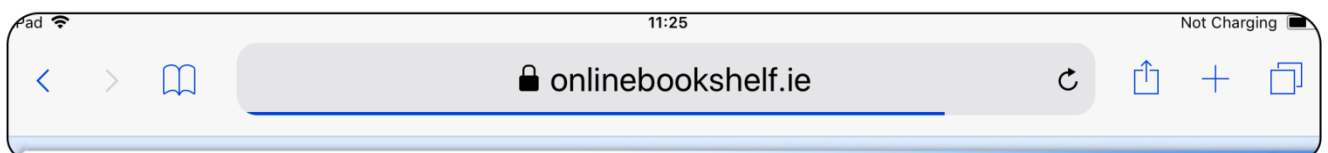

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3a. Tap once on the EPUB title to select it.

3b. Tap the download button in the menu bar.

Your EPUB title will begin to download to the Downloads folder on your device.

You can close your browser once the download is complete.

As mentioned earlier, there are a variety of different apps that you can use to read your EPUB titles. We will use EasyReader as an example on how to transfer your EPUB titles to the application, but the process is very similar for all other apps too.
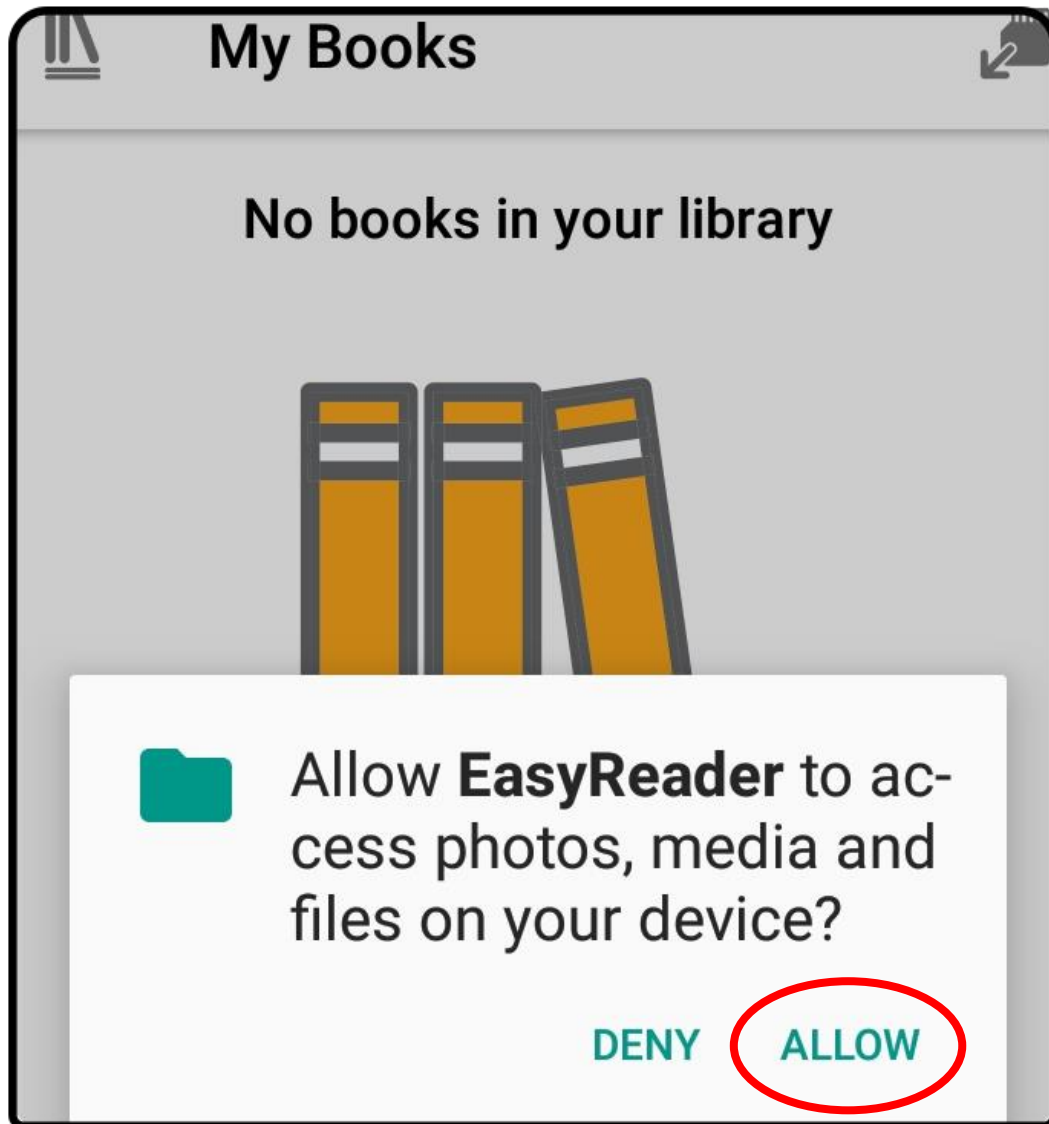
4a. Open EasyReader
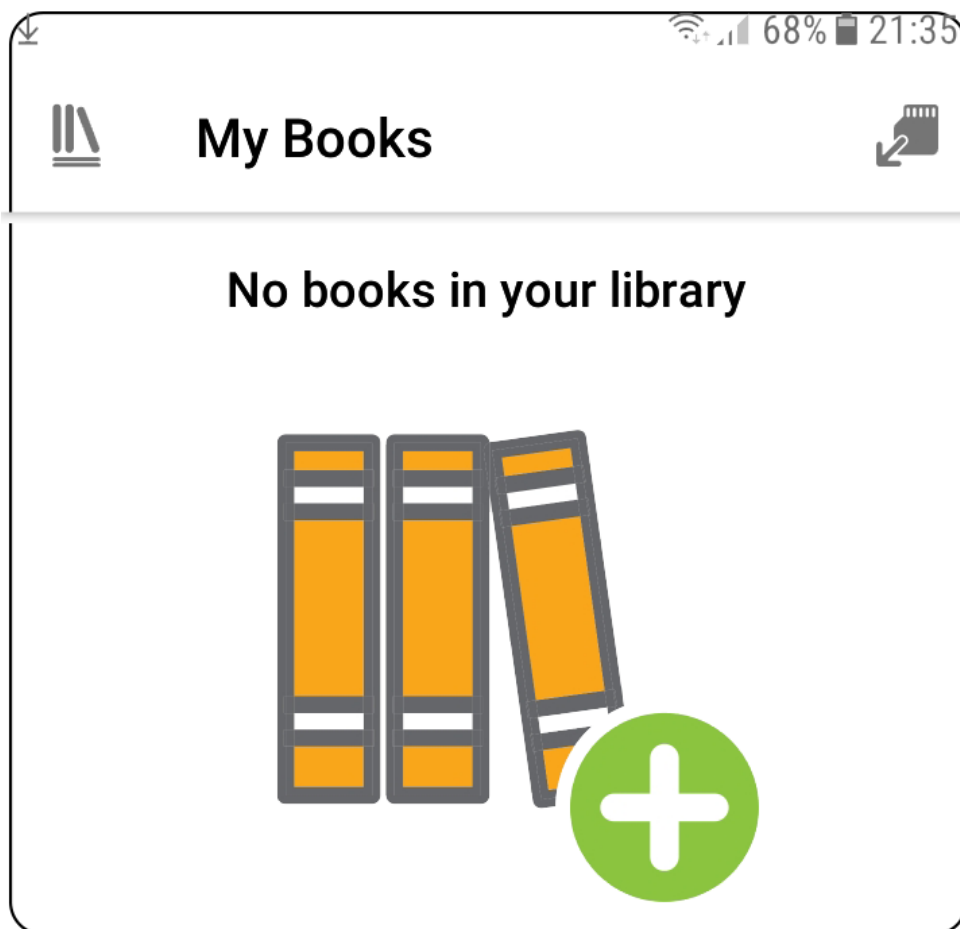
4b. To import the recently downloaded EPUB title tap the SD Card icon in the top-right corner of the screen.

5. The first time you select this option you will be prompted to allow EasyReader to access the files on your mobile device. You can click "Allow".
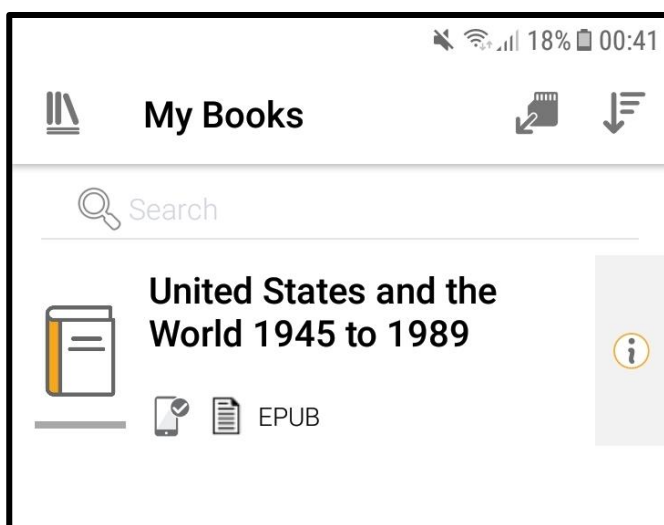
6. A second popup will appear asking where to import your EPUB title from. Tap on "Downloads". (This is the default location).
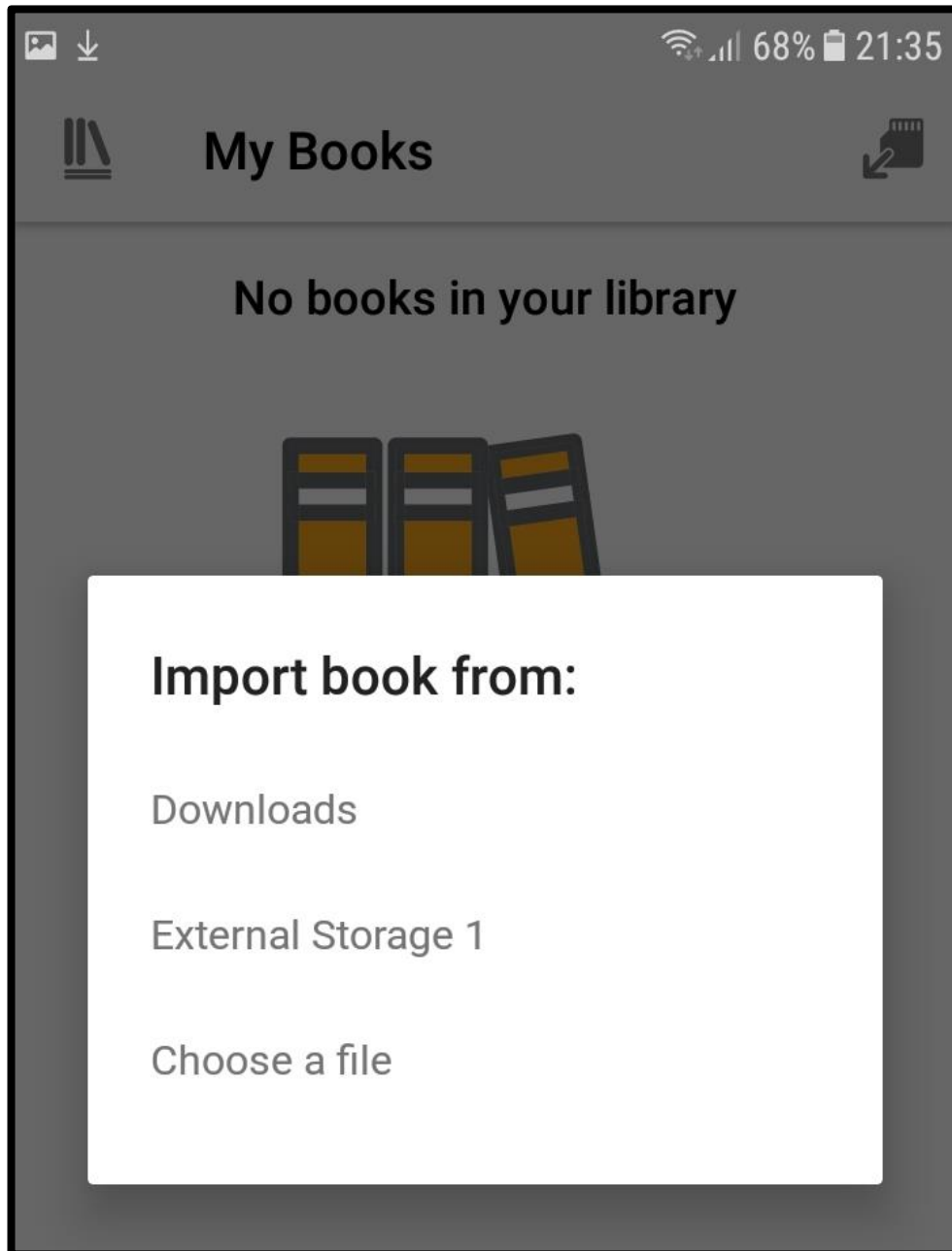
7. Any EPUB titles that you have downloaded will be displayed in another popup window. Tap on the one you require.
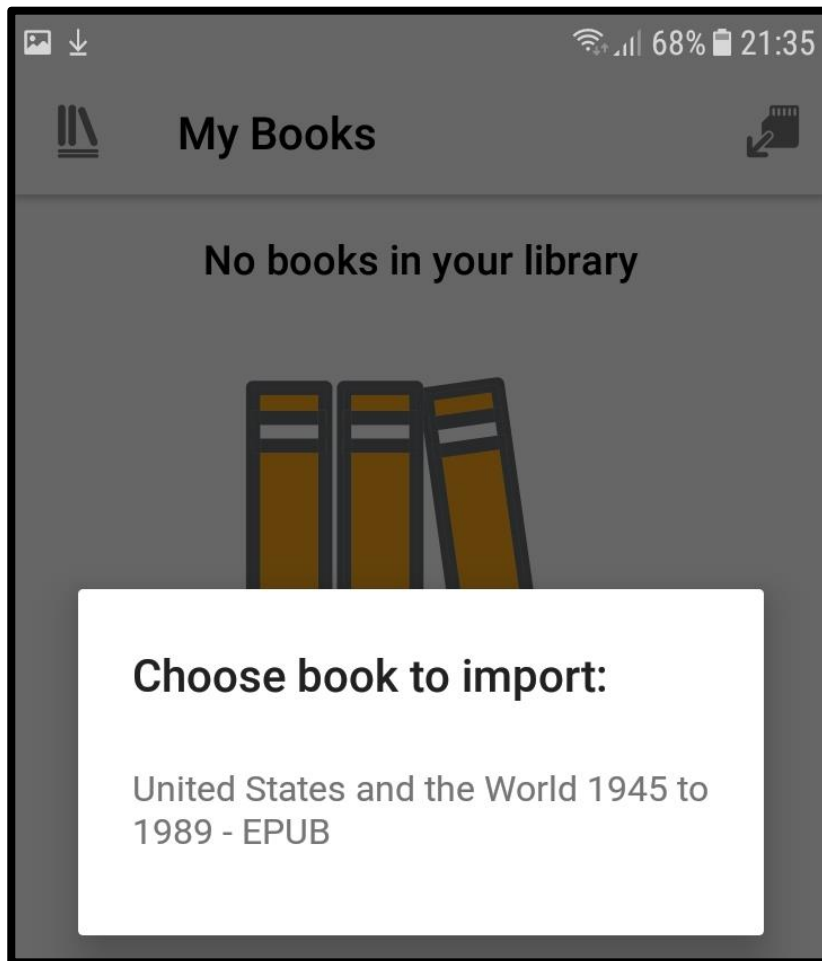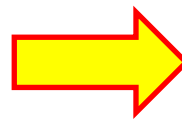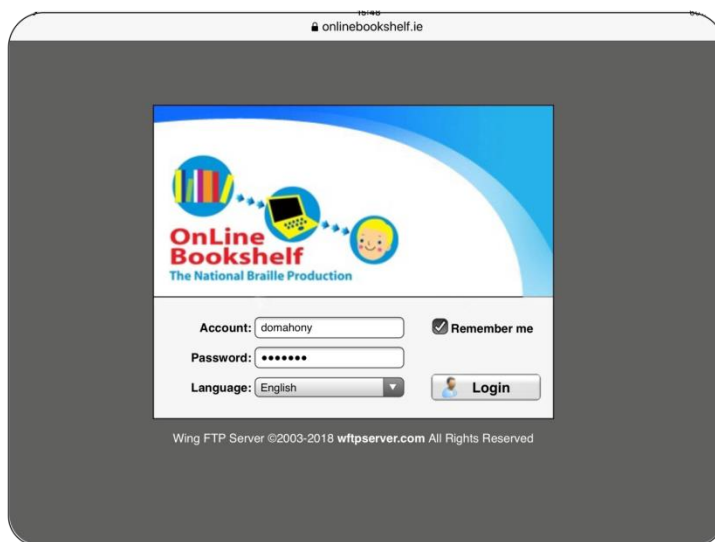

Your EPUB title will be transferred to the bookshelf of the EPUB reading app.

Downloading EPUB titles from Online Bookshelf on a Computer

Before downloading your EPUB titles from Online Bookshelf remember that you must install some EPUB Reading Software to your computer.

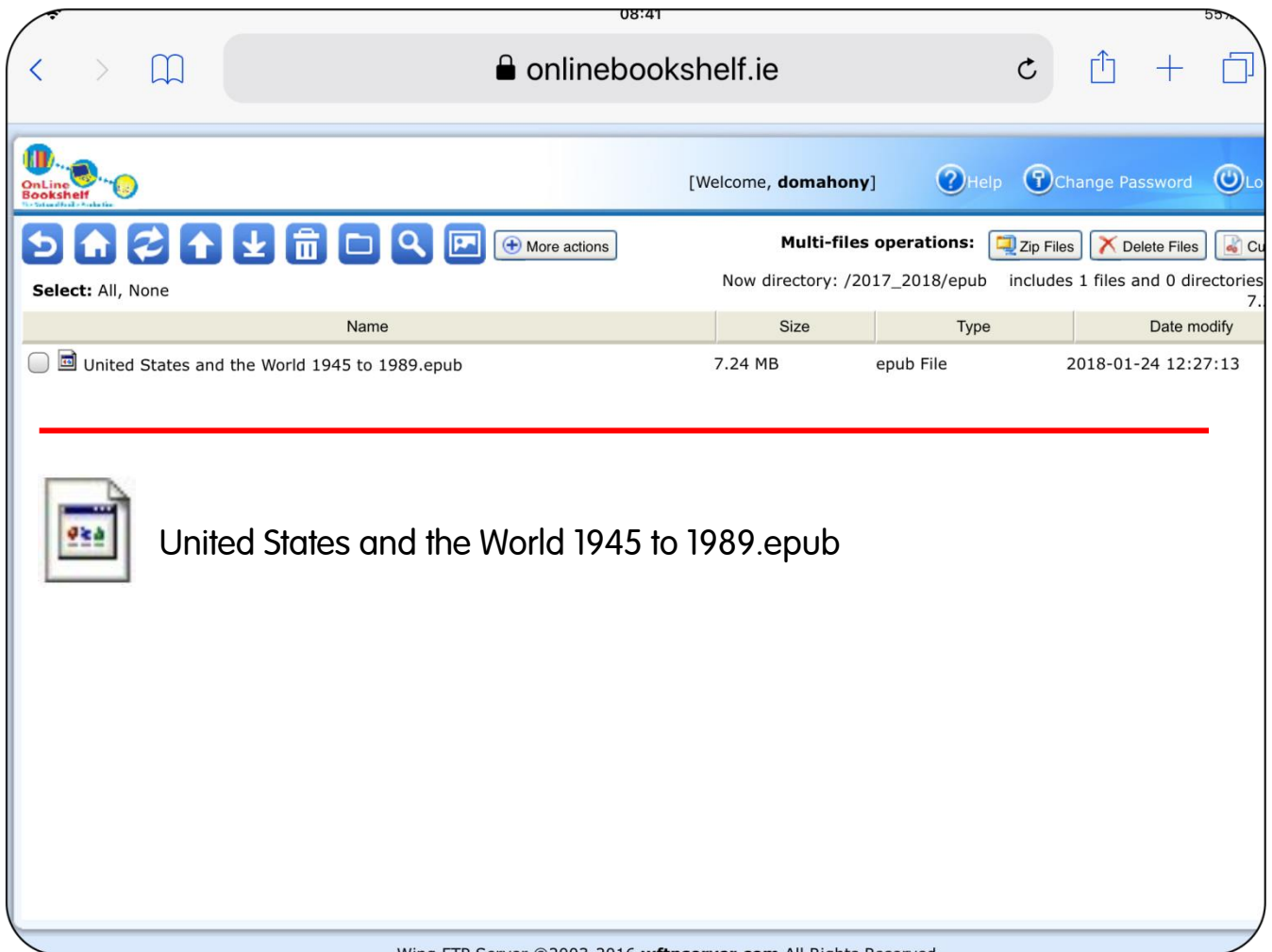1. Log in to your Online Bookshelf account and navigate to the folder for the appropriate academic year.
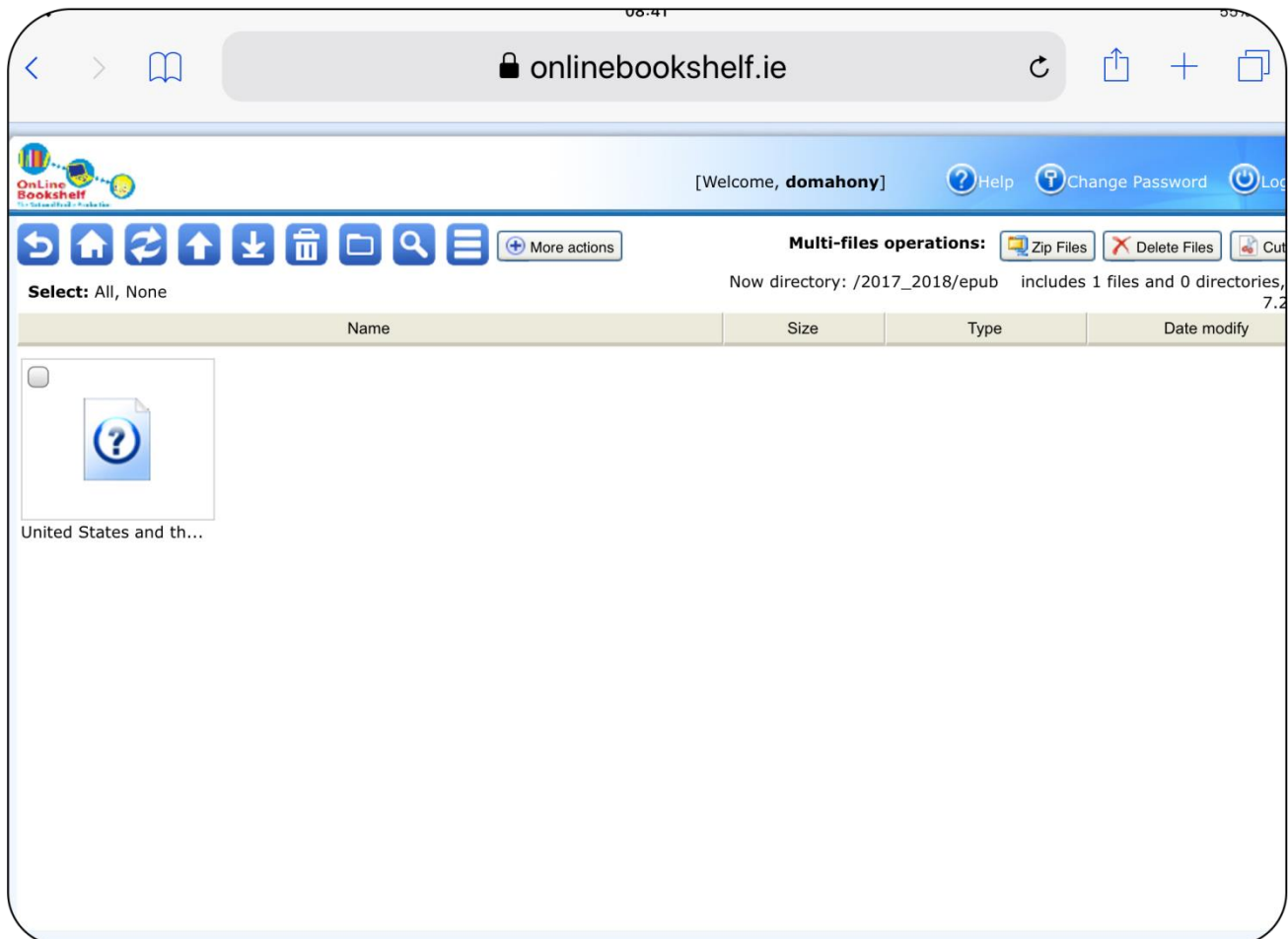

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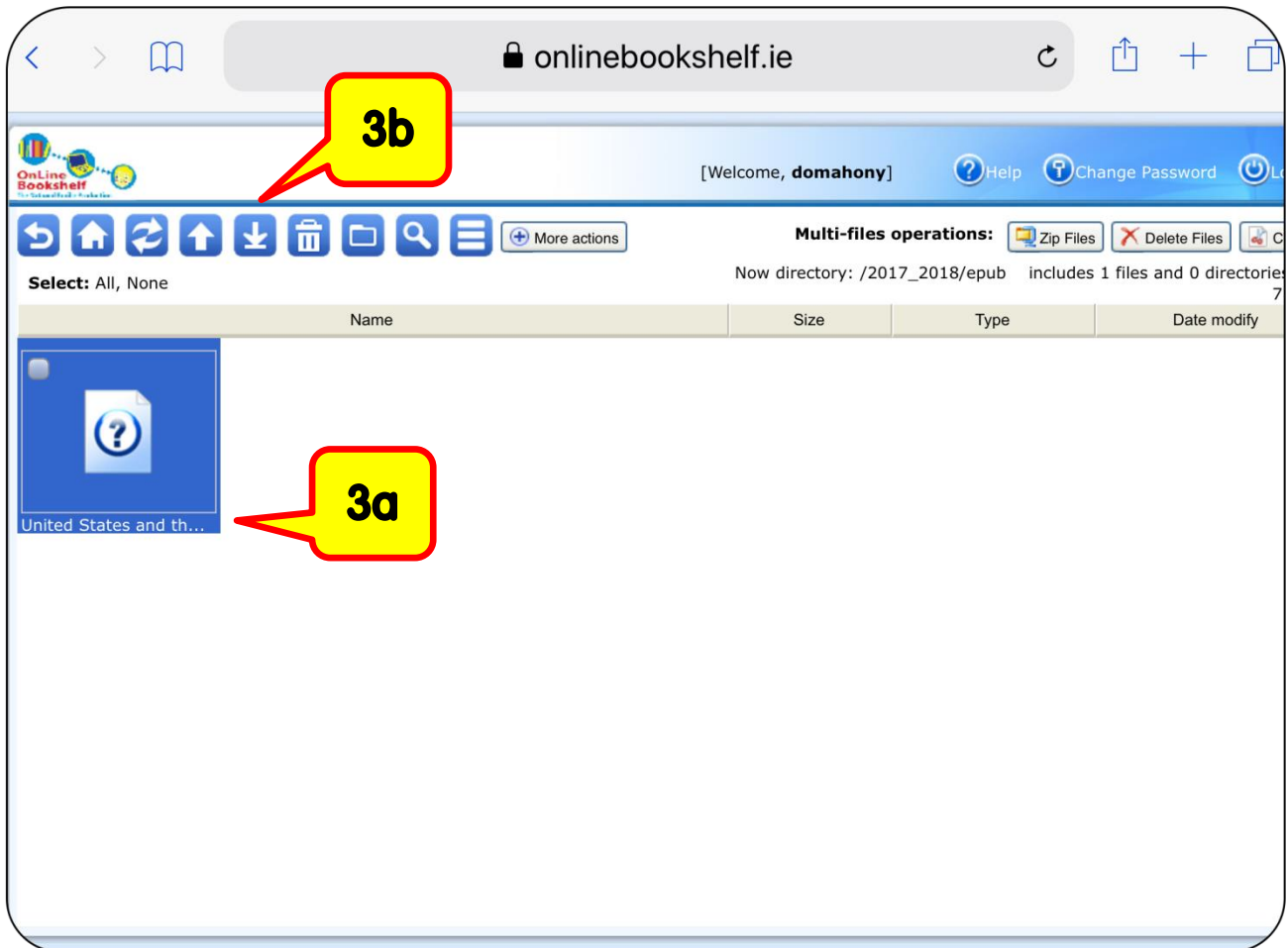

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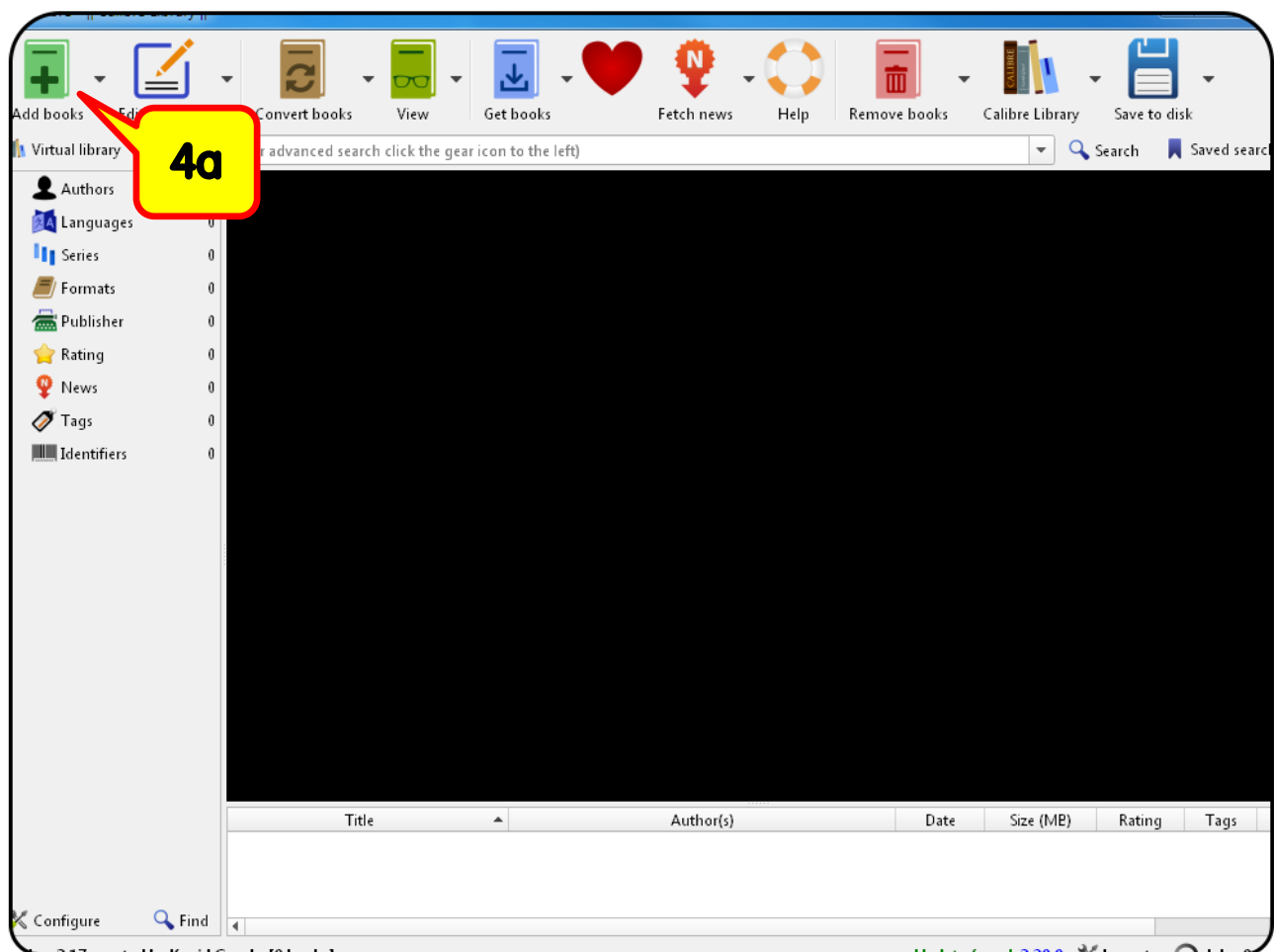**3b.** Click the download button in the menu bar.

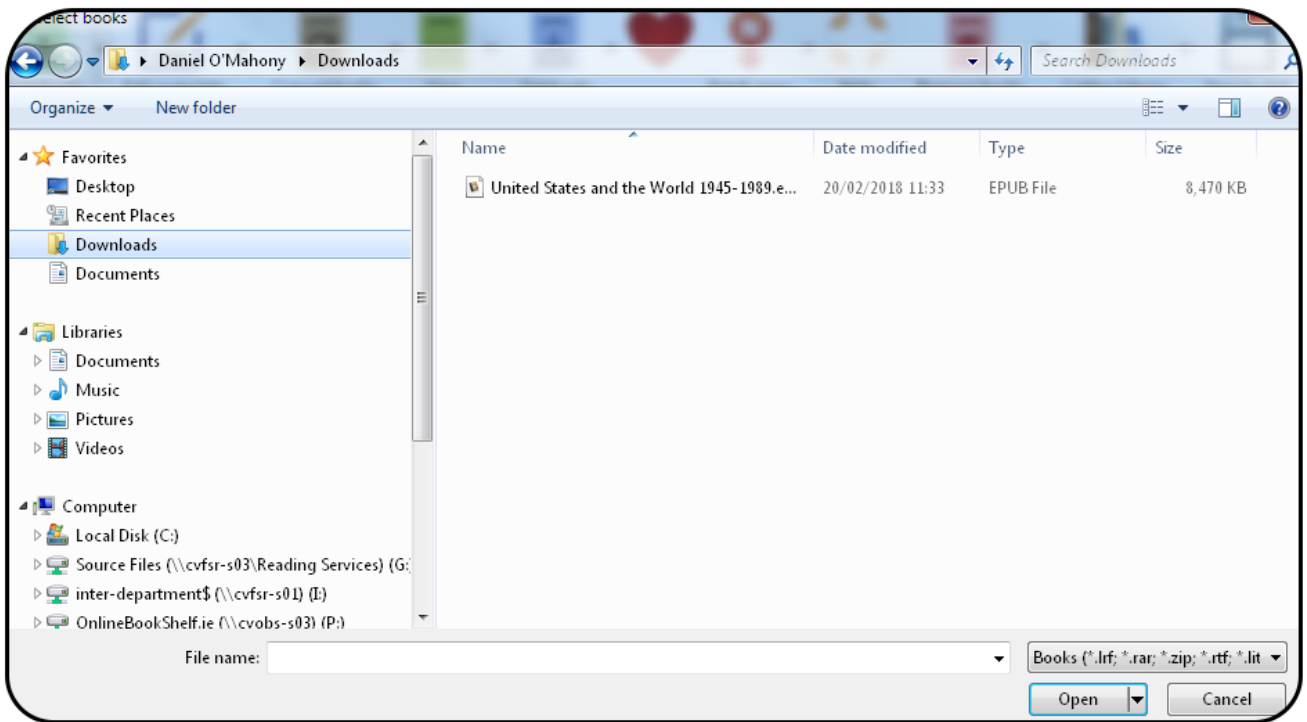Your EPUB title will be downloaded to your computer's download folder.

Calibre

In Calibre, click on **Add Book.s**

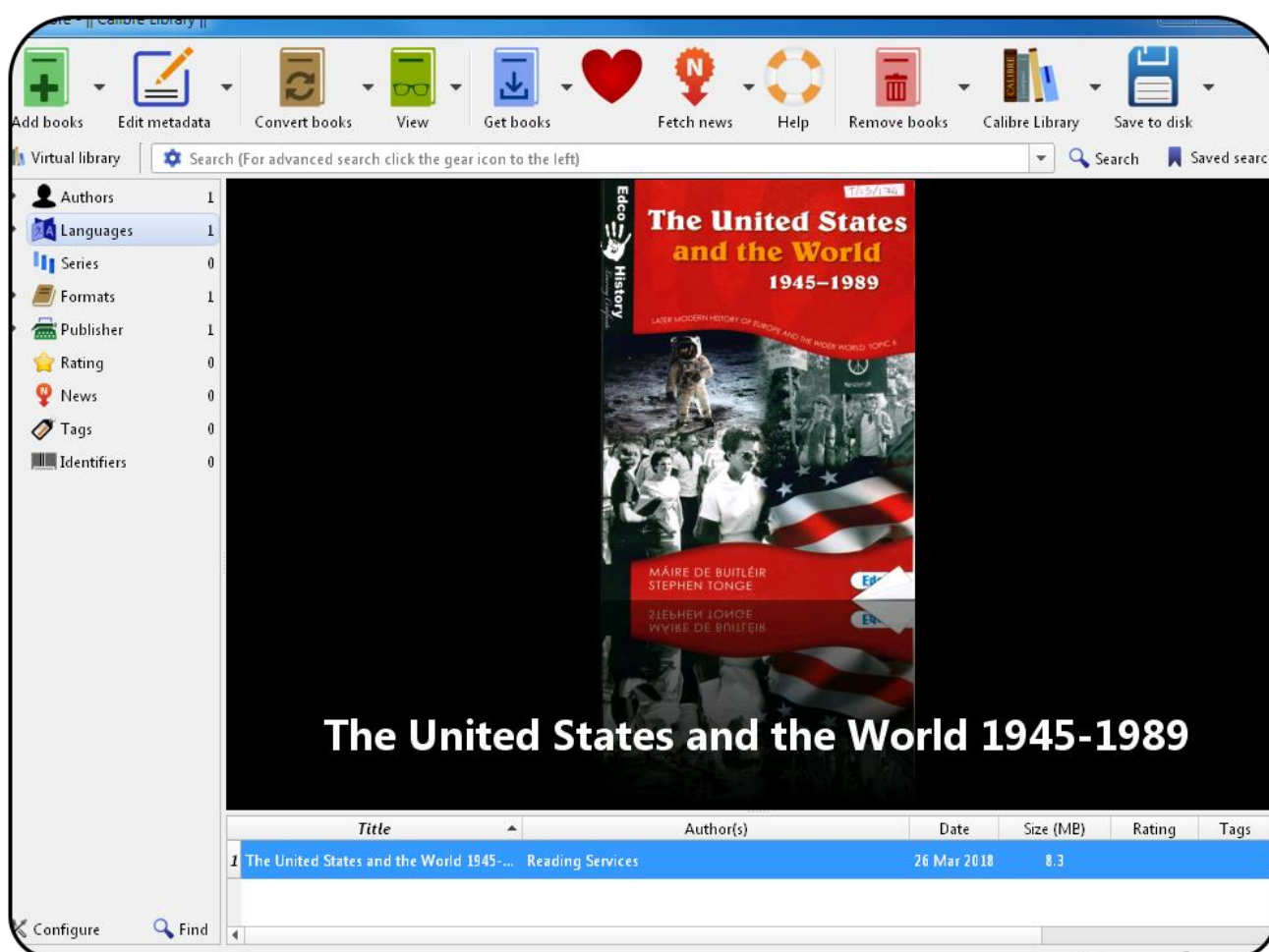Locate the EPUB title that you downloaded in Step 3, highlight it and click **Open**.

Depending on your computer set-up, the EPUB icon may appear similar to the examples below but this is nothing to be concerned about. It just means that it has not been associated with any EPUB Reading Software yet.

Your EPUB title will be added to the Calibre library.

Double-click on the cover image or on the title in the bar below it and the title will open in the Calibre EPUB viewer.
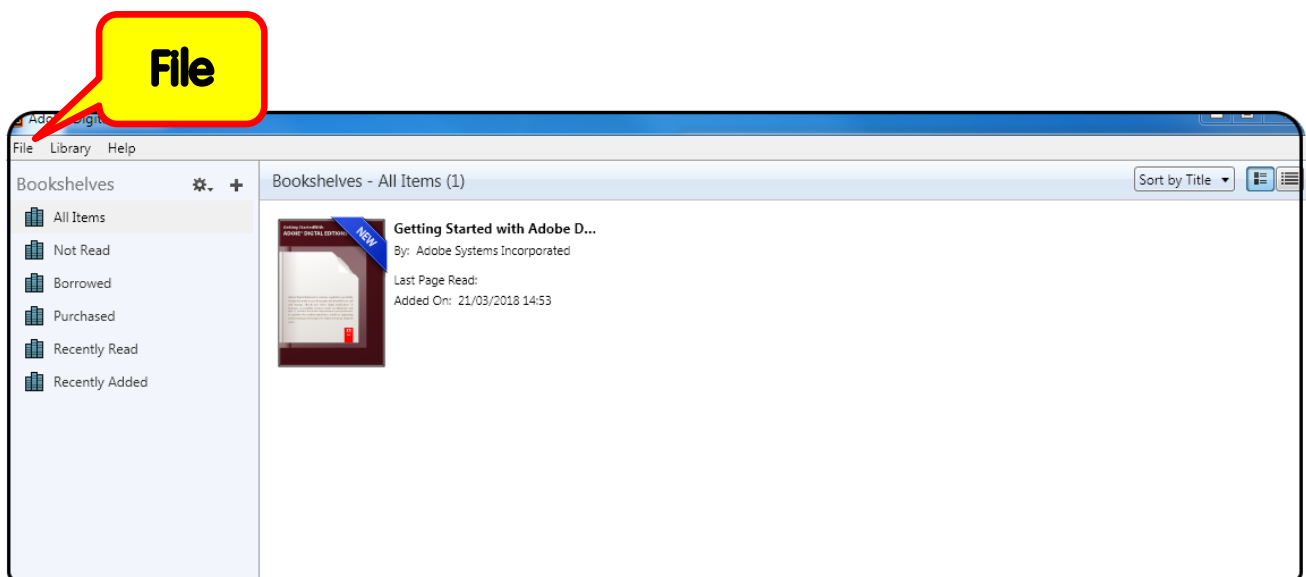
You can set preferences for font style, margins, colour etc… by selecting the preferences icon.
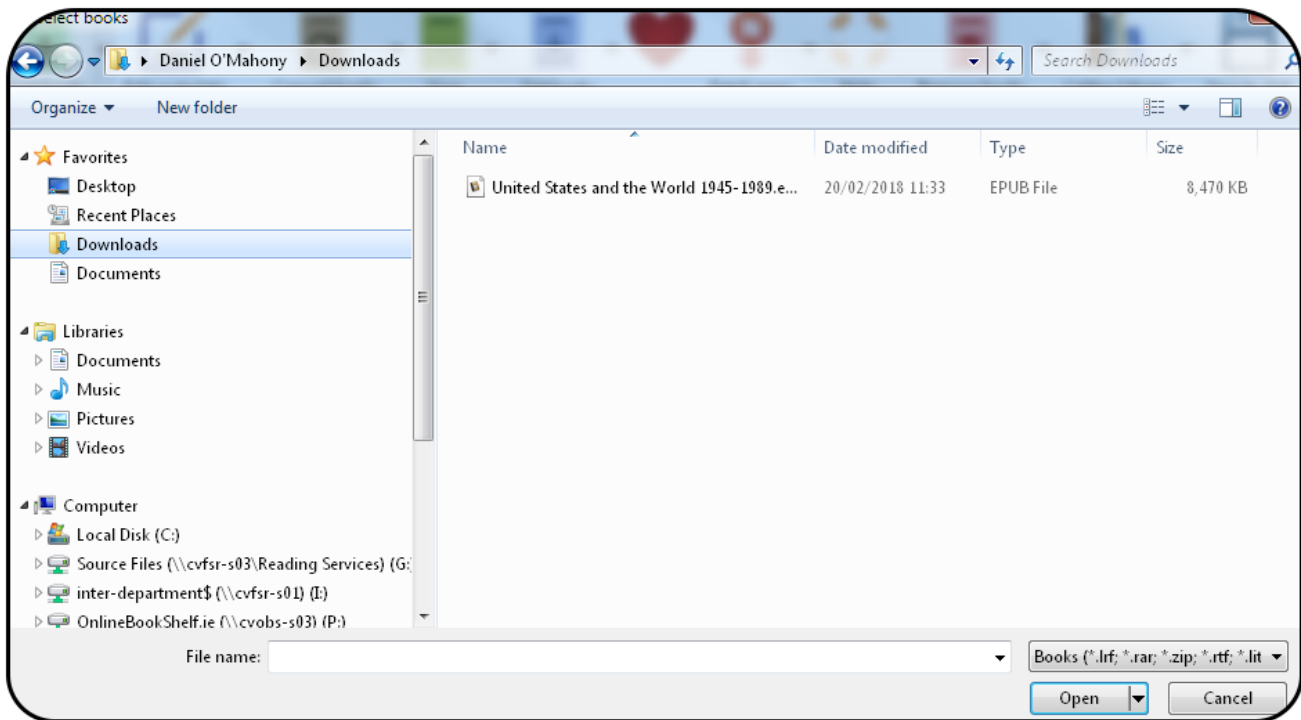
Adobe Digital Editions

In Adobe Digital Editions, click **File** and **Add to Library** or simply press **CTRL + O**
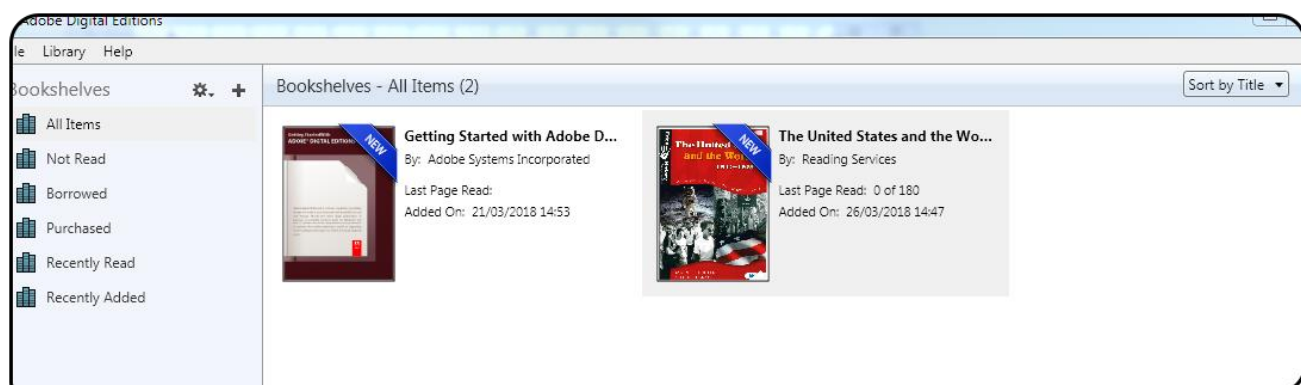
Locate the EPUB title that you downloaded in Step 3, highlight it and click **Open**.

The EPUB title will be added to the library.

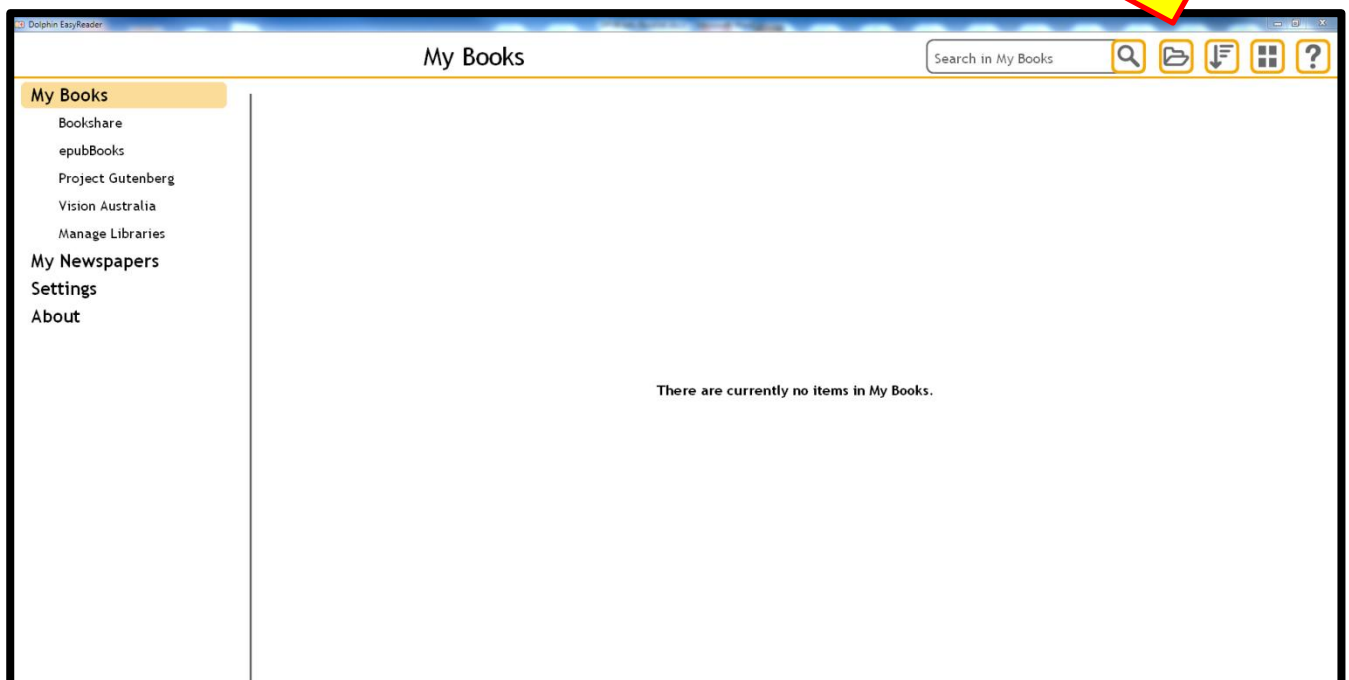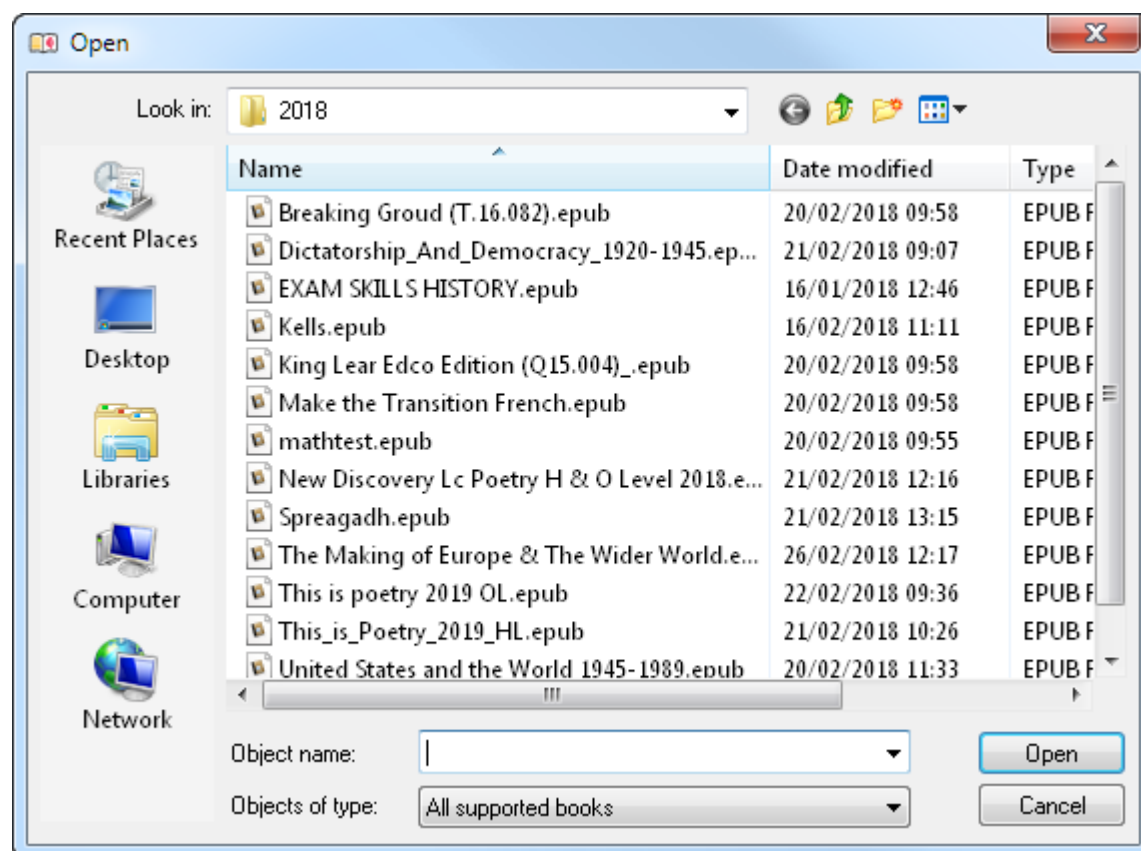Open it by double-clicking on the cover image.

EasyReader

Open EasyReader and click once on the folder icon located on the top-right of the screen.

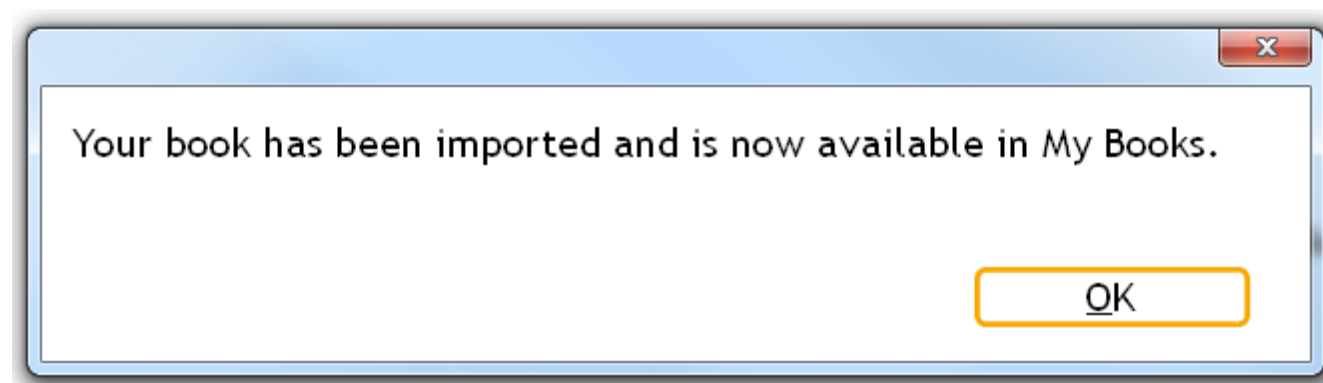A popup box will appear – choose "import from computer."

Click the folder icon and select "import from computer".

Find your EPUB title in the next popup box that appears and click open.

Your EPUB title will be added to the EasyReader library and a third popup box will appear confirming this.

Double-click on the book you have just added to your EasyReader library.