

# Problem: I can't get WYNN to read a book downloaded from Bookshare.org



First, log in to download your book from Bookshare.org. (You will need the Unpack Tool installed. The Bookshare.org Unpack Tool can be downloaded from the Bookshare.org Web site by visiting the “Download Tools” link in the navigation area on any page.)

Bookshare.org has two types of books: Public Domain books and copyrighted books. Public Domain books are usually older materials such as Shakespeare or Homer that can be freely downloaded by any visitor to the Web site. These are typically available for download in a range of formats. Copyrighted books require a Bookshare.org membership and are only available in the legally required specialized formats for the disabled: DAISY and grade 2 digital Braille. Because of the different formats, the method to open these two types of books using WYNN is slightly different.

## Public Domain Books

Most classic literature is in the public domain. For example, an author search on “Shakespeare” results in many public domain choices.

1. Download the text format (ASCII) of the book.

Save the book on your computer in a folder of your choice.

The file will have the extension “.bks.” This is the compressed or “zipped” book. Note, an extension refers to the 3 letters that follow a file’s name. For example a Word document is .doc, PowerPoint is .ppt. The extension tells the computer what program to use to open the file.

2. Unpack the book using the Bookshare.org Unpack Tool

First check to see what file extension the downloaded file has.

If it has the extension .bks, you can either double click on the book itself, or start the Bookshare.org Unpack Tool directly from the Start / Program / Bookshare.org menu in Windows. From within the Unpack Tool, you will need to select the directory in which you want to save the book.

**Note:** On some computers, if there is a zip application installed, your computer may have added a “.zip” extension to the book when you downloaded it. If this is the case, you can open it using the Unpack Tool by selecting the file type “.bks.zip” in the OpenBook dialog. Or, you can unzip the book using an installed zip application like WinZip or PKZip.

3. Launch WYNN and open this text (ASCII) file from within WYNN. You can now use all of the great WYNN functions with this book.

## Copyrighted Books

1. If the book is copyrighted, there is no text (ASCII) format available. You will have to follow the following steps to convert the book into WYNN format so that all the features of WYNN (such as bookmarks, highlighters, text notes etc) can be used. Download the DAISY format of the book and save it on your computer in a folder of your choice.

The file will have the extension “.bks.” This is the extension of the encrypted or “packed” book.

2. Unpack the book using the Bookshare.org Unpack Tool

You can either double click on the book itself, or start the Bookshare.org Unpack Tool directly from the Start/Program/Bookshare.org menu in Windows. From within the Unpack Tool, you will need to select the directory in which you want to save the book.

You will be asked for your member password during the Unpack process. This is the password you use to login on the Web site

3. Because this is a DAISY format book, during the Unpack process, you will be asked if you want to save an additional copy of the book in HTML format. Choose “Yes” to this option.

Tip: You can set the Unpack Tool to always save an HTML copy by selecting the checkbox “Do not ask me this again. Set my preferences to always behave this way.”

4. Launch WYNN. From within WYNN, open the HTML copy of the book. You will notice that the writing functions are not available because WYNN thinks this file is a Web page (because Web pages are also in the HTML format).

From within WYNN you can view HTML files in either “Text View” or “Exact View.” For copyrighted Bookshare.org books, Text View will be more responsive and more flexible environment than “Exact View.” Note that changing the book to text view can take a few minutes, especially for a longer book. In the lower left hand corner, you will be able to see the progress in page numbers, however you will not receive a message saying that the process is complete. You will only know it is complete when the “save as” option becomes available on either the tool bar or the file menu.

5. Save a copy of this file in the WYNN format (.wyn). If the “Save As” command is not available, switch to the text view before saving the file.

6. Close the file, then re-open the WYNN format copy. You can now use all of the great WYNN reading and writing functions with this book.