Reading Books on I Phone
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Introduction

• Portable Productivity on devices such as phones and tablets has grown in popularity dramatically over past several years.

• Our reading tasks can be included in this portable access as well.

• Focus on this session is on some of the most popular “Aps” used for reading on I devices.
Aps and Device Used

• The Aps discussed can be purchased and downloaded through the App Store on devices such as the iPad, iTouch and the iPhone.

• For purposes of discussion today I have focused on my iPhone 4 purchased last June. Now operating with the latest OS 5.

• I will discuss both narrated (human recorded) and text to speech books. Resources while using access of Voice Over speech on the iPhone.
Three Groups of Aps

• Three Groups of Aps:
  – I will divide the Aps into two main groups:
    • Group A: Commercial Mainstream Apps/Resources
    • Group B: Disability Apps requiring membership and qualification
    • C. DAISY Only Apps
Group A: Commercial Apps

- Group A: Commercial/Mainstream Apps
- Narrated Books
Audible App from iTunes

Audible, Inc.

Description
Audible.com, the internet's premier provider of digital audiobooks and more, is now available on your iPhone and iPod touch. This free app features the most comprehensive audiobook experience ever, including Wi-Fi delivery of your Audible library, an optimized audiobook player, detailed listening stats, and much more.

Audible for iPhone features the best audiobook listening experience:

- Chapter Navigation, Bookmarking, Sleep Mode, Variable Narration Speed, Button Free Mode, and Play as you Download

- Wireless transfer of your books from My Library to your device over Wi-Fi

- Browse and discover 100,000+ digital audiobooks and more from Audible.com

- Multitasking for background audio playback and background downloading (iOS 4 and compatible device required)

Audible for iPod touch features:

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- Connect to Facebook and Twitter and let your friends know what you're listening to and more
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What's New in Version 1.7.2

v1.7.2
- VoiceOver optimizations

[Image of the Audible app interface within iTunes]
Audible

• This app is very accessible with Voice Over
• Searching and purchasing has become more cumbersome with most recent app changes. I found it easier to search for titles using my computer, adding them to library and then downloading through App on the phone.
• Once you have made your purchase you have your book in the link “My Library” which is found within the App.
• You will need to set up the App to your audible account, with account name and password.
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- Reading the book has very accessible controls, all spoken with Voice Over including sleep timer, chapter navigation, rewind, fast forward and book mark as well as others.
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Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch.
The iBooks Ap is the text version of books you can purchase through the iBook Store (an iTunes Store App).

These books are print only, but read with text to speech very well with Voice Over using the iBook App.

Font changes and enhancements are also possible for low vision readers.
Searching for Books with iBooks

• Browsing and searching the iBook store is relatively simple on the iPhone itself, using the search field and scrolling through the search results.

• Purchasing and downloading requires you to enter your iTunes password, and after this the book will be downloaded into the library in the iBooks App.
Reading the iBook

• The page navigation, chapter navigation, and book marks are possible but take some time to get used to with the gesture commands.

• Reading is continuous from page to page once Voice Over starts.
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Description

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Group B: Disability Aps with Memberships Qualifications
Learning Ally
(Formerly Recording for The Blind and Dyslexic)

- launched its App this summer.
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- You will need to set up your membership log-in ID information on the iPhone to allow the material to be opened, but only once.
- To transfer titles you have purchased from Learning Ally, you need to use the iTunes software on your computer.
- After connecting your iPhone to your computer and selecting the iPhone, you will need to choose file transfer.
- Here you will find the Apps that will allow file transfer which include Learning Ally.
- The transfer process takes a few tries to get the hang of it, but once transferred on the iPhone the access and reading is very good.
Reading Learning Ally Books on iPhone

• The playback controls are very well marked and Voice Over reads them all. All the DAISY navigation features have been included making it comparable to digital talking book players.

• A user manual is available from Learning Ally and there is a help option within the App for support.
Read2Go Bookshare

Read2Go

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GROUP C: DAISY Only Aps
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DaisyWorm

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What’s New in Version 1.1
Version 1.1
- Added support for international (non UTF-8) encodings
- Fixed the Level up and down buttons (accessibility) tags so they now denote the level which will be moved to.
- 1.0.2
  - Fixed crashes on iOS > 4.0
1. There are many resources both commercial, and proprietary that will allow access to books on an I Phone/ I pad.

2. Both audio (narrated) books and text to speech options are available.


4. Ease of transfer, book shelf and book navigation varies although each Ap had at least a minimal rewind/forward capability.

5. Some text to speech Aps provide speech synthesis others rely on voice Over. All had limited options of voices and pitch.

6. Aps that included font enhancements included tracking of spoken text and multiple options for font sizes and options for font styles. Background and foreground color was more flexible in BookShare than in other Aps.
Aps Reviewed

1. Audible
2. Audio books
3. DaisyWorm
4. Google Books
5. iBooks
6. InDaisy
7. Learning Ally
8. Overdrive
9. Read2Go
THANK YOU

Thank you all for your attention!
I Hope you Can find Even More Ways To Keep Reading!

Jule Ann

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