

goodreads



# Meet your next favorite book.

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# What is Goodreads?



A place where you can share with friends what you are reading and see what they are reading too. You can discuss books, see recommendations from your local library, or organize your book lists, and find your next favorite book.

## Major Features



Ability to add and organize books in three shelves: “read”, “to-read” and “currently reading”. You can add additional shelves as needed.



Searching for books by title, author or genre.



Ability to add friends, enter book giveaways, follow authors, and join groups.



## Where do I find Goodreads?

Goodreads is available on Desktop computers. Search “goodreads” on your search engine (e.g. Google, Bing, Duck Duck Go) to find the website and begin browsing.



## Goodreads App

The goodreads app comes highly recommended and offers numerous useful features.

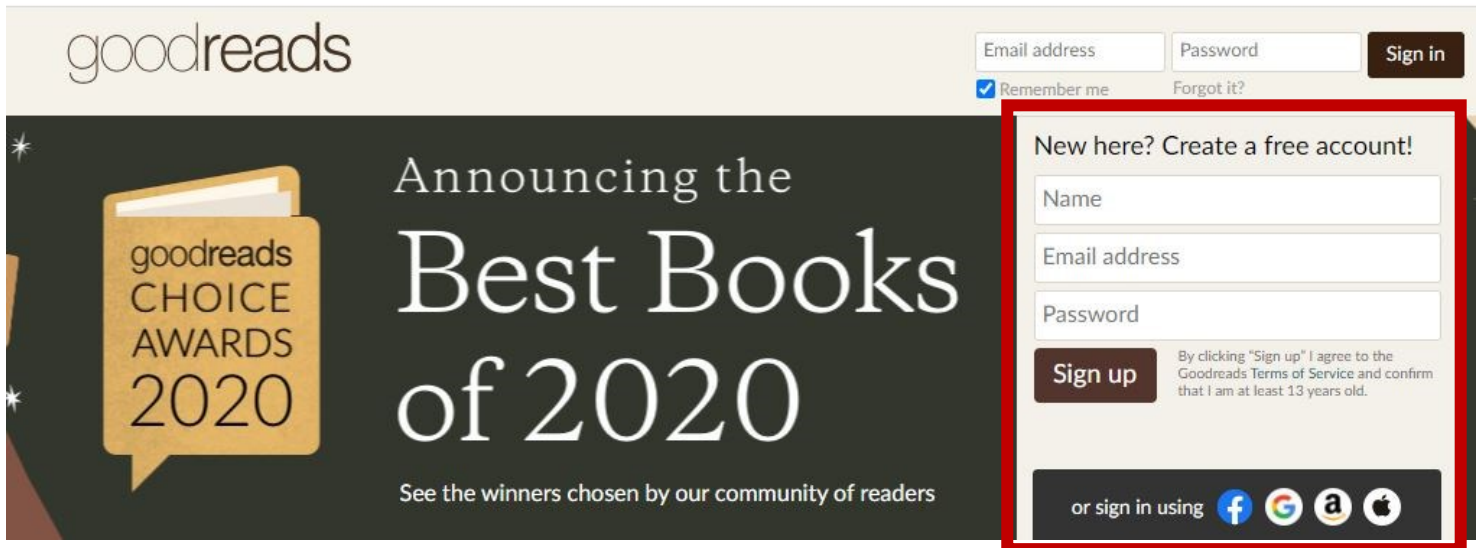
For example, you may find a book you may want to read at a store. Take a picture using your app to have it confirm the title and author of the book. Add it to your “To Read” shelf and come grab it your local branch!

Search for Goodreads in your app store to continue.

- **Google Play Store** for Android devices.
- **Apple App Store** for Apple devices such as iPhones or iPads.
- **Apps** located at the top of the screen for Kindle Fire devices.

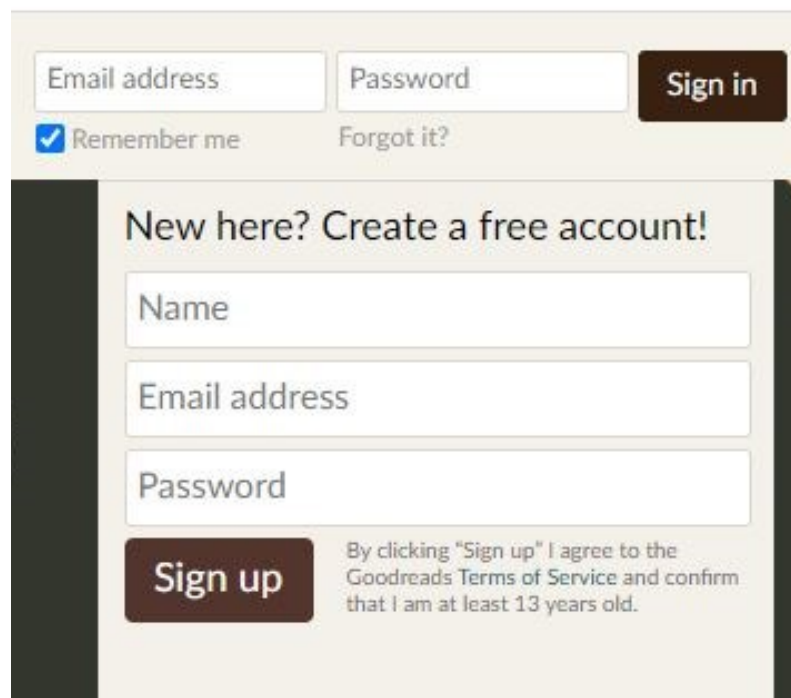


## Creating an account



The screenshot shows the Goodreads homepage. At the top left is the 'goodreads' logo. To the right are input fields for 'Email address' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, a 'Forgot it?' link, and a 'Sign in' button. The main banner features the 'goodreads CHOICE AWARDS 2020' logo and the text 'Announcing the Best Books of 2020'. A red box highlights the 'New here? Create a free account!' form, which includes fields for 'Name', 'Email address', and 'Password', a 'Sign up' button, and a disclaimer: 'By clicking "Sign up" I agree to the Goodreads Terms of Service and confirm that I am at least 13 years old.' Below the form are social media icons for Facebook, Google+, Amazon, and Apple.

- Go to [www.goodreads.com](http://www.goodreads.com)
- Under "New Here? Create a Free Account," enter your name, email address, and password.
- Click "Sign Up"



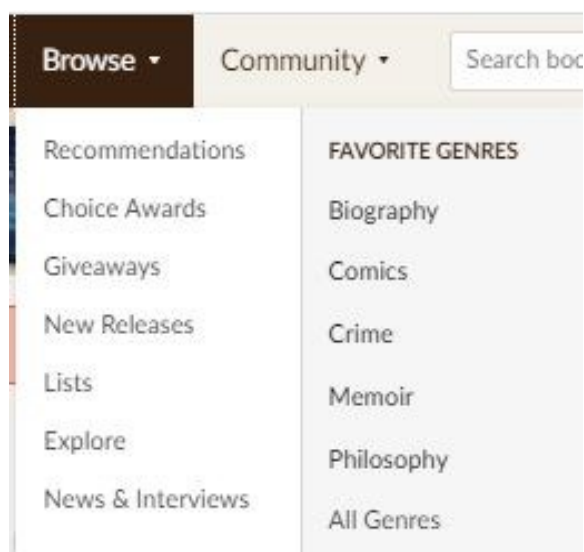
This is a close-up of the 'New here? Create a free account!' form. It features input fields for 'Name', 'Email address', and 'Password'. Below the 'Password' field is a 'Sign up' button and a disclaimer: 'By clicking "Sign up" I agree to the Goodreads Terms of Service and confirm that I am at least 13 years old.' Above the form, there are links for 'Email address', 'Password', 'Remember me', and 'Forgot it?'.

## Looking for something? Or just browsing?

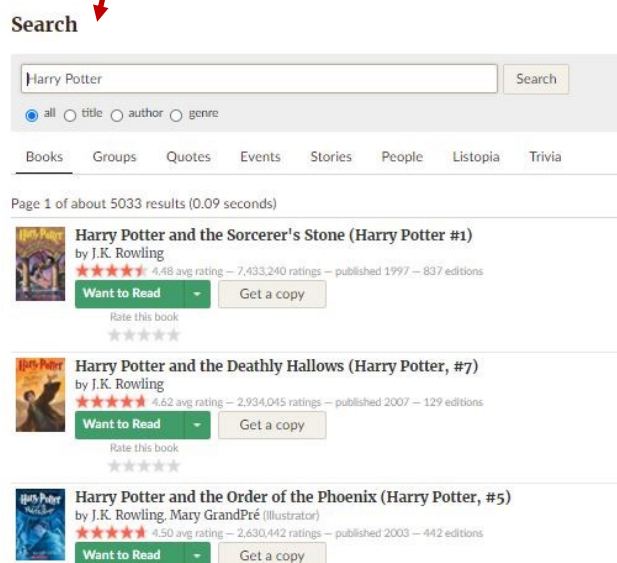
From the homepage, enter your search terms and you will be sent to a new page showing you your results and allowing you to refine your search if you don't see what you are looking for. You can also search by group, quotes, events, stories, etc.



You can also select the "Browse" tab next to the search box. You will be given the option to browse by genre, view the annual Goodreads Choice Awards winners, see giveaways, etc.



OR



## Shelves

Your account comes automatically with 3 shelves to organize your books:

- Read
- Currently Reading
- Want to Read

## My Books

Bookshelves **(Edit)**  
All (609)  
Read (509)  
Currently Reading (0)  
Want to Read (100)

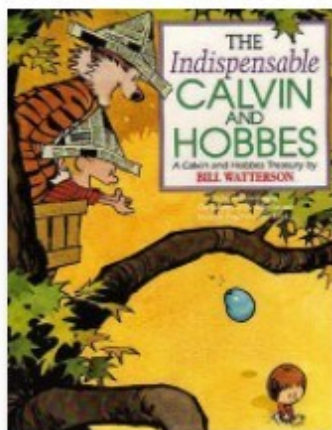
You can also edit your bookshelves to add or delete shelves.

[My Profile](#) > [My Books](#) > [Edit Shelves](#)

This image shows the 'Add a Shelf' form. It consists of a text input field with the placeholder text 'Add a Shelf' and an 'Add' button to its right.

## Adding Books

When you find a book, select the drop down menu under "Want to Read" to change the status on the book and to give the book a rating out of five stars.



## The Indispensable Calvin and Hobbes

(Calvin and Hobbes)

by Bill Watterson

★★★★★ 4.71 ·  Rating details · 20,146 ratings · 427 reviews

They're back: Calvin, the six-year-old dirty tricksmeister and master of indignation and his warm, cuddly philosopher sidekick, Hobbes. A tiger whose idea of adventure is to lie on his back by the fire and have his stomach rubbed. In six short years this unlikely duo has captured the hearts, the minds, and, most of all, the funny bones of America. They are the most phenome  
...more

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Currently Reading

Want to Read

☐ favorites

Add shelf

You can also mark a book as read by clicking on the "My Books" tab at the top of the page. This takes you to another page where you can change it to the "Read" shelf as well as give it a rating between 1 and 5 stars.

### My Books: Want to Read (100) x

Search and add books

Batch Edit

Settings

Bookshelves (Edit)

All (609)

Read (509)

Currently Reading (0)

Want to Read (100)

favorites (3)

select multiple

Add shelf

Your reading activity

#	cover	title	author	avg rating	rating ▲	shelves
1		Gathering Evidence	Bernhard, Thomas	4.59	★★★★★	to-read [edit]
2		Wise Blood	O'Connor, Flannery	3.85	★★★★★	to-read [edit]

# Discover New Books to Read

If you're not sure what you want, try the Browse feature which offers several options. We suggest trying the explore feature.

This takes you to another page featuring news, upcoming giveaways and popular genres. Click "more genres" if you don't see what you are looking for.

The screenshot shows the Goodreads homepage with the 'Browse' menu open. The 'Explore' option is highlighted in the dropdown. The page layout includes a top navigation bar, a search bar, and several content sections: 'Explore Books' with a search filter, 'Featured News and Interviews' with book covers, a 'News' section titled 'Readers' Most Anticipated Books of March', and a 'Giveaways' section featuring 'Hear the Whistle: The Story of Jack Haley, American Entrepreneur and Railroad'. A 'Genres' list is visible on the right side of the page, enclosed in a red box.

GENRES	
Art	Manga
Biography	Memoir
Business	Music
Chick Lit	Mystery
Children's	Nonfiction
Christian	Paranormal
Classics	Philosophy
Comics	Poetry
Contemporary	Psychology
Cookbooks	Religion
Crime	Romance
Ebooks	Science
Fantasy	Science Fiction
Fiction	Self Help
Gay and Lesbian	Suspense
Graphic Novels	Spirituality
Historical Fiction	Sports
History	Thriller
Horror	Travel
Humor and Comedy	Young Adult

More genres..

Other ways to browse:

- Recommendations —books recommended based on books you have read and on shelves you have made.
- Choice Awards —done annually and voted by users in different genres. Great way to discover new books based on what your genre community likes.
- Lists— vote on lists and look at lists compiled by users. For example, you may find a list on “best books with witches” to investigate.



# Keeping it social

Community is a major part of Goodreads. You can add friends, join groups, enter book giveaways, follow authors, and more!

## How To Add Friends:

Become more involved in Goodreads by adding your friends. You can see what they read, are reading or want to read. Like or comment on reviews.

**Step 1:** Click on the person icon

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website's 'Add Friends' section. At the top, the navigation bar includes 'Home', 'My Books', 'Browse', and 'Community'. A search bar is also present. A red box highlights the person icon in the top right corner, with an arrow pointing to it from the text 'Step 1: Click on the person icon'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Add Friends' section is titled 'Find friends in your address book who are on Goodreads.' and includes a link to 'Check your address book to find friends on Goodreads:'. A red box highlights two buttons: 'Gmail' and 'facebook', with an arrow pointing to them from the text 'Step 3: You can use your contacts list to add friends.' To the right, another red box highlights the 'Add Friends' tab and a search form with the text 'find or invite members', a 'name or email' input field, and a 'search members' button. An arrow points from this box to the text 'Step 2: Select "add friends" in the corner and search by name or email'.

## Joining Groups

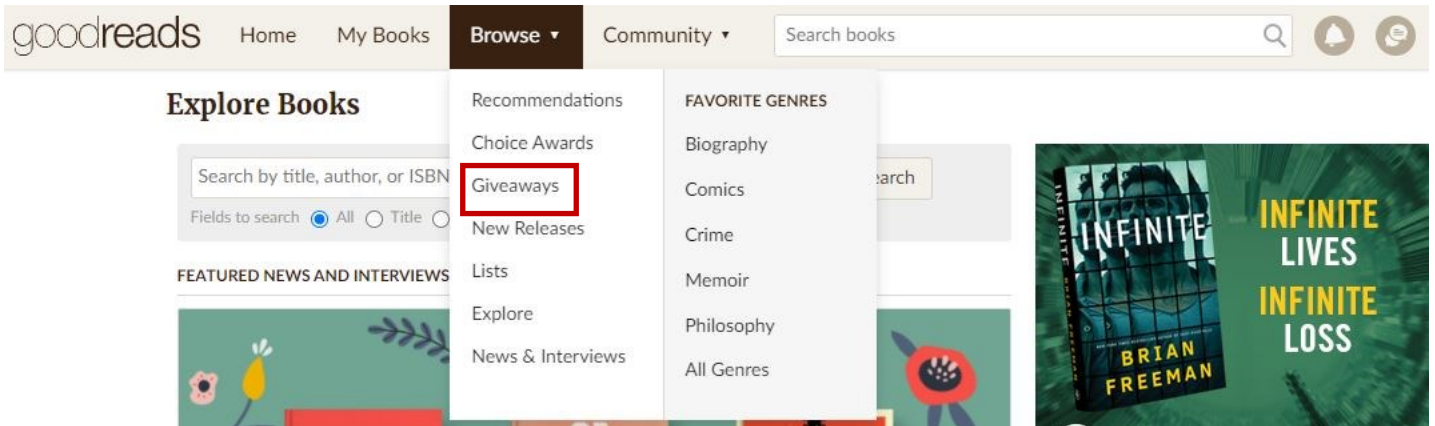
Under the Community tab, select Groups. Browse popular groups or search based on name or description. When you find a group you want to join, click on the group title and click Join Group.

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website's 'Groups' section. The 'Community' tab is selected in the navigation bar. A dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Groups', 'Discussions', 'Quotes', 'Ask the Author', 'Trivia', 'Quizzes', 'Creative Writing', 'People', and 'Events'. A red box highlights the 'Join Group' button on a group card, with an arrow pointing to it from the text 'Join Group'.



## Book Giveaways

Goodreads does free book giveaways some of which include ARC's (Advanced Reader Copies ). These are new titles not be released for months or longer.




Under Browse select Giveaways. You can filter by featured authors or based on genre. Once a you find a book, select the "Enter Giveaway" button to the right of the book's title.

## Giveaways

Be the first to read new books! Prerelease books are listed for giveaway by publishers and authors, and members can enter to win. Winners are picked randomly at the end of the giveaway.

[Featured](#) [Ending Soon](#) [Most Requested](#) [Recently Listed](#)

filter by All Giveaways



### The First Rock Star On Mars

by James DiNanno (Goodreads Author), Lucianna Guerra

Release date: Dec 08, 2020

Enter for a chance to win the best-selling children's book that ROCKS!

"The book that teaches kids to shoot for the stars. And follow their wildest dre ...more

Enter Giveaway

Format:  
**amazonkindle**

Giveaway ends in:  
2 days and 11:17:52

Availability:  
100 copies available, 686 people requesting

Giveaway dates:  
Feb 22 - Mar 12, 2021

Countries available:  
U.S.

## Follow/Ask an Author

Goodreads allows you to connect with friends, but also with authors of your favorite books!

Under the Community tab select “Ask the Author”. You will be taken to a page featuring popular authors. Click on Ask to send the author a question or click on their name to continue to the author’s profile page and ask your question there.

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'goodreads' logo, 'Home', 'My Books', 'Browse', and 'Community'. The 'Community' tab is selected, and a dropdown menu is open, showing options like 'Groups', 'Discussions', 'Quotes', 'Ask the Author' (highlighted with a red box), 'Trivia', 'Quizzes', 'Creative Writing', 'People', and 'Events'. Below the navigation bar, the 'Ask the Author' section is visible, featuring two authors: Kami Garcia (Author of Teen Titans: Beast Boy Loves Raven) and Christine Feehan (Author of Reckless Road (Torpedo Ink #5)). Each author has an 'Ask' button and a count of answers (9 for Kami Garcia, 1180 for Christine Feehan).

Underneath the author’s profile picture, click Follow Author.

Now you will receive updates such as when new books are coming out or when they post on their account.

*Note: You can also use the search box at the top of the page to search for authors if not shown.*

The screenshot shows the Goodreads author profile for Kami Garcia. On the left is a large profile picture of Kami Garcia. Below it, there's a smaller photo and a 'Follow Author' button highlighted with a red box. To the right of the profile picture, there's a bio section with the following information:

Kami Garcia	
Born	in Washington DC, The United States
Website	<a href="http://www.kamigarcia.com">http://www.kamigarcia.com</a>
Twitter	<a href="#">kamigarcia</a>
Genre	Young Adult, Science Fiction & Fantasy
Member Since	April 2009
URL	<a href="https://www.goodreads.com/kamigarcia">https://www.goodreads.com/kamigarcia</a>

Below the bio, there's a paragraph about her work: "Kami Garcia is a #1 New York Times, USA Today best-selling author. She is the coauthor of the BEAUTIFUL CREATURES series, which has been translated into 51 countries and 37 languages, with over 10 million copies sold. The series has been adapted into a feature film from Warner Bros. and a TV series from Nickelodeon. Kami is also the author of the Stoker Award-nominated novels Unbreakable and The X-Files Origins: Agent of Chaos. Kami's first book, The X-Files Origins: Agent of Chaos, is the first book in her T'Pol adult series JOKER/HARLEY: CRIMINAL MINDS." Below this, there's a section for 'ASK THE AUTHOR' with a message from Kami Garcia: "Hi everyone. I'm answering questions!" and a button to 'Ask Kami Garcia a question'.

## *Additional Features*

- Groups: Where you find book clubs to join.
- Discussions: Participate in discussions in book clubs.
- Quotes: Browse your favorite author and book quotes.
- Trivia: Information about your favorite reads and authors.
- Quizzes: Fun way to test your reading knowledge
- Creative Writing: Content created by users.
- Events: Programs in the Goodreads community

Note: You can sign-up underneath "2021 Reading Challenge" on your home page and set a reading goal for the year.

## Need Help

Goodreads Help <https://help.goodreads.com/s/> Goodreads Mobile App Help <https://help.goodreads.com/s/topic/0TO1H000000gjHcWAI/mobile-apps-and-kindle> Starting up in Goodreads Bing Video

## Free 1-on-1 Help

If you would like assistance, call the Library reference desk at 336-318-6803 or visit us anytime at 201 Worth Street in Asheboro, NC. We also offer free one-on-one tech appointments where you can bring in your device for help or use our public computers to learn more.

