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The 3 Steps:

- ✓ **The checklist.**
- ✓ **Get ready!**
- ✓ **Get reading!**

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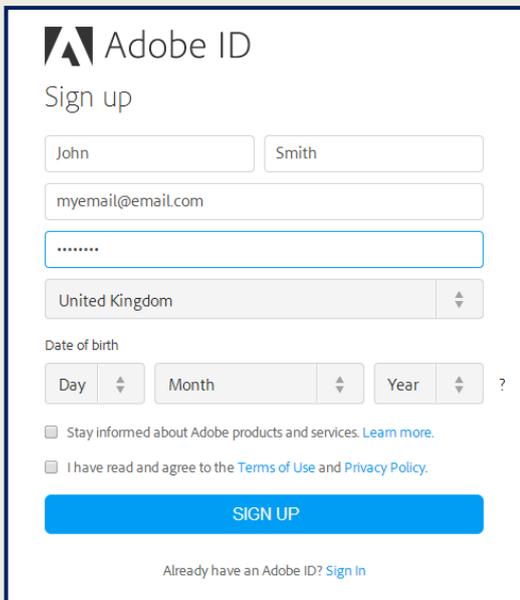
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- Download the Aldiko Reader app.

Create an Adobe ID

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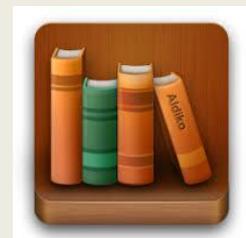
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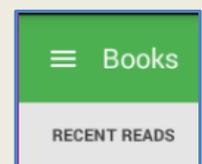**Download and configure the Aldiko Reader app**.

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Step 3　　**Get Reading! Choosing and downloading eBooks**

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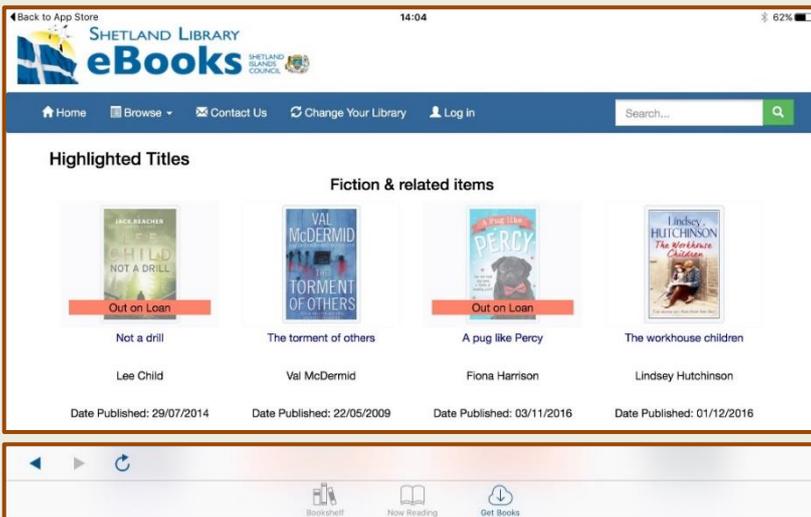- Tap **'OK'.**

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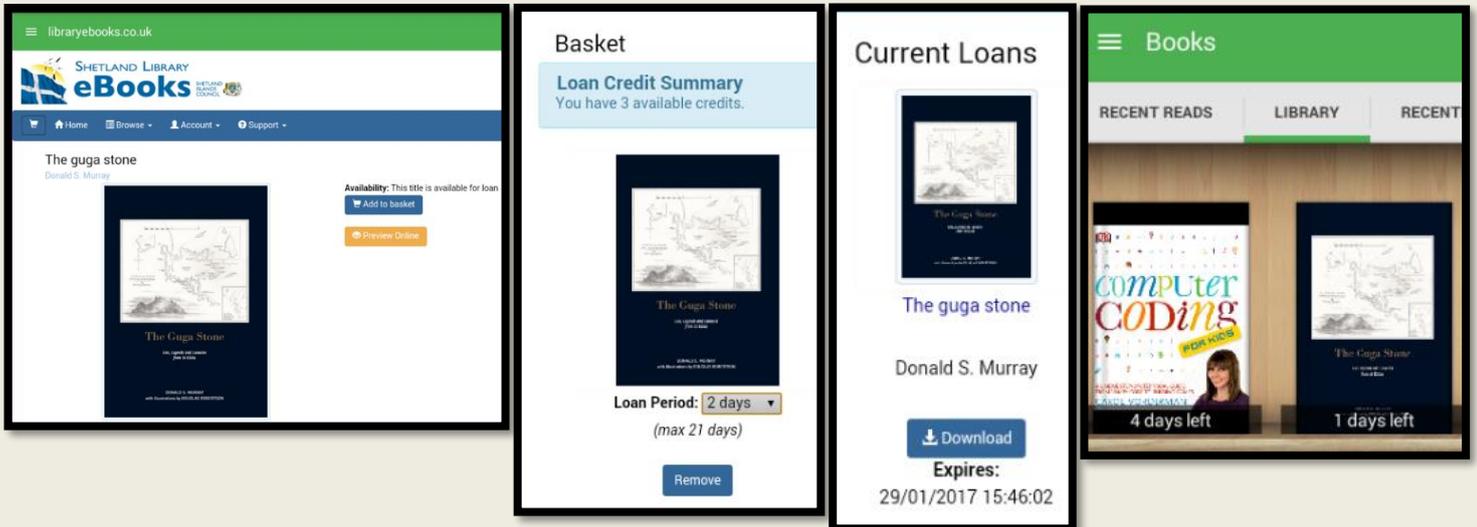- You can **Log in** now, or log in once you have chosen your books.

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