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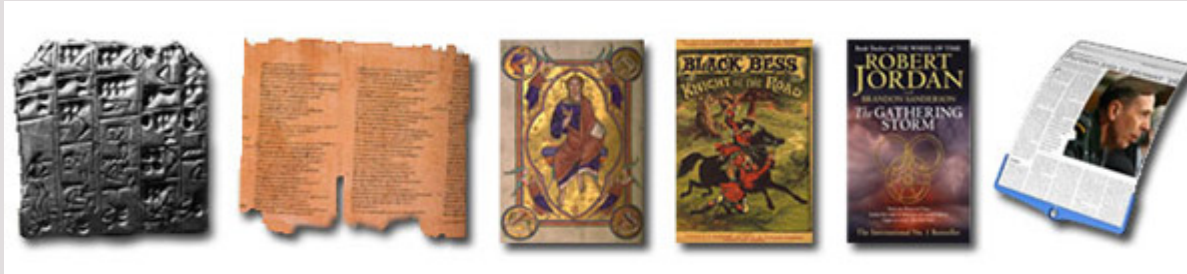
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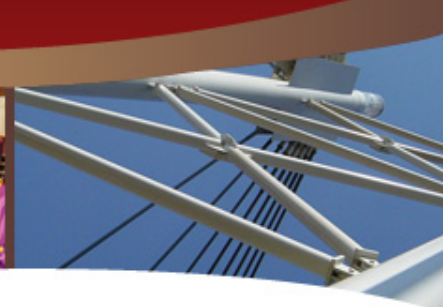
Evolution of the Book

- 200 BC – Wax Tablets developed
- 200 – 500 BC – Parchment
- 600 BC – Standardised writing system developed
- 2400 BC – Papyrus Rolls
- 3500 BC – Symbols onto Tablets
- 105 AD – The paper revolution
- 868 AD – The First Printed Book
- 1250 AD – Block Printing in Egypt
- Guttenberg Bible
- 1490 AD – 1500 AD – The Printing Revolution

- 1920 AD – 1938 AD – The fall and rise of the Paperback
- 1935 AD – 1945 AD – Penguin
- 1971 AD – first microprocessor invented
- 1985 AD – First books on CD
- 1989 AD – Internet and HTML
- 1995 AD – Books sold online
- 1996 AD – Google is born
- 2000 AD – 2006 AD – Start of the E-Book Market
- 2007 AD – The Amazon Kindle becomes the first e-book reader

E-Readers on the market

- Amazon Kindle
- Nook
- Sony Reader
- BeBook Neo
- Kobo Wireles
- Pandigital Novel
- I-Pad
- I-Phone
- Tablet
- I-River


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The Amazon Kindle at a glance

- Lighter Than a Paperback-At only 8.5 ounces and 1/3 of an inch thin, Kindle is lighter than a paperback and thinner than a magazine.

- Battery Life of Up to One Month-A single charge lasts up to one month with wireless off. Keep wireless always on and go for up to three weeks without recharging.

- High-Contrast E-Ink Screen with Pearl Technology.

- Holds up to 3,500 Books.

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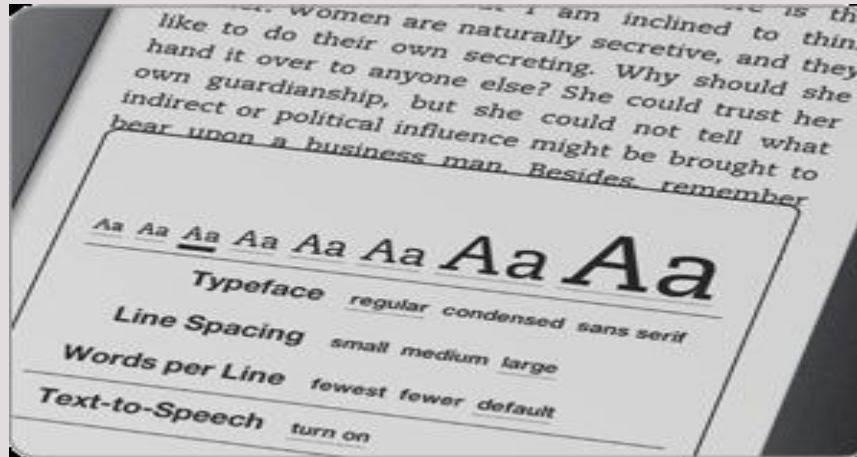
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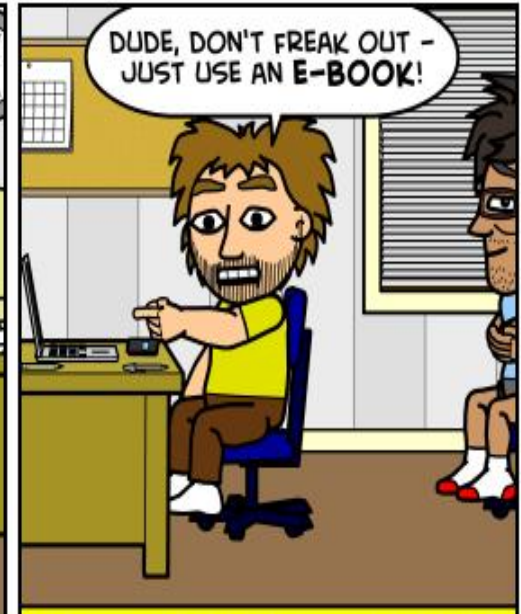**http://www.bookdepository.co.uk/free/**

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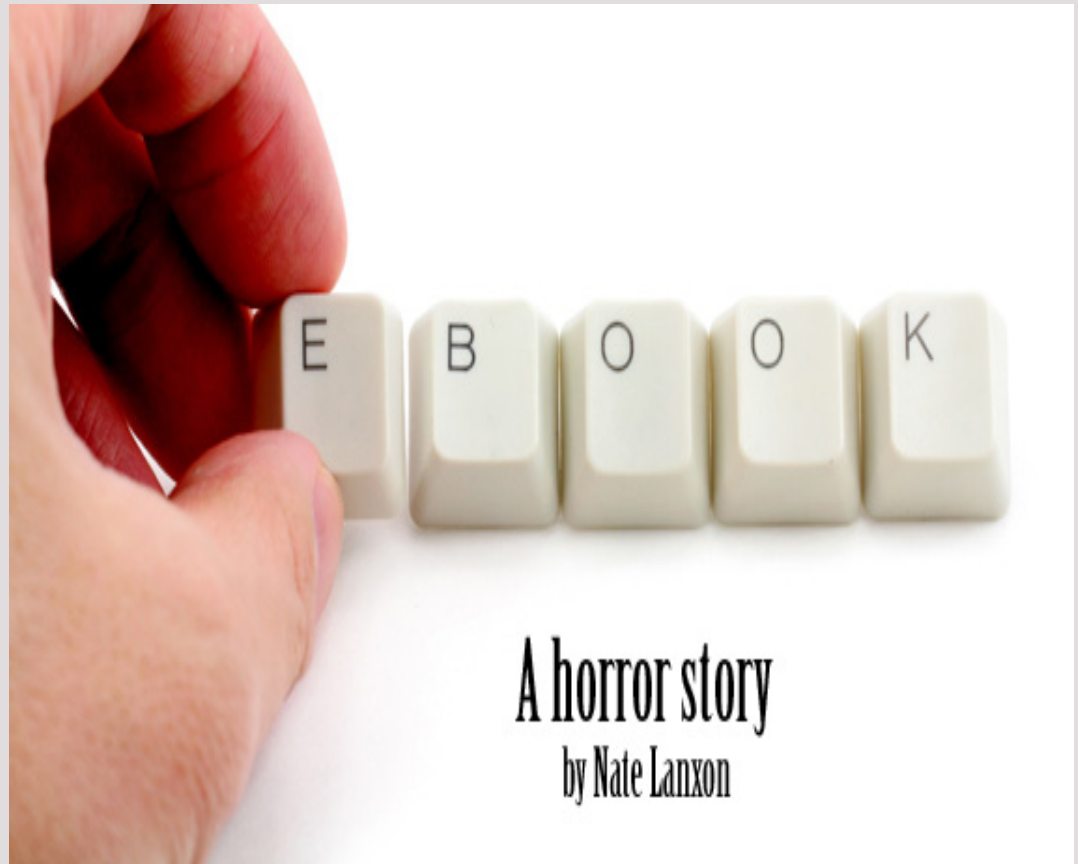GRANT FORGOT HE NEEDED TO CITE SOME BOOKS FOR HIS HISTORY PAPER THAT'S DUE TOMORROW, BUT PCL CLOSED 2 HOURS AGO!!

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