

# Goodreads Tutorial



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# *An Introduction to Goodreads*



Goodreads, a social network centered around sharing book recommendations with friends and with the larger online reading community, claims to have more than 9 million members. It is free to join—and members can rate and recommended books they've already read and save books they want to read to their digital bookshelf, a reminder to perhaps check out a title at Queens Library in the future! Goodreads members can also join online groups, which have online discussion boards, recommended reads for the group, polls, and more. Probably almost every author or book you can think of has a page on Goodreads—usually authors and publishers will keep their pages maintained with information and certainly fans will keep the pages updated with their reviews and more.

# Important Functions of Goodreads



**“Home”** contains an activity feed of recent updates from your Goodreads friends and activity—reviews and news—related to books and authors you have rated.

**“My Books”** is a digital bookshelf of books you have read, are reading, and want to read. You can sort the “shelves” by date read, rating of the books, author, and more.

**“Groups”** or **“Friends”** (one or both of these may appear in the top part of Goodreads, depending on which you use more) – will take you to a list of groups you belong to and friends you have added, respectively.

**“Explore”** will take you to a list of other ways you can use Goodreads—to enter giveaways, participate in book-related quizzes and trivia, and to find online groups by topic or geographic location.

The **“G”** symbol will take you to any updates or notifications about your Goodreads account.

The mail envelope will take you to your Goodreads inbox where you can send and receive messages.

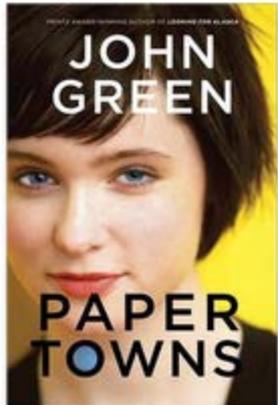
The icon with two people will show you if you have any friend requests.

The last icon to the right will allow you to edit your profile.

The Title/ Author / ISBN search box will also allow you to quickly find any books or authors you’re looking for.

# Rating, Reviewing, and Shelving Books

When you find a title you like, hover over the cover and you can mark it as “read,” “currently-reading,” or “to-read.” You can also leave a review of up to five stars, and write an in-depth review.

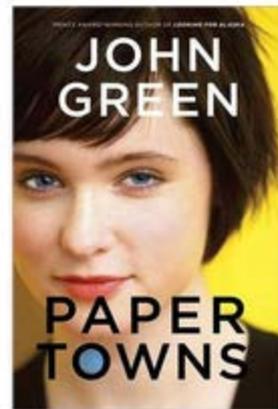


My rating:



add to my books

- read
- currently-reading
- to-read



My rating:



add to my books

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## Edit Your Review



Paper Towns  
by John Green

Change edition

My rating



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Bookshelves/Tags

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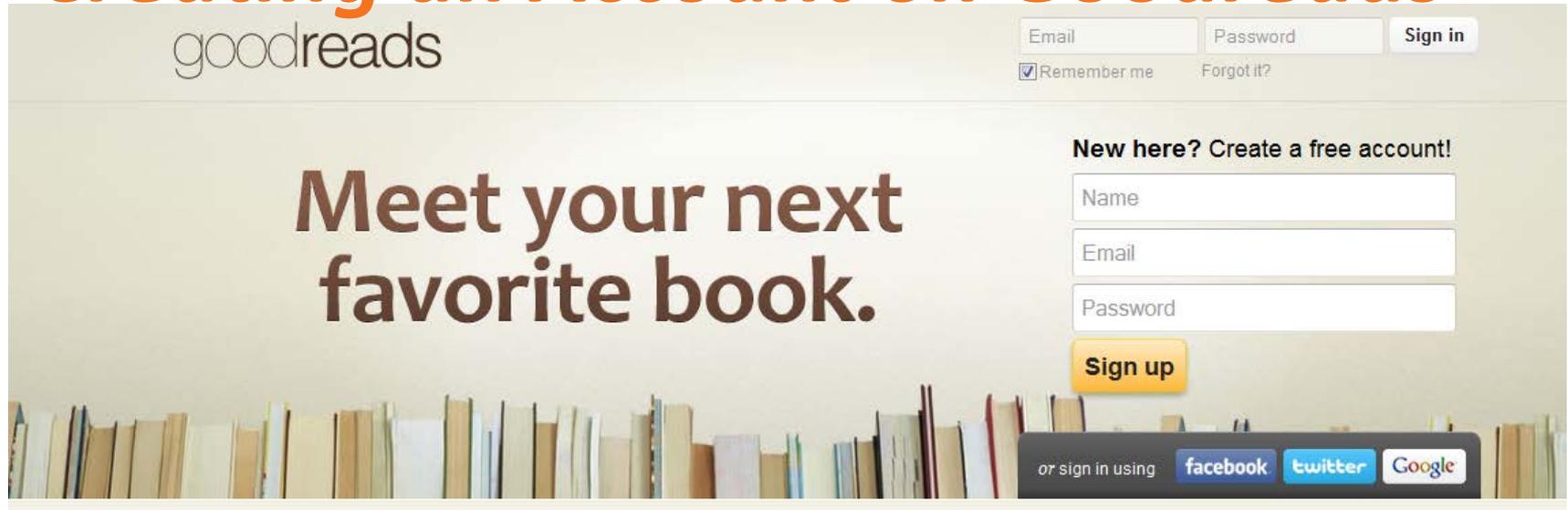
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add to Facebook timeline

# Creating an Account on Goodreads



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Email Password Sign in

Remember me [Forgot it?](#)

**Meet your next favorite book.**

**New here? Create a free account!**

Name

Email

Password

**Sign up**

or sign in using [facebook](#) [twitter](#) [Google](#)

If you have a Facebook, Twitter, or Google account, you can use those existing logins to sign into Goodreads.

**The pros:** You can easily share your reviews, what you're reading, and more with your existing Facebook, Twitter, or Google contacts. You do not have to create a new account and have yet another login to remember.

**The cons:** You may not want your Facebook, Twitter, or Google contacts to know the information you share on Goodreads. Additionally, whatever name you used for Facebook, Twitter, or Google account will be the default name for the Goodreads account; however, you can change this.

If you do not have, or do not want to use, a Facebook, Twitter, or Google account, you can use your email address to create a separate Goodreads account.

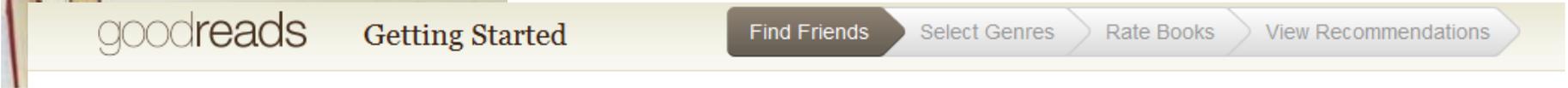
To create an account using one of your existing accounts, you'll need to log into that account and authorize the platform—Facebook, Twitter, or Google, to let Goodreads use this account login information to create you an account on Goodreads.

# Creating an Account on Goodreads Using Your Email Address

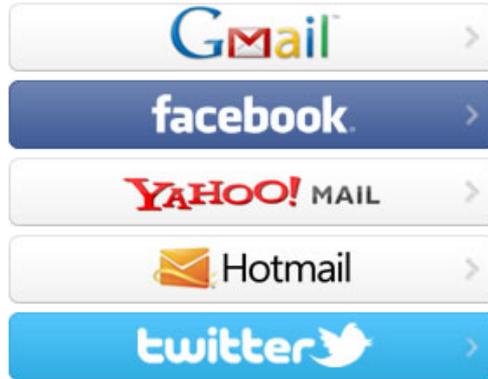
New here? Create a free account!

**Note:** You do not have to use your real name but you do need to have a valid email address to create an account. Your password does not have to be the same as the one associated with your email address, but it can be if that helps you remember it!



Check your address book to find friends on Goodreads:



or send your own »

We compare your email address book with all 9,300,000 Goodreads members and show you who is already on the site. You can also optionally invite friends that are not yet on the site to compare books with them.

[skip this step »](#)

[See how this works](#) or [remove imported contacts](#).

Goodreads will ask you if you want to check your address book and other accounts to see if your contacts are on Goodreads. You can skip this step by clicking on the “Skip this step” link.

# Next Steps of Setting Up Your Account: Selecting Your Favorite Genres

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Getting Started

Find Friends

Select Genres

## Select Your Favorite Genres

We'll use your favorite genres to make better book recommendations and customize your browsing experience on Goodreads. We'll also tailor emails to your favorite genres.

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                | <input type="checkbox"/> Biography  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business        | <input type="checkbox"/> Chick-lit      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's         | <input type="checkbox"/> Christian  | <input type="checkbox"/> Classics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Comics         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contemporary       | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookbooks  | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime           | <input type="checkbox"/> Ebooks         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fantasy            | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiction    | <input type="checkbox"/> Gay and Lesbian | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic novels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical fiction | <input type="checkbox"/> History    | <input type="checkbox"/> Horror          | <input type="checkbox"/>                |
| Humor and Comedy                            |                                     |  |   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sports             | <input type="checkbox"/> Thriller   | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel          | <input type="checkbox"/> Young-adult    |

Other

(separated by commas)

save

skip this step »

Check all that apply!  
**Note:** You can skip this step by clicking on the “Skip this step” link.

# Next Steps of Setting Up Your Account: Rate 20 Books You've Read

goodreads Getting Started Find Friends Select Genres **Rate Books** View Recommendations

you've rated **0** books

## Rate Books that You've Read

Goodreads learns about your personal tastes from your ratings.  
**Rate 20 more books** to get personalized recommendations!

**I'm finished rating**

Books, authors

Favorite Genres: (edit)  
None chosen

More Genres:

- Art**
- Biography
- Business
- Chick Lit
- Children's
- Christian
- Classics
- Comics
- Contemporary
- Cookbooks
- Crime
- Fantasy
- Fiction
- Gay And Lesbian
- Graphic Novels

Art

The grid displays the following book covers:

- Drawing on the Right Side of the Brain** by Betty Edwards
- WALL AND PIECE** by Banksy
- I MAGINE** by Jonah Lehrer
- WAYS OF SEEING** by JOHN BERGER
- THE STORY OF ART** by HENRY MARGLITZ
- Chopsticks** by David Shields
- THE ART BOOK** by David Shields
- AN OBJECT OF BEAUTY** by David Shields
- THE ARTIST'S WAY** by Betty Edwards

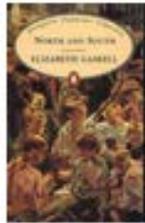
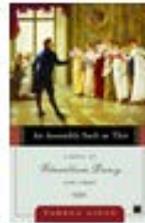
Goodreads wants to recommend books to you, based on books you've read and rated. To do so, it needs you to rate at least 20 books. You can search for books by genre, title, author, and keyword. **Note:** You can skip this step by clicking on the "Skip this step" link.

### Recommendations

Here are some books we think you'll love. How to improve your recommendations...

#### Your interest in Chick Lit

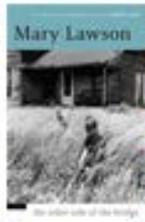
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More for this genre >

#### Your interest in Contemporary

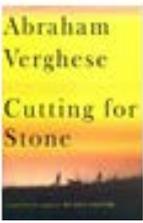
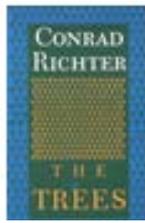
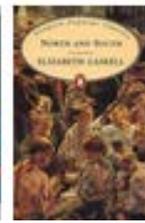
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#### Your interest in Fiction

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# Next Steps of Setting Up Your Account: Get Goodreads Recommendations

Based on your preferences in genres, and your reviews of titles within those genres, Goodreads will recommend books for you to read. You can check “want to read” or “not interested” and get more recommendations in the genre.

# Editing Your Profile and Account Settings

## My Account

[See My Profile »](#)

[profile](#) [settings](#) [emails](#) [feeds](#) [apps](#) [widgets](#) [book links](#) [purchases](#)

First Name \*

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Last Name

Library

My Last Name Is Viewable By:

anyone (including search engines) (?)  Goodreads members  friends

User Name (customize your URL — [goodreads.com/QueensLibrary](#))

QueensLibrary

Gender

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ZIP Code (US only)

11432

Country

United States ▼



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To edit your profile and account settings, click on the profile picture icon in the top right-hand corner of any Goodreads page. Here is where you can change your name, profile information, location, email notification settings, and more at any time.

# Goodreads Groups

The screenshot shows the Goodreads website interface for the 'Queens Library' group. At the top, there is a search bar and a navigation menu with options like 'Home', 'My Books', 'Groups', 'Recommendations', and 'Explore'. The group's logo, a stylized 'Q' with a flame-like shape, is on the left. The main content area features a description of the Queens Library, stating it is an independent, not-for-profit corporation with 62 locations serving a population of 2.3 million. Below the description, there is a 'Discussion Board' section with a 'general' category and a list of topics including 'Summer Reading', 'Queens Library Staff Picks', 'E-Readers, Book Apps, and More', and 'Book Blogs, Twitter Accounts, Newsletters, and More'. On the right side, there is a 'Moderators' section listing three moderators: Mary, Jenn, and Debbi, each with a profile picture and last active date. A book cover for 'THE PRISONER OF HEAVEN' is also visible at the bottom right of the group page.

Goodreads groups have book discussions, events, photos, videos, polls, book picks, and more. Each group can have custom settings and multiple moderators.

<http://www.goodreads.com/group/show/58240-queens-library>