



Calibre Audio Alexa Skill Quick Guide



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Introduction to the skill

Calibre Audio's Alexa Skill lets you play audiobooks with voice commands. **Please note:** The skill is only available on devices that have **English (UK) set as their primary language preference**. If you are overseas and you have another language preference, eg French or English (US), the skill will not be available.

Our Alexa skill plays audiobooks by connecting to your My Calibre™ playlist. If you're a current digital member, please log in to your My Calibre™ account. If you're a USB member, you'll need to subscribe to Calibre's digital services, which you can do by calling our team on 01296 432339. If you don't have a Calibre membership, please go to my.calibre.org.uk to sign up.

The skill has basic functionality; allowing you to play an audiobook, pause, skip forwards and backwards, set a sleep timer, and bookmark. It doesn't allow you to search for books yet, or to browse our collection. You'll need to add books via My Calibre™ before you can listen to them via Alexa.

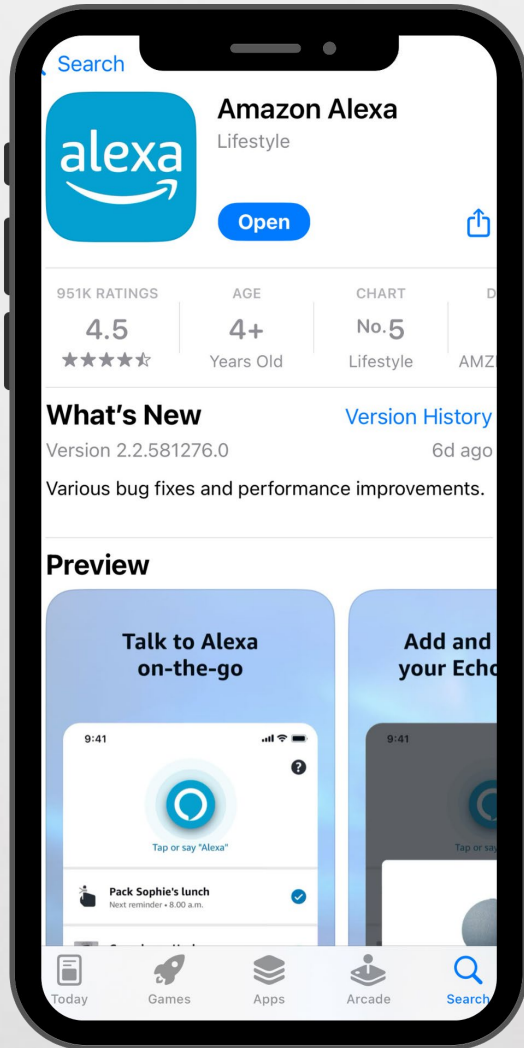
Setting up your Echo device

Before you can use the Calibre skill and start playing books, you'll need to ensure your Alexa device is set up correctly. If you've already got a device up and running, please skip ahead to the next page.

Here are some guides, provided by Amazon, on how to set up your Echo device if you haven't done so:

[How to set up your Echo Dot](#) – the most common, screenless Alexa device

[How to set up your Echo Show](#) – Alexa device with a large rectangular screen



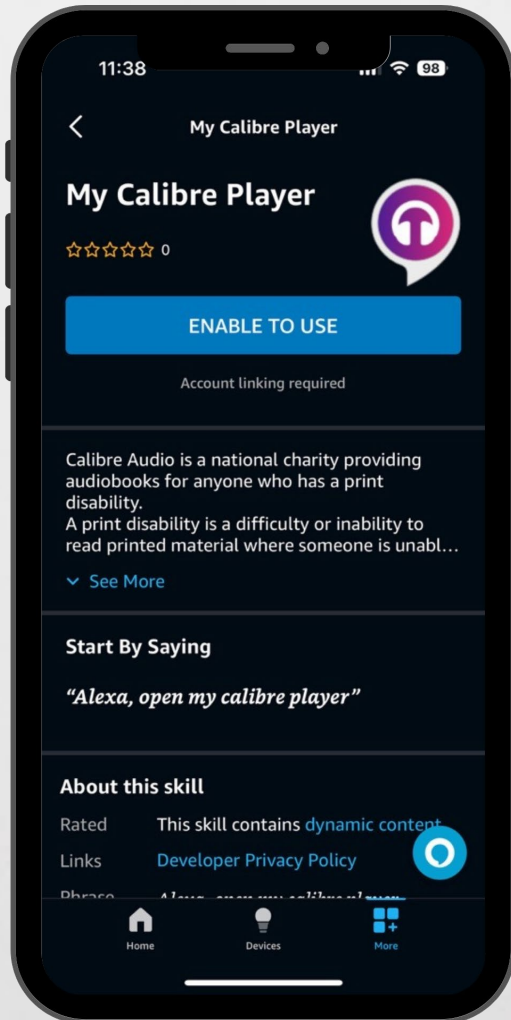
Install the Alexa app

To begin, please install the Alexa app on your smartphone or tablet if you haven't already done so. If you already have the Alexa app, and you're signed in to the app, please skip to the next page. You can find the Alexa app on Apple or Android here:

[Alexa app on Apple devices](#)

[Alexa app on Android devices](#)

Once the app is installed, you'll need to log in to your Amazon account.



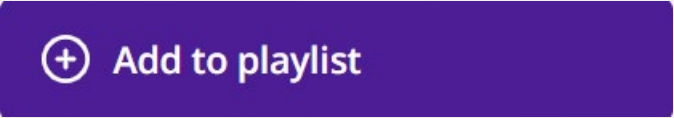
Install the Calibre skill

Once the Alexa app has been installed and you're logged in, please go to the 'more' section in the bottom right-hand corner of the Alexa app.

From the grid on the 'more' page, select 'skills and games'. Type 'My Calibre Player' in the search bar.

Adding a title to your list

To add a title to your playlist, just click on the “Add to playlist” button:

A purple rectangular button with a white plus icon inside a circle on the left, followed by the text "Add to playlist" in white.

This will add the book to your playlist. You can click on it again to take you to your dashboard and begin listening:

A green rectangular button with a white checkmark icon inside a circle on the left, followed by the text "Added!" in white.

You can start listening to the audiobook straight away or search for more. Say **“Alexa, open the skill My Calibre Player”**. Alexa will ask if you wish to continue listening to your current book, which will be the book at the top of your playlist. If you say **“no”**, it will read the other titles in your list. Say the title of the book you’d like to hear to continue.



Using the Calibre skill

Start by saying the phrase **“Alexa, open the skill My Calibre Player”** to open the skill. Please make sure your pronunciation is clear. If Alexa tries to open something else, say **“Alexa, stop”** then try again. We recommend you emphasise the words “my – kal – eh – burgh player” to avoid Alexa opening your calendar information accidentally.

You’ll hear a jingle signifying that the skill has launched. Alexa will ask if you want to continue listening to your current book. If you say **“Yes”** it’ll play that book from the beginning or last known bookmark.

If you say **“No”** Alexa will list the other titles in your current playlist. You can choose another title by stating the book name and it’ll begin playing that title from the beginning or last known bookmark.

Using the Calibre skill continued

Once your audiobook begins playing, you'll be able to use commands such as **"Alexa, pause/skip or skip forward/go back"** to navigate through the tracks. Saying "Alexa, stop" will stop the audio, saying "Alexa, continue reading" will resume playback, provided another skill has not been launched after pausing.

You can also set a sleep timer by saying **"Alexa, sleep timer for X minutes"** during playback. A bookmark will be placed once Alexa closes.

When you've finished listening, say **"Alexa, cancel"** or **"Alexa, exit"** and this will close the skill and place a bookmark where you stop.

If you wish to continue after closing, say **"Alexa, keep reading/listening"**.

Returning an audiobook

Once you've finished listening to a book, you can return it on My Calibre™ by going to your dashboard, clicking on the title and selecting the 'Return' button.

This will then appear in the My History section on your dashboard, where you'll be able to see your previously borrowed titles and when they were returned.

You can then add more books to your playlist to listen to on Alexa.



Changing your Calibre password

You can change your password in the My Calibre™ settings. Type in your new password and you'll receive a confirmation email to say your password has been changed successfully. **Please note: you will be logged out of the Alexa skill if you sign in and then change your password after this, so you will need to sign in again.**

 **Password**
Update the password associated with your membership

Current password

New password

Update password

My Calibre Quick Guide

For more detailed information on how to use My Calibre™, please read our quick guide via the link below.

[Click here to read the My Calibre™ quick guide in PowerPoint](#)

[Click here to read the My Calibre™ quick guide on our website](#)

Here to help

If you have any questions or require further help,
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