

Book Clubs & Reading Trackers

THE QUICK VERSION

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- 2 Make a free account with your e-mail, on the app or the website.
- 3 Add books by searching, or by scanning a book's barcode with the camera.
- 4 Shelf each as read, currently reading, or want to read — and rate any you like.
- 5 Set a gentle yearly reading goal if you fancy a nudge; it never nags.
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WELCOME

1. Read this first — this is free, and it is just for the fun of it

Keeping track of the books you read is a free, gentle hobby — no cost, no pressure, and nothing you have to share.

Here is the whole idea in one breath: there are free apps and websites that let you keep a tidy list of the books you have read, the one you are reading now, and the ones you mean to get to. You can rate them, jot a note if you feel like it, set a goal for the year, and, if you enjoy company, swap thoughts with other readers. The two best known are Goodreads and StoryGraph, and both are free.

None of this is a test, and none of it is required. You can use one of these as nothing more than a private notebook of your reading, or you can dive into reviews and online book clubs — it is entirely up to you. There is no right amount.

I am Bill, from Bill's Home Tech here in Portage County, Ohio. A lot of the readers I visit love the idea of remembering every book they have finished, and of finding the next good one without guessing. This guide shows you how, in plain steps, with no pressure to be anything but a reader who likes keeping track.

WATCH OUT

Start by thinking of these as a private reading diary. The sharing, reviewing, and book-club side is all optional — add it later, or never. The list alone is a quiet pleasure.

THE SHORT VERSION

2. The short version

Make a free account, add a few books, and you are keeping track in minutes.

If you would like the whole routine before we slow down, here it is.

- 1 Pick one to try — Goodreads (big and well-known) or StoryGraph (independent, with lovely statistics).
- 2 Make a free account with your e-mail on the app or website.
- 3 Add a few books you have read and the one you are reading now; the app has a camera that scans a book's barcode to add it instantly.
- 4 Mark each as 'read,' 'currently reading,' or 'want to read,' and rate any you like.
- 5 If you fancy it, set a reading goal for the year and look for an online book club to join.

That is the entire thing. Everything after this page is simply detail — the differences between the two, how the book clubs work, and how to pair it with your library card so your next read is always a free one.

GOOD TO KNOW

You do not have to choose perfectly. Both are free, and you can try one, then the other, and even move your list from one to the other later if you change your mind.

WHY TRACK

3. Why keep track of your reading at all

Because remembering what you have read — and finding the next good book — is a quiet joy.

Most of us have had the same two frustrations: standing in the library unable to remember whether we have already read a book, and finishing a wonderful one with no idea what to pick up next. A reading tracker gently solves both. Your finished books are all in one place, and the app suggests new ones based on what you have enjoyed.

There is also a simple pleasure in the record itself. Looking back over a year of reading, seeing the titles stack up, remembering a book you had half-forgotten — it is a small, satisfying thing, like a garden journal or a travel scrapbook. Many readers find it quietly motivating, too; the list nudges you toward one more chapter.

And if you like talking about books, these sites open a friendly door to other readers — people who loved the same novel and have a dozen more like it to suggest. None of it is required, but all of it is there if you want it.

WHAT THEY ARE

4. What Goodreads and StoryGraph actually are

Two free homes for readers — one huge and well-known, one independent and thoughtful.

Goodreads and StoryGraph are both websites, each with a matching free phone app, built around one simple thing: keeping track of books and the readers who love them. You catalog what you have read, rate and review if you wish, discover new titles, and connect with other readers and book clubs. The core of each is free.

Goodreads is the large, long-established one, owned by Amazon, with an enormous catalog of books and a vast community of reviewers. StoryGraph is the smaller independent newcomer, known for clean design, no advertising, and clever statistics about your reading — its 'mood' and 'pace' features in particular.

They do the same basic job, so you do not need both. Many readers happily pick one and settle in. We will spend the next few pages on each so you can choose the one that suits you.

GOOD TO KNOW

Think of both as a cross between a reading diary and a friendly club. The diary part is private and yours; the club part is there only if you want company.

GOODREADS

5. Goodreads: the big, well-known one

The largest reader community, with a book for every title you can think of.

Goodreads has been around a long time and is owned by Amazon, which means two things. First, its catalog is vast — nearly any book you pick up is already listed, with cover, description, and plenty of reader reviews to browse. Second, it ties in neatly with Kindle and Amazon, so if you read on a Kindle your progress can flow through automatically.

Its great strength is the community. For almost any book, you will find a crowd of ordinary readers' reviews and star ratings, which is a wonderful way to decide whether a book is for you before you borrow or buy it. It also runs a popular yearly Reading Challenge, author question-and-answer pages, and giveaways of new books.

The trade-offs are that Goodreads carries some advertising, and its design can feel a little dated and cluttered. But for sheer size of catalog and community, nothing else quite matches it, and it costs nothing to use.

TIP

If you read on a Kindle or buy from Amazon, Goodreads is the natural fit — the pieces talk to one another, so marking books as read can happen almost by itself.

STORYGRAPH

6. StoryGraph: the thoughtful independent

Clean, ad-free, and clever about matching you to books you will love.

StoryGraph is the independent alternative, built by a small team rather than a giant company. Readers who like it tend to love it for three reasons: it has no advertising and a calm, uncluttered look; it describes books by their 'mood' and 'pace' as well as their subject; and it gives you genuinely delightful charts about your own reading.

That mood-and-pace idea is its signature. Instead of only sorting by genre, StoryGraph can tell you a book is, say, reflective and slow, or adventurous and fast, and it can recommend your next read by the feel you are after, not just the category. It also offers content warnings, which some readers appreciate.

The core of StoryGraph is free. There is an optional paid 'Plus' tier with extra features, but you never need it to track your reading, set goals, join buddy reads, or get recommendations. If you want a quieter, smarter home for your reading and do not mind a smaller community, it is a lovely choice.

WHICH ONE

7. Which one is right for you

A simple way to choose between them.

You truly cannot go wrong, but here is the short of it. Choose Goodreads if you want the biggest catalog and community, read on a Kindle, or like reading lots of reviews before you pick a book. Choose StoryGraph if you want no ads, a calmer design, clever statistics, and recommendations matched to the mood you are in.

Some readers start on Goodreads because everyone has heard of it, then drift to StoryGraph for the peace and the charts. Others never leave Goodreads because that is where their friends are. Both are free, so trying one for a week costs you nothing but a little time.

GOOD TO KNOW

A good rule of thumb: Goodreads for the biggest crowd and Kindle owners; StoryGraph for a quiet, ad-free experience with the nicest statistics.

GETTING STARTED

8. Making your free account

A few taps and you are in — no payment, ever.

Getting started is the same on either one. On a phone or tablet, open your app store, search for 'Goodreads' or 'StoryGraph,' and install the free app. Open it and sign up with your e-mail and a password of your choosing. On a computer, go to the website — goodreads.com or thestorygraph.com — and sign up the same way.

You will be asked a few friendly questions at the start, such as some books or genres you enjoy, so the app can begin suggesting titles. Answer as many or as few as you like; you can skip them and still get going. There is no credit card and no payment at any point for the basic account.

Once you are in, the whole thing is yours to explore at your own pace. Nothing you do is permanent or breakable, so poke around freely.

TIP

When it asks which books or genres you like at sign-up, name a few favorites. It only takes a moment and it makes the recommendations far better from the start.

YOUR SHELVES

9. Your three shelves: read, reading, and want to read

The heart of it — three simple lists.

At its core, a reading tracker is just three lists, which both apps call 'shelves.' There is 'read' for books you have finished, 'currently reading' for the one in your hands now, and 'want to read' for the ones you mean to get to. Every book you add goes onto one of these with a single tap.

That 'want to read' shelf is the one most people come to treasure. Whenever a friend recommends a book, or you spot one in a review, you pop it on the list — and you never again stand in the library trying to remember the title you meant to look for. It becomes your running wish list.

You can make your own extra shelves too, if you like — 'favorites,' 'mysteries,' 'books for the grandkids' — but the three basic ones are all you truly need to begin.

ADDING BOOKS

10. Adding books — including the barcode trick

Type the title, or just point your camera at the cover.

There are two easy ways to add a book. The first is simply to search for it by title or author and tap to add it to a shelf. The second is the fun one: both apps have a little camera scanner that reads the barcode on the back of a physical book. Point your phone at the barcode, and the book appears instantly, ready to shelve.

That barcode scanner makes it a pleasure to catalog a whole bookshelf at home. Pull the books off one at a time, scan the back of each, and mark it 'read' — in twenty minutes you can have years of reading recorded. It feels a bit like magic the first time.

For e-books and audiobooks you have borrowed, just search the title and add it the same way. However the book came to you, it finds a home on your shelves.

GOOD TO KNOW

To catalog books you already own, use the barcode scanner. Point the phone's camera at the barcode on the back cover and the book pops straight onto your shelf — far quicker than typing each title.

RATING & REVIEWS

11. Rating and reviewing — as much or as little as you like

A star rating takes a second; a review is optional.

When you finish a book, you can give it a star rating — one to five — with a single tap. That alone is enough, and it quietly teaches the app what you enjoy so its suggestions improve. You never have to write a word if you do not want to.

If you do enjoy putting your thoughts down, you can write a review as short or as long as you please — a single line or a few paragraphs. Many readers like leaving a sentence or two to remind their future selves what they thought. Others read other people's reviews but never write their own, and that is perfectly fine.

Reviews are the part that is public, so write them knowing other readers may see them. But rating privately, for your own records, is always an option, and nobody is judging your stars.

READING GOAL

12. Setting a reading goal for the year

A gentle nudge, never a scolding.

Both apps let you set a yearly reading goal — a number of books you would like to read over the year. As you mark books 'read,' a little progress bar fills up, showing how you are doing. For a lot of readers this is a cheerful motivator, a small reason to pick the book up of an evening rather than the remote.

The key word is gentle. Set a goal that feels pleasant, not punishing — even a handful of books is a fine target. If you fall short, nothing happens; the app does not nag or shame you. It is there to add a little fun, not pressure, and you can change or ignore it whenever you like.

GOOD TO KNOW

Set a goal you will enjoy reaching, not one that turns reading into homework. A dozen books, or fewer, is a perfectly lovely year — the point is the pleasure, not the number.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. Getting good recommendations

The cure for 'what should I read next?'

Once you have rated a few books, both apps start suggesting titles you are likely to enjoy, based on what you have loved before. This is one of the best reasons to keep a tracker at all — it quietly solves the age-old problem of finishing a good book and not knowing where to turn next.

Goodreads leans on its huge community: 'readers who liked this also liked that.' StoryGraph leans on its mood-and-pace matching, so you can ask for something with a particular feel — a cozy, slow read, or a gripping fast one. Both get better the more you rate, so a few taps now pay off for years.

You can also browse themed lists and other readers' shelves for ideas. Between the suggestions and your own growing 'want to read' list, you need never be stuck for a book again.

MOOD & PACE

14. StoryGraph's mood, pace, and content notes

A different, gentler way to find your next book.

If you try StoryGraph, its signature feature is worth understanding. Rather than sorting books only by genre, it describes each by its 'mood' — reflective, hopeful, adventurous, mysterious — and its 'pace' — slow, medium, or fast. When you finish a book, you can tell it the mood and pace you felt, which helps everyone's recommendations.

This lets you shop for a feeling. On a quiet Sunday you might ask for something reflective and slow; before a trip, something light and fast. It is a surprisingly natural way to choose, closer to how we actually feel about books than genre labels alone.

StoryGraph also offers content warnings on many books, flagging difficult themes, which some readers find reassuring when choosing what to read or what to pass to a grandchild.

STATS

15. The quiet fun of your reading statistics

Charts and numbers that make a year of reading come alive.

Both apps, and StoryGraph especially, turn your reading into friendly charts: how many books and pages you have read, your average rating, the genres and moods you favor, your longest and shortest books. There is no purpose to it beyond pleasure, and that is exactly the point — it is a scrapbook in numbers.

Readers often find these statistics quietly addictive in the nicest way. Seeing that you read more than you thought, or spotting that you lean heavily toward mysteries, is simply fun. At the year's end, both apps gather your reading into a tidy summary you can look back on or share.

GOOD TO KNOW

The statistics are purely for your own enjoyment — a keepsake of your reading year. There is no score to beat and nothing to get right.

BOOK CLUBS

16. Finding and joining an online book club

Reading is lovelier with a little company.

If you enjoy talking about books, both apps make it easy to find company. Goodreads has thousands of groups and book clubs you can search by subject — mysteries, history, faith, local reading groups — where members pick a book, read it together, and discuss it in writing at their own pace. StoryGraph offers 'buddy reads' and group reads in a similar, friendly spirit.

An online book club is gentle and unhurried. There is no set evening you must attend and no need to leave the house; you simply read the chosen book and join the written conversation whenever it suits you. For anyone who finds getting out harder than they used to, it is a warm way to stay connected to other readers.

Your local library often runs online or in-person book clubs too, and many are listed on the library's events page. Between the apps and the library, there is a club for almost any taste.

TIP

Search a book-club group by a subject you love — a favorite author, a genre, or your faith — rather than joining the biggest one. A small group around a shared interest is far friendlier.

READING CHALLENGES

17. Reading challenges and prompts

Playful nudges to try something new.

Beyond the simple yearly goal, both apps offer reading 'challenges' — lighthearted lists of prompts such as 'a book set in another country,' 'a book published the year you were born,' or 'a book a friend recommended.' You tick them off as you read, and they are a gentle way to stretch beyond your usual shelf.

These are meant purely for fun, and you take or leave them as you please. Many readers enjoy one as a loose theme for the year, a way to discover books they would never have picked otherwise. Others ignore challenges entirely and just read what they fancy — both are right.

If you like a bit of structure, a reading challenge is a cheerful one. If you do not, it stays out of your way.

FRIENDS & FAMILY

18. Following friends and family

See what the people you love are reading.

Both apps let you connect with friends and family who also use them, so you can see what they are reading and swap recommendations. If your daughter and you both keep shelves, you can peek at hers for ideas, cheer each other's reading goals, and compare notes on a book you have both finished.

This is entirely optional and private until you choose otherwise — you decide whom to connect with, and you can keep your reading to yourself if you prefer. But for families who love to read, it becomes a lovely little thread between the generations: a shared bookshelf across the miles.

It can be a gentle way to stay close, too. A note on a book your grandchild just read gives you something warm to talk about on the next phone call.

WITH THE LIBRARY

19. Pairing it with your library card

Track a book, then borrow it free from the library.

Here is where a tracker gets truly practical. When a book lands on your 'want to read' shelf, your next move is simply to borrow it free from the library through Libby, rather than buying it. The tracker becomes your wish list, and the library card fills it at no cost.

Some readers keep both open side by side: they spot a recommendation in Goodreads or StoryGraph, then hop over to Libby to borrow it or place a hold. Over a year, this habit alone can save a tidy sum, since the books you most want to read tend to be waiting at the library for free.

We have separate guides on Libby and on everything your library card unlocks, if you would like to set that side up too. Together they make a complete, free reading life.

GOOD TO KNOW

Treat your 'want to read' shelf as a library shopping list. Nearly everything on it can be borrowed free through Libby — so the tracker and the library card are a perfect pair.

IMPORTING

20. Moving your list from one to the other

Switching is easy — your reading comes with you.

One worry that stops people trying StoryGraph is the fear of losing years of Goodreads history. You needn't: StoryGraph can import your Goodreads library, bringing your shelves, ratings, and reviews across in one go. So you can try the independent app without starting from scratch or giving up your old records.

The import is a one-time step done on the website, and StoryGraph walks you through it. If you decide StoryGraph is not for you after all, nothing is lost — your Goodreads account stays exactly as it was. There is no harm in trying both.

This is worth knowing simply so the choice never feels final. You are free to move your reading life around until it sits where you like it.

DEVICES

21. Using it on a phone, tablet, or computer

The same account, wherever you are.

Both services work as a free app on a phone or tablet and as a website on a computer, all tied to the same account. Add a book on your phone at the library, and it is there on your computer at home. Most people use the phone app for scanning barcodes and quick updates, and the website when they want to settle in and browse.

A tablet is a comfortable middle ground, big enough to read reviews and browse lists without squinting. Whichever you use, your shelves and goals follow you, because the account — not the device — holds everything.

If screens tire you, remember you can do all of this on a computer with the text enlarged, or lean mostly on the phone's barcode scanner and keep your fuss to a minimum.

PRIVATE DIARY

22. Keeping it as a private reading diary

The quietest, most personal way to use it — and a lovely one.

For many readers, the very best use of these apps is the simplest: a private diary of their reading, seen by no one else. You shelve each book you finish, perhaps give it a star, and over months and years you build a quiet record of your reading life — what you read, when, and what you thought. No sharing, no reviews, no company required.

Both apps let you keep your profile and shelves private in the settings, so your reading is for your eyes only. There is something deeply satisfying in such a record. Years from now you can look back and remember the summer you read all those mysteries, or rediscover a book you had quite forgotten loving.

If the social side holds no appeal, set the app to private at the start and simply enjoy it as your own notebook. That alone is reason enough to keep one.

TIP

Set your profile to private in the settings if you would rather keep your reading to yourself. The tracker works exactly as well as a diary nobody else can see.

NEW BOOKS

23. Discovering new books and giveaways

Never be stuck for a good read again.

Besides tracking what you have read, both apps are wonderful for finding what to read next. Beyond the personal recommendations, they offer themed lists, 'readers also enjoyed' suggestions, and seasonal roundups of well-loved books. Goodreads in particular runs giveaways of new and upcoming titles that you can enter free, right inside the app.

A gentle way to use this is to keep adding anything that catches your eye to your 'want to read' shelf — a book mentioned on the radio, a friend's recommendation, a title from a themed list. Then, whenever you finish a book, you have a ready supply of next ones waiting, each a tap away from a free library borrow.

Over time your 'want to read' list becomes a little treasure of its own: a standing promise of good evenings ahead, gathered from everywhere you looked.

GOOD TO KNOW

Enter book giveaways only inside the genuine app, never by handing card details to a link in an e-mail. The real giveaways are free to enter and never ask you to pay.

TWO WAYS IN

24. Two ways people come to this — and both are fine

Keeping a private record, or joining the conversation.

People come to reading trackers for two quite different reasons, and both are perfectly good. It helps to know which you are, because it tells you where to put your energy.

If you just want a private reading diary

You simply want to remember what you have read and find your next good book.

- Use one app purely for yourself — shelve books, rate them, keep your 'want to read' list.
- Lean on the recommendations and your own list, and ignore the social side entirely.
- Skip reviews and book clubs; a private record and a wish list are reason enough.

If you would like a little company

You enjoy talking about books and would welcome other readers' thoughts.

- Write the odd review, follow a few friends, and read others' takes on a book.
- Join one online book club around a subject you love and read along at your own pace.
- Try a reading challenge for a cheerful, shared theme through the year.

GOOD TO KNOW

You can start as a private diary and open the door to the social side later, or never. There is no wrong way to be a reader here.

HELPING A RELATIVE

25. Setting it up for a parent

A warm, simple gift for a lifelong reader.

For a parent who has always read, a tracker can be a lovely gift — a tidy record of a lifetime's books and an endless supply of new ones. Set up a free account on their phone or tablet, add a few of their favorites so the recommendations start off well, and show them the one thing that matters most: the barcode scanner and the three shelves.

Keep it simple. Most older readers want the private diary and the 'want to read' list far more than the social features, so start there. Pair it with Libby so their next read is always a free borrow, and leave the book clubs and challenges for later if they take to it.

Write down their login on a slip of paper kept at home, and remind them that nothing they tap can break anything. A parent who sees a year of their reading gathered in one place is often quietly delighted.

TIP

For a parent, set up just the three shelves and the barcode scanner, paired with Libby. The private list of what they have read is usually the part they treasure most.

PRIVACY

26. A gentle word on privacy and your account

You decide what is private and what is shared.

Because these are social sites at heart, it is worth knowing what is public. Your written reviews are generally visible to others, as is your activity if you choose to connect with friends. But your shelves and ratings can be kept private in the settings, and you are never required to share anything or connect with anyone.

Both apps have privacy settings worth a one-time look when you sign up: you can decide whether your profile is public or private, and whether friends can see what you are reading. Set it to suit your comfort, and you can change it any time. Use your real e-mail, pick a password you can remember, and keep it written down at home.

WATCH OUT

Remember that reviews you write are usually public. If you would rather keep your reading entirely to yourself, use private shelves and simply skip writing reviews — the tracking still works beautifully.

STAYING SAFE

27. Keeping it safe and legitimate

Only the real apps, from the official app store.

Goodreads and StoryGraph are both genuine, well-established services, and the basic use of each is free. The safe path is the familiar one: install the real app only from your phone's official app store, or go directly to [goodreads.com](https://www.goodreads.com) or [thestorygraph.com](https://www.thestorygraph.com) by typing the address yourself rather than following a link in an e-mail.

Be a touch wary of anything that arrives by e-mail promising book giveaways or 'free books' and asking for payment details or a login through its own link. The real sites do run giveaways, but you enter them inside the genuine app, never by handing card details to a stranger. When in doubt, close the message and open the app directly.

WATCH OUT

No book tracker needs your credit card for its basic features. If something asks for payment to 'track your books' or 'claim a free book,' stop — open the real app from the official store instead.

COMMON MISTAKES

28. Common mistakes

Avoid these and it stays a pleasure.

The few snags people hit are all small and easily sidestepped. None of them will break anything.

- Trying to catalog every book you have ever read in one marathon sitting — do a shelf at a time, with the barcode scanner, and enjoy it.
- Treating the yearly goal as a chore; set a gentle number and let it motivate, not nag.
- Feeling you must write reviews — a star rating, or nothing at all, is plenty.
- Signing up for both at once and feeling scattered; pick one, settle in, and switch later if you like.
- Forgetting your login because it was never written down.

WATCH OUT

You do not have to record your whole reading history to benefit. Start from the book in your hand today, add a few favorites, and let the list grow naturally from there.

COMMON QUESTIONS

29. Common questions

The questions I hear most about reading trackers.

Here are the ones that come up most often when I sit down with a reader.

If yours is not here, it is almost certainly a quick answer — ask at the library, or give me a call, and we will sort it.

QUESTIONS

30. Are Goodreads and StoryGraph really free?

Yes — the tracking, shelves, goals, and clubs are all free.

Yes. Goodreads is free to use, supported by some advertising and its ties to Amazon. StoryGraph's core is free as well, with an optional paid tier you never need for ordinary tracking, goals, recommendations, or book clubs. Neither asks for a credit card to sign up.

QUESTIONS

31. Do I have to review every book I read?

Not at all — you never have to write a word.

Reviewing is entirely optional. You can simply shelve books and give them a star rating, or not even that. Plenty of readers use these apps as a private list and nothing more. Write reviews only if you enjoy doing so.

QUESTIONS

32. Which one should I pick?

Goodreads for the biggest crowd; StoryGraph for a calm, ad-free experience.

Choose Goodreads if you want the largest catalog and community or read on a Kindle. Choose StoryGraph if you want no ads, a quieter design, and clever statistics and mood-matching. Both are free, so trying one for a week is the surest way to know.

QUESTIONS

33. Can I use both at the same time?

You can, though most people settle on one.

Nothing stops you using both, and some readers do. But they do the same job, so most people pick one to avoid double the fuss. If you start on one and want to switch, StoryGraph can even import your Goodreads list so you do not lose your history.

QUESTIONS

34. I am not on social media — is this for me?

Yes — the social side is optional, and the private diary is the best part.

Absolutely. You can keep your shelves private and never follow a soul. Most readers I help use a tracker as a personal record and a wish list, with no social media involved at all. The company of other readers is there if you ever want it, and invisible if you do not.

QUICK RECAP

35. The quick recap

The whole guide in one glance.

- Goodreads and StoryGraph are free apps and websites for tracking the books you read.
- Goodreads is the big, well-known one (owned by Amazon); StoryGraph is independent, ad-free, with lovely statistics.
- Keep three shelves — read, reading, want to read — and add books by searching or scanning a barcode.
- Rate books if you like, set a gentle yearly goal, and get recommendations for your next read.
- Join an online book club or reading challenge only if you want company — it is all optional.
- Pair your 'want to read' list with Libby so your next book is a free library borrow.

GOOD TO KNOW

Start as a private reading diary, pair it with your library card, and open the door to book clubs only if and when you feel like company.

BILL'S HERE TO HELP

36. You do not have to do this alone

You just have to remember that a friendly, patient person is one call away.

I hope this guide made keeping track of your reading feel a little less daunting and a lot more doable. Keep it in a drawer with your other home papers, come back to a page whenever you need it, and do not worry for a moment about memorizing anything.

When you would rather have a hand, that is exactly what I do. I come to your home, work at your pace, and never make you feel rushed or silly for asking. A first visit is a flat \$99, and for the parts that do not need me on-site I can often help right on your screen for \$49. Every visit comes with a 30-day, come-back-free guarantee. I am a patient tech helper, so for setting up a reading tracker and pairing it with your library card I will happily sit with you until it is working.

GOOD TO KNOW

Call or text me at (330) 200-8042, or visit BillsHomeTech.com. Serving Atwater and all of Portage County. 30+ years of patient, plain-English tech help — and if you are ever not 100% happy with a visit, I will make it right or refund it. That is a promise. — Bill

AT A GLANCE

A Picture to Follow Along

Goodreads vs. StoryGraph

Two free reading trackers, different strengths

	Best for	Good to know
Goodreads	Biggest community	Owned by Amazon
StoryGraph	Mood & pace, stats	Independent, no ads
Both	Shelves & ratings	Free to use
Either	Goals & clubs	Phone or computer

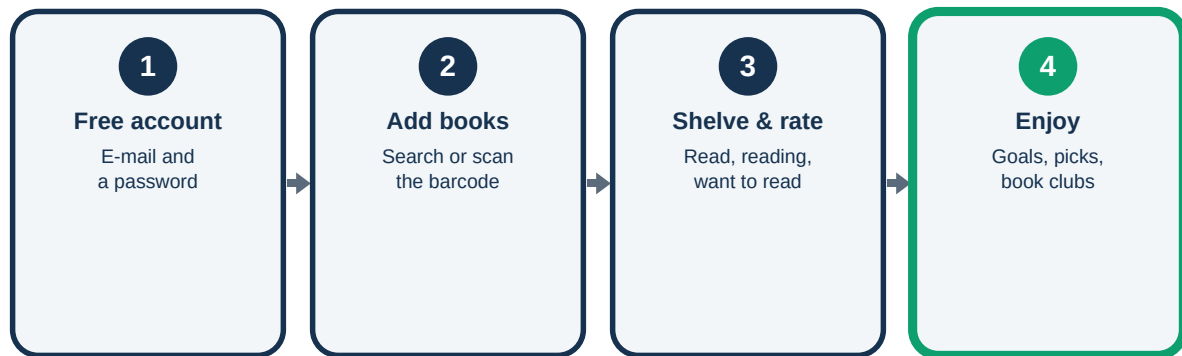
You only need one -- and StoryGraph can import your Goodreads list if you switch.

AT A GLANCE

A Second Look

From Sign-Up to Tracking

Four easy steps



No credit card, ever -- the tracking, goals, and clubs are free.

BEFORE YOU GO

A Note From Bill

A quick note from Bill. I write these guides to make home tech a little less frustrating, and I do my best to keep every step accurate and up to date. Still, every home, device, and setup is a bit different, so I can't promise a guide will match yours exactly or fix your particular problem. These guides are for general information only — they're not professional, legal, or financial advice, and they don't replace your device's own manual or the manufacturer's instructions. Please go slow, use your own good judgment, and use everything here at your own risk. If a step involves electrical wiring, a gas appliance, a water heater, plumbing, or climbing a ladder — or if anything just doesn't feel safe — please stop and call a licensed professional (or give me a call at 330-200-8042). Bill's Home Tech and Bill Davis can't be responsible for any damage, data loss, or injury that results.



HOW I CAN HELP

Your Visit — and My Promise

In-home visit — \$99 flat for your first visit. No contracts and no surprise charges, and a 30-day follow-up is included.

Remote Support — \$49 for a screen-share session. I only connect with your permission, you watch the whole time, and you can end anytime. If I can't fix it over the screen-share, I refund the \$49 — and if it turns out you need me in person, that \$49 goes toward your visit. It's included free for Support Plan members (\$39/mo).

GOOD TO KNOW

My promise — If you're not 100% satisfied with your visit, I'll come back at no charge, or refund the full \$99. No questions, no awkwardness. That's how I'd want to be treated.

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