

**Amazon Kindle 3 Video Review** by Suzannah Freeman from Write It Sideways  
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Hi it's Suzannah from Write It Sideways here.

Today I just wanted to show you a new product I got in the mail, which is the Amazon Kindle 6" Wifi only e-book reader.

So here it is. It's pretty small.

<shows Kindle in case to camera>

I ordered a case, a hard leather case here to protect (it). If I stick it in my bag or my purse, or if I drop it--which is likely at some point--it won't get damaged. So that's a good handy thing to have.

And this is what the Amazon 3 Kindle looks like.

<shows Kindle to camera>

As you can see there's a picture of Harriet Beecher Stowe on the front. Every time you turn the Kindle off there's a new picture on there. Sometimes they're authors sometimes they're book jackets. But, quite cool. And you can see the e-ink that they use is quite detailed.

So if I just turn it on here (pause), you can see I already have all of my eBooks categorised. I have about 10 categories there. Classics, Nonfiction, Christian Fiction, Womens Fiction, Literary Fiction and so on.

So if I go into say Classics--Women, I have a list of all of the books here that I've actually uploaded for free from Amazon. All the classics they make--well, pretty much all the classics--they make free. And they also have limited time offers where you can go in and sometimes get certain books for free for a short period of time.

So if you keep your eyes open you can sometimes grab those. But I've uploaded already about 50 of the classics and I haven't paid a cent for them, so that's great.

So say I go into Wuthering Heights--just click in, and there it is, Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte, chapter 1.

If I want to change the pages, there are buttons on the sides to go forward and back. And lets say, like me, that your eyes are pretty bad--you can very quickly change the font. You can increase the font if you want it to be bigger or smaller.

<demonstrates changing font size>

You can change the landscape--you can change it from vertical to horizontal, if you prefer that.

And if you want to make a note--let's say if I wanted to type something in here, I could just scroll down to where I want to make my note, and I could just start typing, "I like this part."

<demonstrates typing a note>

Save. And at the end I can go back and see all of my notes on one page, so that's pretty handy.

There's a built-in dictionary. So, if I go over to the word "announced" say, the word (meaning) goes either up at the top or down the bottom--the dictionary entry. So that's pretty cool if there's a word you don't know. You don't have to dig out your dictionary.

In terms of cons - it's a little bit irritating if you want to just sort of flip back and forth that you can't do that very quickly with a Kindle. You do have to punch in the Go To numbers so if you want to jump ahead you do have to punch in the number. That takes a little bit of time. So its not as easy as just flipping back and forth if you're studying a book. But just strictly (for) reading it's great.

The ink that they use on the screen to me is just amazing <shows screen close up to camera>.

It just looks to me like ink on a page. I really thought that it would be hard on my eyes because I figured it would be like reading off a computer screen, but there's no backlight so it doesn't feel like that to me at all. It doesn't strain my eyes.

I'm really really enjoying it. I love the portability. I love that if I want to travel, if I want to go somewhere, I can just stick this in my bag or my purse. I don't have to take, you know, a full-fledged book with me.

Yeah...I really have nothing bad to say about it. It's not comparable in some ways to reading a print book, but I think the pros of having it I think it makes a really really good Christmas gift for readers, for writers.

Another thing you can do is you can actually upload your own documents. I've got an eBook here from Larry Brooks that's in PDF and I upload it here to my Kindle so whenever I'm sitting around I can sit and read Larry Brooks' Story Structure book while I'm dreaming about my novel. That's fantastic.

So, I hope that answers some of your questions about the Kindle. Have a great day.

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