

Make an omnibus

An omnibus is one book made of several of yours: a whole series in one volume, a box set of books one to three, or any mix you like. This page shows you how to make one and what it does with your books.

The important thing to know first: an omnibus **reads its books live**. It doesn't copy them. Every time you build it, it prints each book as it is that day, so a typo you fix in book two is fixed in the omnibus too, with nothing to redo.

Make one from a series

1. In the Library, open the ... menu on the series' row and choose **Create omnibus (boxed set)**.
2. A window opens with the series' books already ticked, in shelf order. Your other books under the same pen name are listed below, unticked, if you'd like to add any.
3. Give it a title, such as *The Complete Saga*, untick anything you'd rather leave out, and click **Create omnibus**.

Nothing is made until you click that button, so it's fine to look and cancel. The omnibus sits on that series' shelf, below its books, and opens in the editor.

Create omnibus (boxed set) ×

From The Sentence Gradient

TITLE

The omnibus's own title, as its cover and title page print it.

BOOKS

It prints the ticked books in the order shown, read live as you keep writing them. You can add, remove and reorder books inside the omnibus at any time.

The Sentence Gradient		Untick all
☒	The Dragon's Tooth	Book 0 9,286 words
☒	The Tide That Swallowed the World	Book 1 70,658 words
☒	The Scroll and the Siege	Book 2 85,707 words
☒	The Shadow and the Shield	Book 3 1 words

Standalone		Tick all
☐	Confessions of a God	237 words

4 books · 165,652 words

Cancel Create omnibus

Screenshot: the *Create omnibus (boxed set)* window, with a title field and a series' books ticked.

To start, it borrows the first book's page setup and the way its chapters open. Both are the omnibus's own from then on, so you can change them without touching the books.

Make one from any of your books

For a mix that isn't one series—your first books from two series, say—click **New omnibus** at the top of the Library (it's there once you have at least two books). The same window opens, with every book listed by series and nothing ticked yet: tick the ones you want, give it a title, and click **Create omnibus**. It goes under the pen name of the first book you ticked, and borrows that book's page setup and chapter openings.

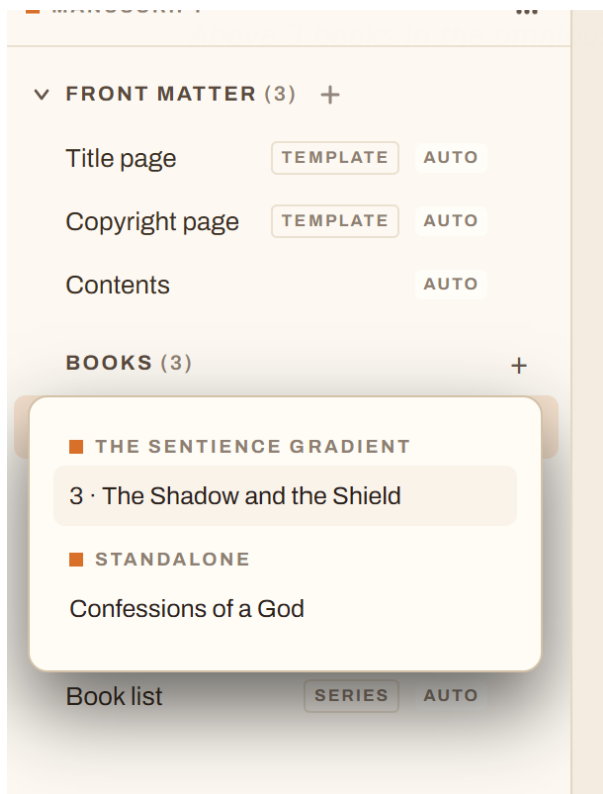
Choose which books it holds

Where a book would list its chapters, an omnibus lists its **Books**.

- **Add a book:** click + beside Books and choose any of your books, from any series.
- **Change the order:** hover over a book and use ↑ and ↓. The order in the list is the order they print in.
- **Take one out:** hover over it and click ✕. The book itself is untouched; it just stops being in the omnibus.
- **Work on a book's chapters:** click its title. The editor explains that its contents can't be edited from the omnibus—when the omnibus builds its PDF or EPUB, it pulls each book's text from the book itself—and offers **Open the book to edit it**, which takes you there.

The screenshot shows the Manuscript editor interface. At the top, there's a header with a small orange square icon, the word "MANUSCRIPT", and a three-dot menu icon. Below this is a section titled "FRONT MATTER (3)" with a plus icon. It contains three items: "Title page" with "TEMPLATE" and "AUTO" buttons, "Copyright page" with "TEMPLATE" and "AUTO" buttons, and "Contents" with an "AUTO" button. Below the front matter is a section titled "BOOKS (3)" with a plus icon. It contains a list of three books: "1. The Dragon's ..." with a page count of 9,286, "2. The Tide That ..." with a page count of 70,658, and "3. The Scroll and..." with a page count of 85,707. The first book is highlighted with an orange background. Below the books is a section titled "BACK MATTER (1)" with a plus icon. It contains one item: "Book list" with "SERIES" and "AUTO" buttons.

Section	Item	Buttons	Page Count
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	Contents	AUTO	
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	2. The Tide That ...		70,658
	3. The Scroll and...		85,707
BACK MATTER (1)	Book list	SERIES, AUTO	



s. Below, clicking the + to add a fourth book.

If you archive one of the books, the omnibus keeps it in the list, faded, but leaves it out of the build until you restore it.

What prints

- **The omnibus's own front and back matter**, such as its title page, copyright page and contents. A new omnibus starts with a contents page. Each book's own dedication, copyright page and about-the-author are left behind; add what the omnibus needs to its own front and back matter.
- **Each book behind its own title page:** its title, subtitle, series line and byline, on a right-hand page.
- **Each book's chapters**, numbered as that book numbers them, with its parts if the book prints parts.
- **A contents page** that lists the books, with each book's chapters indented beneath it. The ebook's navigation is nested the same way.
- **Running heads** that name the book a page belongs to, not the omnibus.

The whole volume uses the omnibus's page setup and chapter openings, so it reads as one designed book. Preview shows it; Publish builds it, with its own ISBNs from Book details.

Good to know

- An omnibus has no chapters of its own, so you can't add one or import a manuscript into it.
 - A book that's in an omnibus says so at the top of its manuscript list—**Also printed in** *The Complete Saga*—with a link to the omnibus, so you know a change there reaches the omnibus's next build too.
 - Only you can change which books it holds, and only with books you own. If you share the omnibus, whoever you share it with can read its books' text in it.
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