

Create your first book

Starting a standalone book

1. In the Library, click **New book** at the top right.
2. Type the title. If you have more than one pen name, you'll be asked which one; if you've made more than one page setup, you'll be asked that too. Otherwise there's nothing more to fill in.
3. Click **Add**.

The book opens in the editor, empty, with two ways to begin: **Add the first chapter**, or bring in a manuscript you already have. If the book already exists in Word, Markdown or plain text, importing it is much quicker than starting over—see [Import a manuscript](#).

Screenshot: A new, empty book in the editor *Screenshot: A newly created book open in the editor, empty, showing the Add the first chapter option and the option to bring in a manuscript.*

Starting a book in a series

Books that belong to a series are added from the series itself rather than from the top button, so they land in the right place with the right number. Find the series in the Library and click **Add book** on its row. You'll be asked for the title and its number in the series—3, say, or 2.5 for a novella that sits between books. Leave the number blank for a prequel or anything that isn't numbered. A book in a series takes the series' pen name automatically.

Screenshot: A series row in the Library with its Add book button *Screenshot: A series in the Library, with its books listed beneath it and the Add book button on the series row visible.*

Don't have a series yet? **New series**, beside New book, makes one. It asks for a name and the pen name, and optionally a universe—a setting this series shares with others. You can skip the universe for now; it's easy to add later.

What a new book comes with

- A page setup—trim size, margins, fonts—inherited from the series, or your default if it's a standalone. You can change it any time from the editor, under **Book → Page setup**.
- Chapter header settings, if the series has them.
- Nothing else. No chapters, no front matter yet. Those arrive as you add them.

Opening it again

Every book is listed in the Library, under its series or on its own row if it's a standalone. Click the title to open it. The editor remembers which scene you had open last time and takes you straight back to it.

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