

Handy Book for Sony Ericsson P800/P900

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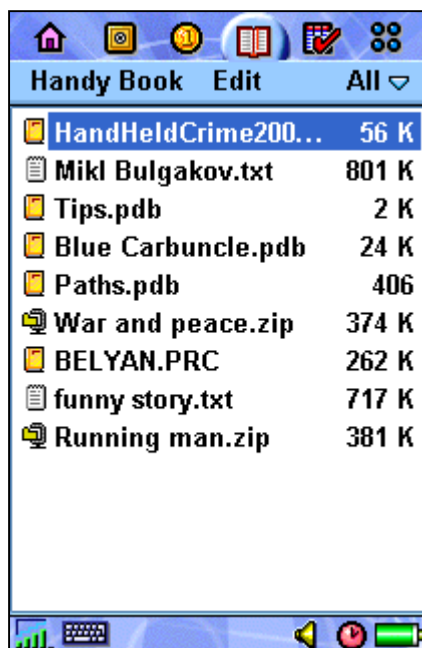
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Quick start

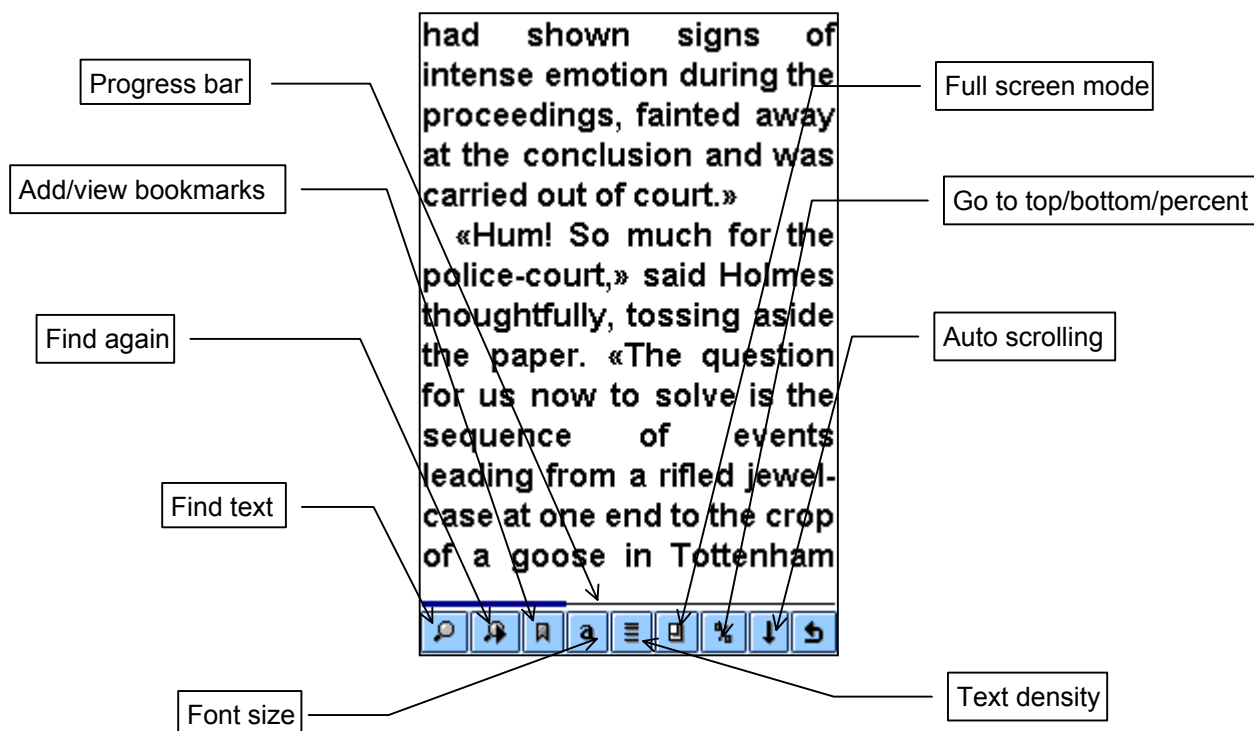
Handy Book is a reader for electronic books (**e-books**). With Handy Book application you can read books downloaded from Web-based bookstores.

Handy Book supports the most popular **Palm DOC** format of electronic books. This format allows reading books in compressed form to save memory space on the phone. You can also read common **plain text** files or even **plain text files inside zip archive**.

The initial view of Handy Book is a **File view**. File view lists all books and text files on the phone. Click on a book to open it.

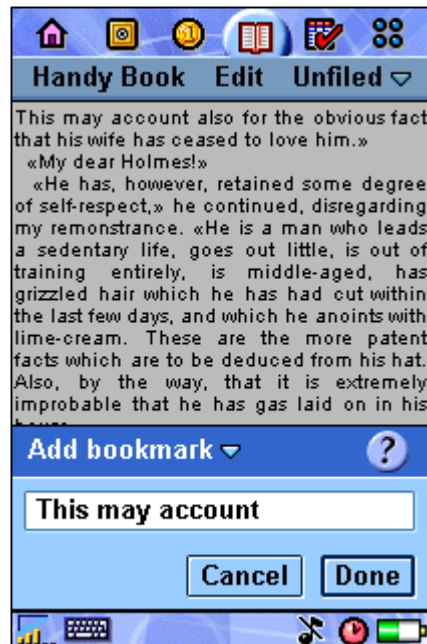


Rotate the **Jog Dial** to scroll the book **up** and **down**. Or tap the screen in the upper part to scroll up and in the lower part to scroll down. Press the **Jog Dial** to invoke the **context popup menu**.

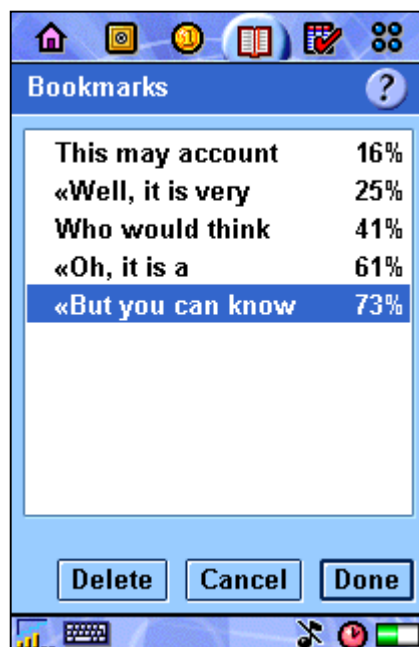


Bookmarks

Press **Add/view bookmarks** button and select **Add bookmark** to add a bookmark.



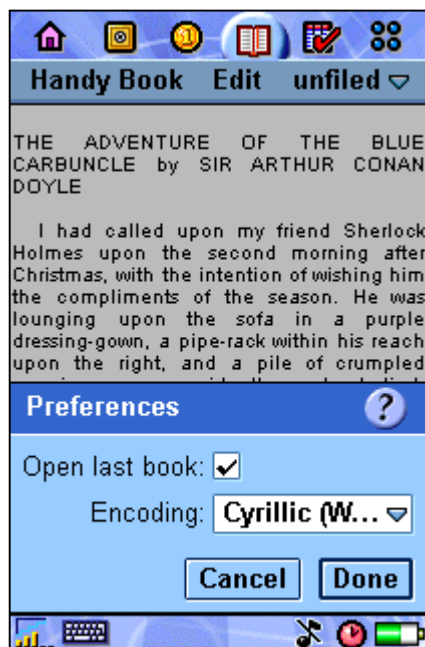
Press **Add/view bookmarks** button and select **Bookmarks** to view the list of bookmarks. In the appeared **Bookmarks** dialog click a bookmark to jump to.



To delete a bookmark select it using the Jog Dial and press the **Delete** button. You cannot delete **embedded bookmarks** marked with asterisk (*).

Note: Embedded bookmarks reside in e-book file. Added bookmarks are stored in **.ini** file placed in the same folder with the e-book.

Preferences



Prolong backlight – the normal backlight period is about 30 seconds; with this option you can prolong it up to 90 seconds.

Leave line when turn page – if checked, then Handy Book will leave one line when turning page up and down.

Open last book – if this option is checked, then Handy Book will open the last book at start-up.

Encoding – here you can set the book encoding (code page): Western European (windows-1252), Central European, or Cyrillic.

Electronic books (e-books)

E-books are electronic versions of books and documents. **Palm DOC** is a document format that is used to stores these books in a compressed format. It originated on the **Palm PDAs** a number of years ago. Thousands of electronic books are available today in the Internet. They are Business, History, Computers, Sports, Travel, Adventure, Humour, Novels, Poetry, Sci-Fi, Mystery and much more.

Internet Libraries

Memoware (www.memoware.com): thousands of free e-books in PalmDOC format. **Note:** there are documents that are in other formats such as iSilo, Peanut, TomeRaider etc., which are proprietary formats and not supported in Handy Book. Please look for **DOC** and **text** files on this site.

Project Gutenberg (www.gutenberg.net): thousands of free classic books in text format. You can easily convert these to Palm DOC files by using **Handy Book Converter**.

Handheld Crime (www.handheldcrime.com): Interesting site with crime fiction in Palm DOC format.

FAQ

Q: What is Palm DOC format?

A: DOC, or Doc, is a generic name for a type of text document format usable by nearly all PDA platforms. Note that this format is not the same as the .doc filename extension usually given to Microsoft Word document files.

Q: What's a .pdb file? What's a .prc file?

A: E-book files in **Palm DOC** format have **.pdb** or **.prc** extension, but not all files with such extensions are in Palm DOC format! So, make sure that an e-book is in the correct format, when you download it from the Web.

Q: How to make e-books?

A: You can make e-books from text files using **Handy Book Converter** (PC software supplied together with Handy Book). It also removes unwanted line breaks from a text, automatically adds bookmarks, and copies an e-book to the phone.

Q: Where are e-books stored on the phone?

A: E-books are stored in **Phone Memory\document\unfiled** and **Memory Stick\document\unfiled** folders.

Q: Why Handy Book cannot open my e-book?

A: There are two reasons: 1. E-book can be corrupted during download; 2. E-book can be in a wrong format (not in a **Palm DOC** format).

Q: What e-book formats does Handy Book support?

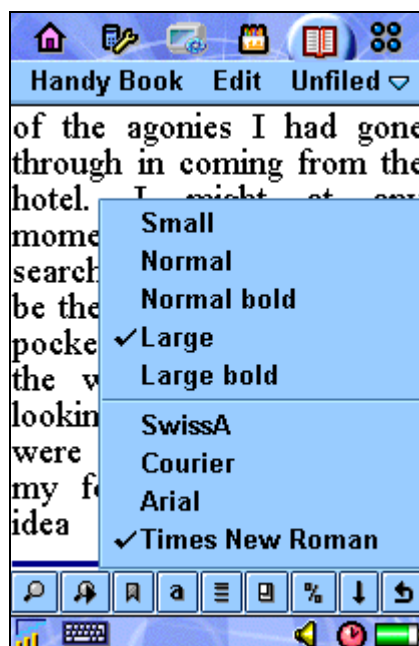
A: Palm DOC e-books, plain text files and plain text files inside zip archive.

Q: Determining that a .pdb (.prc) file is in Palm DOC format.

A: Open the file in any text editor on PC. There should be **TEXTREAD** string near the beginning of the file.

Fonts

Press **A** button on the toolbar for choosing a font. In the appeared popup menu select **font size** (small, normal, normal bold, large, ...) and **typeface** (SwissA, Courier, ...).



Unfortunately, only **SwissA** is usable, because **Courier** has only one small size and supports only ASCII code page. There are no other typefaces on the phone, though they can be installed.

Installing additional fonts

For power users only!

- Download and install **Free Type** component, which enables support for **True Type fonts (TTF)** on the phone. Link: <http://www.symbian.com/developer/downloads/files/FreeType.zip>
- ✍ **FreeType.sys** file should be installed from PC (installation will fail if you try to upload the file on the phone and install it there).
- Create **D:\System\Fonts** folder (use [PC File Manager](#)).
- Copy any **TTF** fonts there (e.g. from **C:\Windows\Fonts** folder on the PC).
- Turn off/on the phone.

Removing additional fonts

- Rename **D:\System\Fonts** folder into **Fonts2**.
- Turn off/on the phone.
- Delete **D:\System\Fonts2** folder.

Making e-books

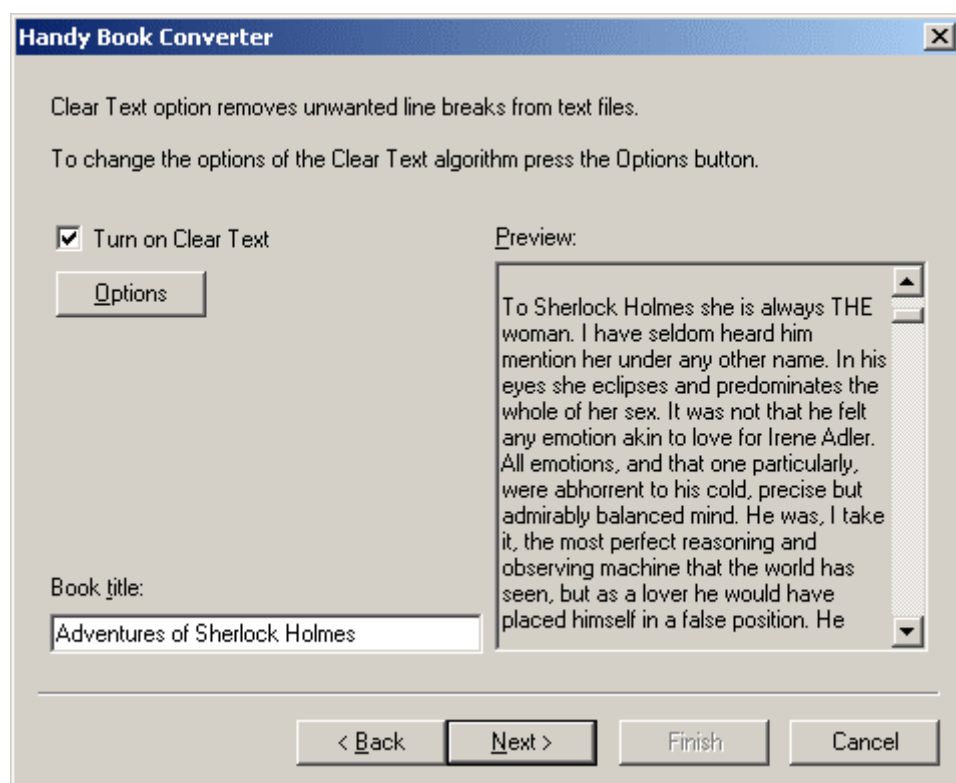
Handy Book Converter is a PC utility for making e-books from text files. It is supplied together with Handy Book.

Handy Book Converter not only converts text files into e-books (**Palm DOC** format), but also has several useful functions. It can:

- Remove useless (forced) line breaks
- Add bookmarks
- Reformat text
- Copy the resulting e-book to your phone

Usage

1. Install Handy Book Converter on the PC.
2. Start Handy Book Converter via **Start Menu > Programs > Epocware**.
3. Select a text file and press **Next**.
4. Check **Turn on Clear Text** to reformat the text file before converting it into an e-book. Press **Options** to change formatting options. Press **Next**.



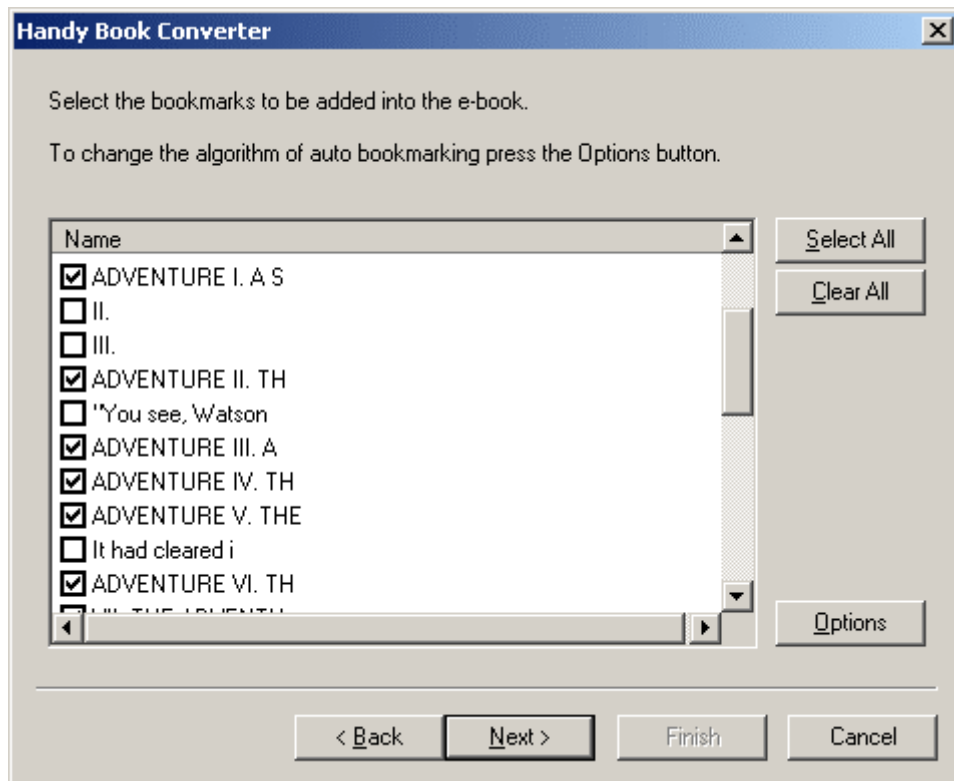
Here you can see the text **without** and **with** Clear Text:

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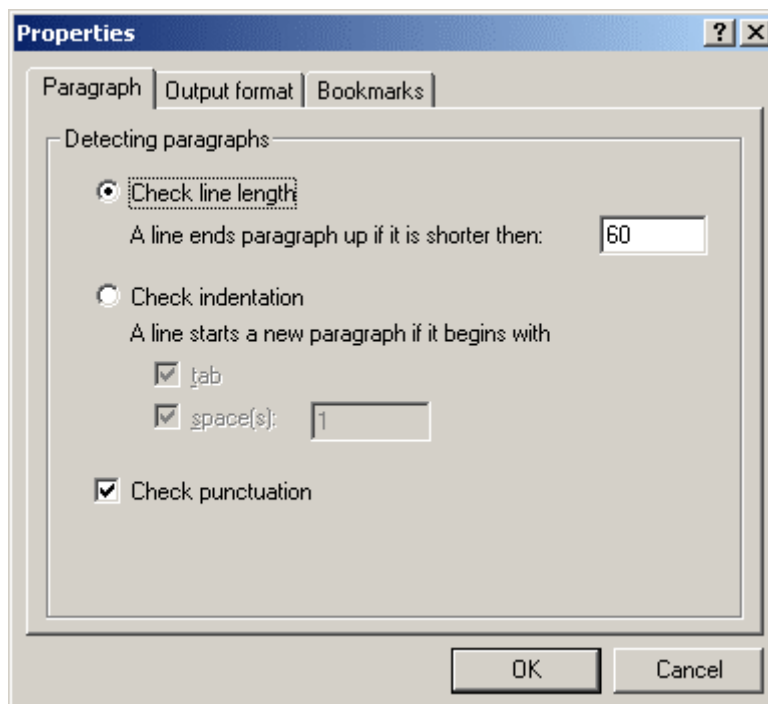
5. Select **the bookmarks** to add into the e-book. Press **Options** to change the algorithm of auto bookmarking. Press **Next**.



6. Select a destination file name and press **Next**.
7. Press **Copy to phone** to copy the e-book on the phone. The phone must be connected to the PC.

Options

1. **Detecting paragraphs (removing useless line breaks)**



There are two main rules to detected useless (forced) line break:

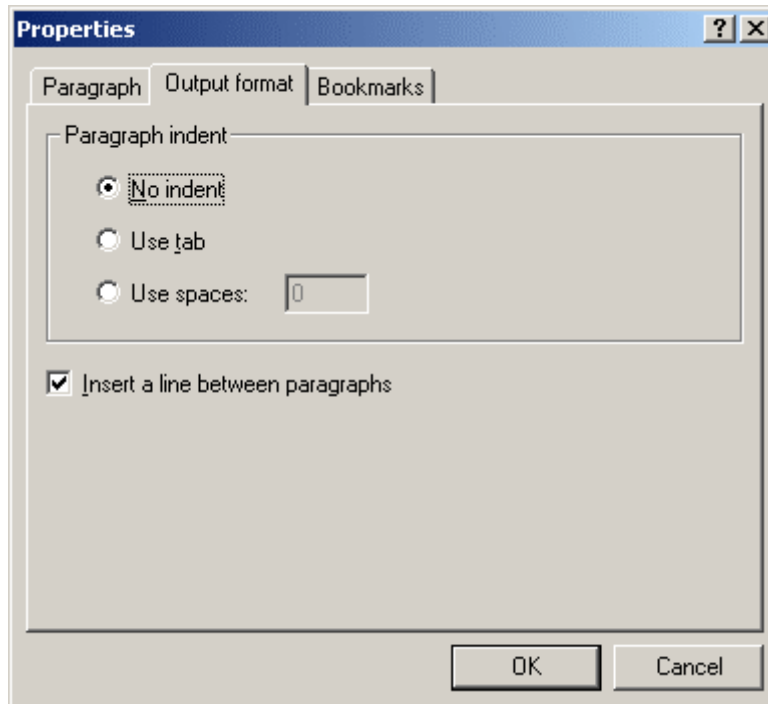
- **Check line length.** If it's shorter than 60 characters, then it is a real line break – end of paragraph. The others line breaks will be removed. 60 is an average value that can be changed in **Options**.

- **Check indent.** If there is an indent at beginning of line than it's a beginning of paragraph. Otherwise it's a forced line break to be removed.

Check punctuation is an additional option, which analyses dots and capital letters to detect paragraphs.

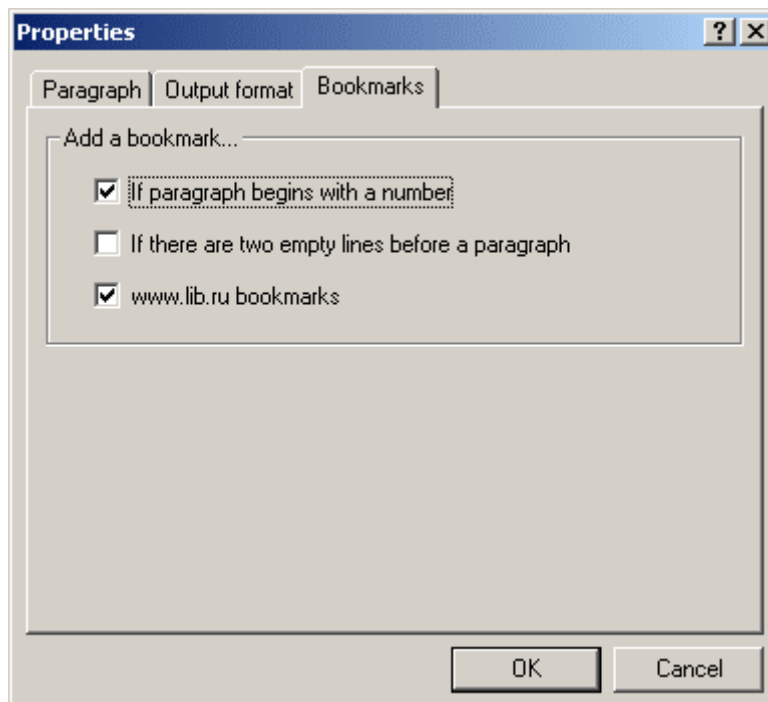
The both rules are not 100% accurate, but **Check line length** is better in the most cases.

2. Output text format



Here you can configure how the text looks like after reformatting.

3. Adding bookmarks



Handy Book Converter detects bookmarks (chapter names) using the following rules:

- Paragraph begins with a number.

- There are two empty lines before a paragraph.
- There is a special signature (for text files from www.lib.ru only).