

How to read eBooks on Nexus 7

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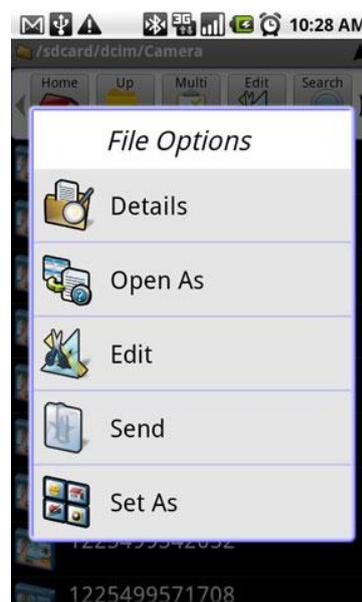
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Method 1, Plug your Nexus 7 to computer, there will



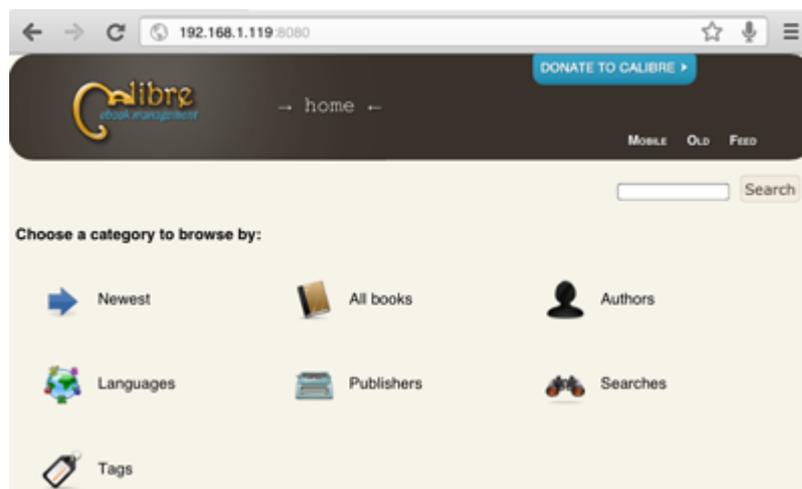
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