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## 1. What is Digitalback Books

Digitalback Books is a virtual library platform containing a cross-publisher collection of 1000+ digital titles with an exclusive focus on offering diverse scholarly, academic and literary titles on, from and across Africa. Readers can enjoy 24/7 online and offline access from their mobile device and discover a rich catalogue of Africa-centric titles with notetaking, search and highlight functionality.

## 2. Who can access Digitalback Books

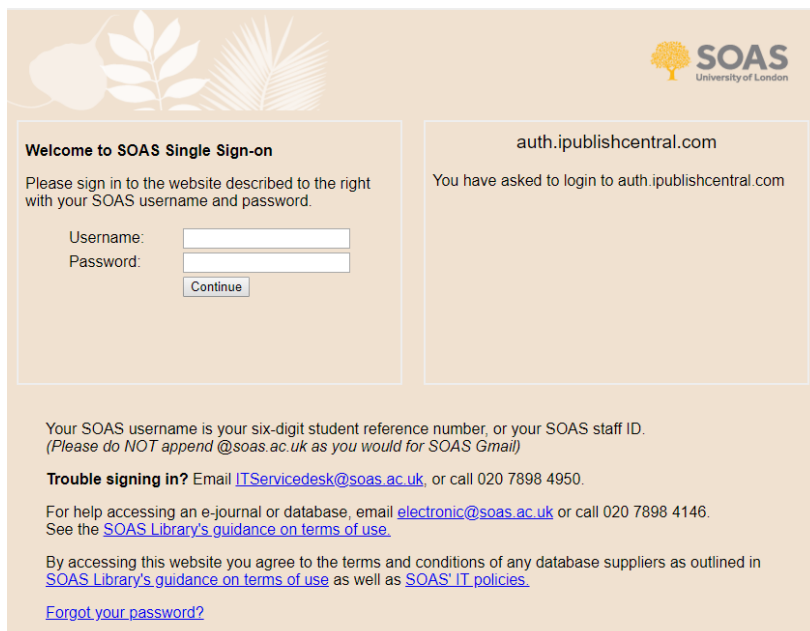
Selected DBB titles are available to SOAS Library users, students and staff.

## 3. How do I access Digitalback Books

Go to SOAS Library [ebooks web pages](#) and click on [Digitalback Books](#)

Or find titles via the [SOAS Library catalogue](#).

## 4. How do I Login to DBB?



**Welcome to SOAS Single Sign-on**

Please sign in to the website described to the right with your SOAS username and password.

Username:

Password:

auth.ipublishcentral.com

You have asked to login to auth.ipublishcentral.com

Your SOAS username is your six-digit student reference number, or your SOAS staff ID.  
(Please do NOT append @soas.ac.uk as you would for SOAS Gmail)

**Trouble signing in?** Email [ITServiceDesk@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ITServiceDesk@soas.ac.uk), or call 020 7898 4950.

For help accessing an e-journal or database, email [electronic@soas.ac.uk](mailto:electronic@soas.ac.uk) or call 020 7898 4146.  
See the [SOAS Library's guidance on terms of use](#).

By accessing this website you agree to the terms and conditions of any database suppliers as outlined in [SOAS Library's guidance on terms of use](#) as well as [SOAS' IT policies](#).

[Forgot your password?](#)

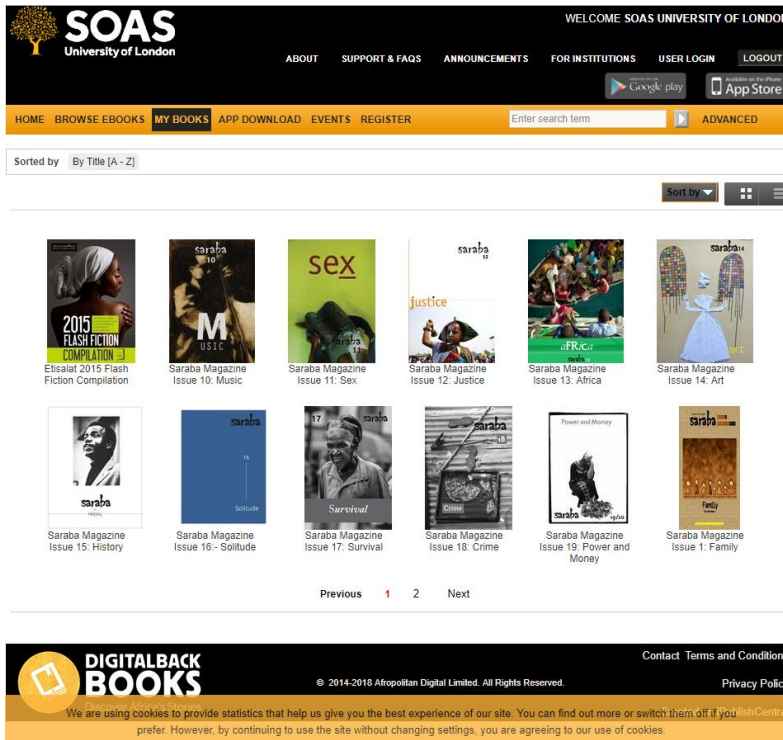
**On Campus:** Once you click on the DBB link above, you will be automatically logged in via IP range authentication.

**Off campus:** Once you click on the DBB link above, you will see a login page. Choose 'Sign in with Single Sign On', then 'SOAS, University of London'. You will then be prompted to log in.

Current SOAS students and staff can login using their SOAS ID/Student number and password.

Links from the catalogue will clearly state on- and off-campus. Choosing off-campus will prompt you to login with your SOAS ID and password.

## 5. Browsing Digitalback Books



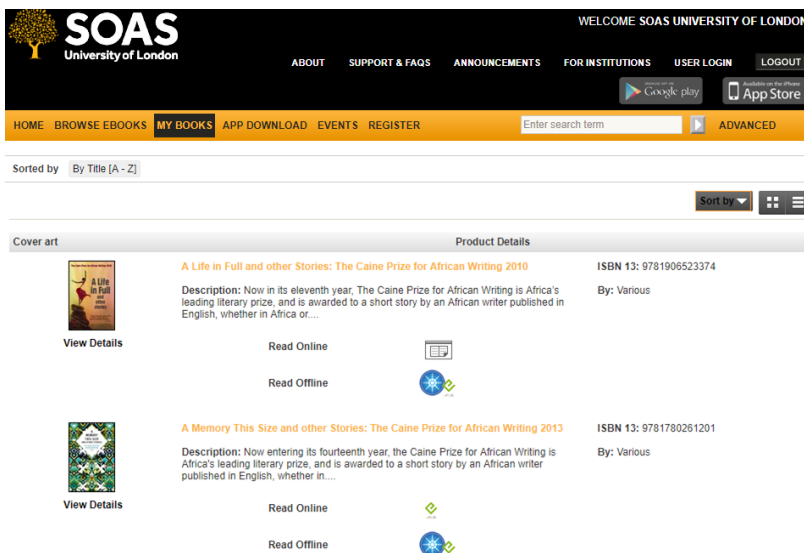
The screenshot shows the SOAS University of London Digitalback Books interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, BROWSE EBOOKS, MY BOOKS, APP DOWNLOAD, EVENTS, REGISTER, and an advanced search bar. Below the navigation bar, there is a grid of magazine covers. The covers include titles like '2015 FLASH FICTION COMPILATION', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 10: Music', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 11: Sex', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 12: Justice', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 13: Africa', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 14: Art', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 15: History', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 16: Solitude', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 17: Survival', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 18: Crime', 'Saraba Magazine Issue 19: Power and Money', and 'Saraba Magazine Issue 1: Family'. At the bottom of the grid, there are 'Previous', '1', '2', and 'Next' navigation buttons.

After authentication, you are immediately taken to the MY BOOKS TAB; the customised institutional bookshelf displaying all licensed resources available to SOAS institutional users.







The customised bookshelf will not include all the digital resources currently available on the DBB portal. Additional titles can be purchased by the institution on request. Please contact your subject librarian, Dawn Wright (dw3@soas.ac.uk), for more

information.

## 6. Reading Online and Offline



The screenshot shows the SOAS University of London Digitalback Books interface displaying product details for a Caine Prize for African Writing story. The interface includes a navigation bar, a search bar, and a grid of product details. The product details section shows the cover art, product title, description, and ISBN. Below the product details, there are two options for reading the story: 'Read Online' and 'Read Offline'. The 'Read Online' option is highlighted with a blue icon, and the 'Read Offline' option is highlighted with a green icon.

| Cover art   | Product Details  |
|---|--|
|  | <p><b>A Life in Full and other Stories: The Caine Prize for African Writing 2010</b> ISBN 13: 9781906523374</p> <p>Description: Now in its eleventh year, The Caine Prize for African Writing is Africa's leading literary prize, and is awarded to a short story by an African writer published in English, whether in Africa or...</p> <p>By: Various</p> <p>View Details</p> <p>Read Online </p> <p>Read Offline </p>   |
|  | <p><b>A Memory This Size and other Stories: The Caine Prize for African Writing 2013</b> ISBN 13: 9781780261201</p> <p>Description: Now entering its fourteenth year, the Caine Prize for African Writing is Africa's leading literary prize, and is awarded to a short story by an African writer published in English, whether in...</p> <p>By: Various</p> <p>View Details</p> <p>Read Online </p> <p>Read Offline </p> |

To access any of the e-resources, click on the cover image and you will be shown a short description of the text as well as two read option icons.

Read Online: The option will immediately launch the online reader and you can read the title online with an internet connection.

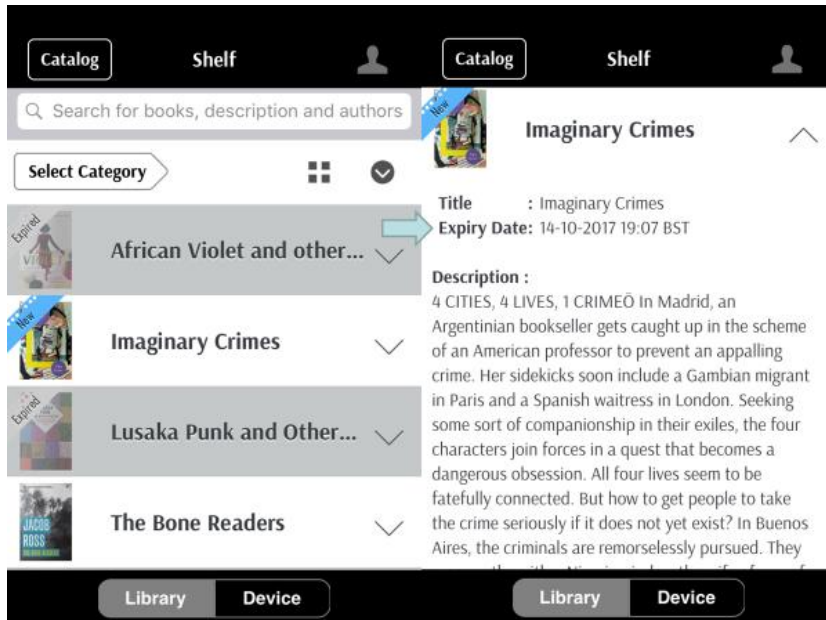
If you would like to download a title to read offline, select the Read Offline icon.

## 7. Downloading a title

When you click to Read Offline, you will be reminded to download the FREE DBB App. If you have not already done so, click the icon for iOS or Android to download the App.

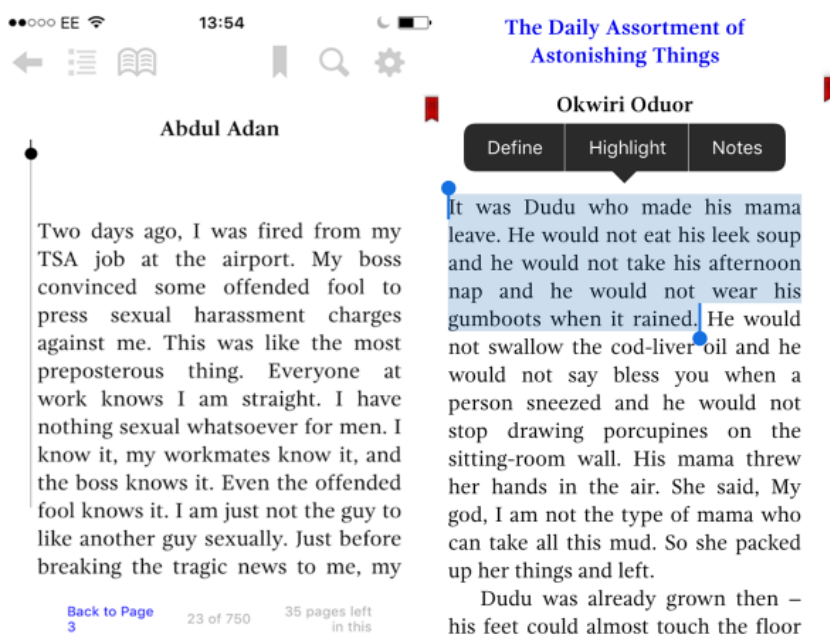
Once you have downloaded the FREE DBB App, you can click the green download icon. This will immediately launch the book within the App.

## 8. How long do I have access to the title



Once a title has been downloaded in the App, it can be read without an internet connection. A downloaded title will be available for 3 weeks after which the book expires from your bookshelf app. The title can be re-downloaded at anytime unless the institutional license has expired. Please note institutional users do not need to login to the APP.

## 9. Bookmarking, Notetaking and Highlighting



Once a book is downloaded, there are several features within the APP that will allow you to navigate the content. You can browse by table of content, you can bookmark the title to remember where you stopped reading and you can highlight or make notes against a piece of text.



## 10. Requesting more titles from Digitalback Books

Not all titles displayed under the Browse EBOOKS tab will be available to SOAS Students or Staff.

If you would like an existing title or a collection added to SOAS Digital Bookshelf, please contact your Subject Librarian, Dawn Wright (dw3@soas.ac.uk).

If you would like to see a collection not yet digitized on the DBB Portal, please contact [info@digitalbackbooks.com](mailto:info@digitalbackbooks.com)

## 11. Technical Support for eBooks

Please visit our FAQ page for general queries: <https://digitalbackbooks.com/faqs>

For ALL technical support accessing eBooks, please email us: [digitalbackbooks@ipublishcentral.com](mailto:digitalbackbooks@ipublishcentral.com)