

# Introducing Calibre and Sigil: Two e-Book Software Packages

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# e-Books and e-Book Formats

- e-Book :: Website analogy
- Why not just use PDF?
  - Reading system/e-Book interaction
- DRM: PDF; EPUB
- Daisy; iBook; Mobipocket, DjVu

# Calibre

- The ILMS for personal e-book collections
  - Discover; Download; Catalog; Organize; Read; Convert; Access
  - The Calibre Website
  - The Calibre Software
  - Demonstration

# Sigil

- EPUB 2 editor
- WYSIWYG?
- Tries to be helpful
  - Generates Table of Contents, Metadata, Cover
  - Unusefully does weird things generating CSS
- Demonstration: My book projects
  - Balthasar Gracian [1601-1658], *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*
  - Lin Yutang [1895-1976], *The Wisdom of China and India*

# E-Books, Reading Systems, Formats, Incompatibilities, and the Library Mission

- Digital Rights Management and Libraries
- EPUB 2 and Reading Systems
- EPUB 2 and EPUB 3
- Convenient, cool, current

*lix Finish off well.*

In the house of Fortune, if you enter by the gate of pleasure you must leave by that of sorrow and vice versâ. You ought therefore to think of the finish, and attach more importance to a graceful exit than to applause on entrance. 'Tis the common lot of the unlucky to have a very fortunate outset and a very tragic end. The important point is not the vulgar applause on entrance—that comes to nearly all—but the general feeling at exit. Few in life are felt to deserve an encore. Fortune rarely accompanies any one to the door: warmly as she may welcome the coming, she speeds but coldly the parting guest.

Balthasar Gracian, *The Art of Worldly Wisdom*

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