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- <u>If you are using touch</u>: <u>hold your touch</u> on "Download PDF" until you see a menu pop up. Then let go, and you will see the options. Tap "Open" and go to step 3.

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E. Questions and Answers

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c. **Windows PC or tablet** – Open your browser (Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, etc). But instead of going to a website press **Ctrl/J**. (Hold Ctrl and press J.) You will see your ebook and what folder it is in. You can either open it from here or right-click on it and cut-and-paste to move it elsewhere, such as onto your Desktop.

Advanced tip: when you press **Ctrl/J** you will also see an Options or Settings selection. You can select this and then change the default Save location. For example change the Save location from the Downloads folder to your Desktop.

2. I've found and opened the ebook - how do I page forward etc.?

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- A small swipe right-to-left will page forward when you are *in reading mode*. Also with some PDF readers a single tap will page forward.
- A small swipe left-to-right will page backward when you are *in reading mode*.
- While *not* in reading mode, update your settings in Settings and/or View to:
 - Display a single page at a time
 - Turn off continuous scrolling

3. What is the difference between a "tap" and a touch?

"Tap" is the word used for touching a tablet, so it is the same thing. A true touch is necessary – tapping with your fingernail won't work!

4. My PDF Reader does not remember the page I left off at.

- Check the Settings to turn this feature on.
- Be sure to close the ebook before turning off your computer or tablet.

5. I want to enlarge the ebook page on the screen to make it easier to read

Spread your thumb and index finger to "stretch" the ebook page. For more gestures see the guide *Tablet hand gestures* available on the Oliphant Fiction Help page.

6. My tablet no longer rotates when I turn it sideways

Probably it has accidentally got "locked". Tablets, including Windows tablets, come with a feature to lock and unlock auto-rotation. Look in the User Guide or google this question for your type of tablet, to find this feature.

In rare cases in Windows tablets, the lock/unlock option "disappears". Hopefully you will never encounter this, but here is the information just in case. This method is quite technical, but the good news is you cannot hurt anything by doing this: Go into the Device Manager, display the Sensors, then one by one right-click on them to disable/enable each. (If one is named "Invensense" you only need to do that one.) Make sure they are all enabled again. Now the normal lock/unlock option will be back where it should be.

7. How do I right-click on a Windows tablet when the keyboard is detached?

Hold, instead of tap, the icon or link. Let go when the menu pops up - it will show the usual right-click options.

8. How do I press Shift, Ctrl etc. on a Windows tablet when the keyboard is detached?

Tap the keyboard icon on the taskbar (bottom of screen). The keyboard will pop open. If it does not have all the special keys you need, do the following:

<u>Windows 8</u>: Charms > Settings > Change PC Settings > Typing > Touch keyboard <u>Windows 10</u>: Settings > Devices > Typing > Touch keyboard <u>Both</u>: Turn ON the option "Add the standard keyboard layout as a touch keyboard option"

Appendix – PDF readers

The ebooks on this site are in PDF format. There are many excellent free PDF reading apps. If you don't already have a favorite, here are some recommendations:

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