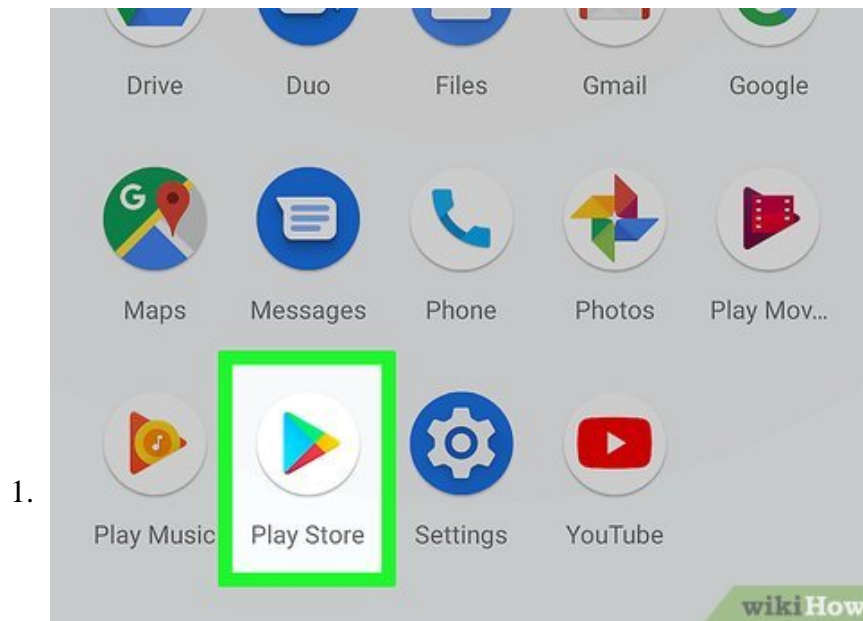


# How to Use the Google Play Store

This wikiHow teaches you how to use the Google Play Store to download apps, books, videos, movies, and TV shows. Any media you purchase from the Play Store will be available for listening, viewing, or reading through your Google account on...

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## Installing Android Apps

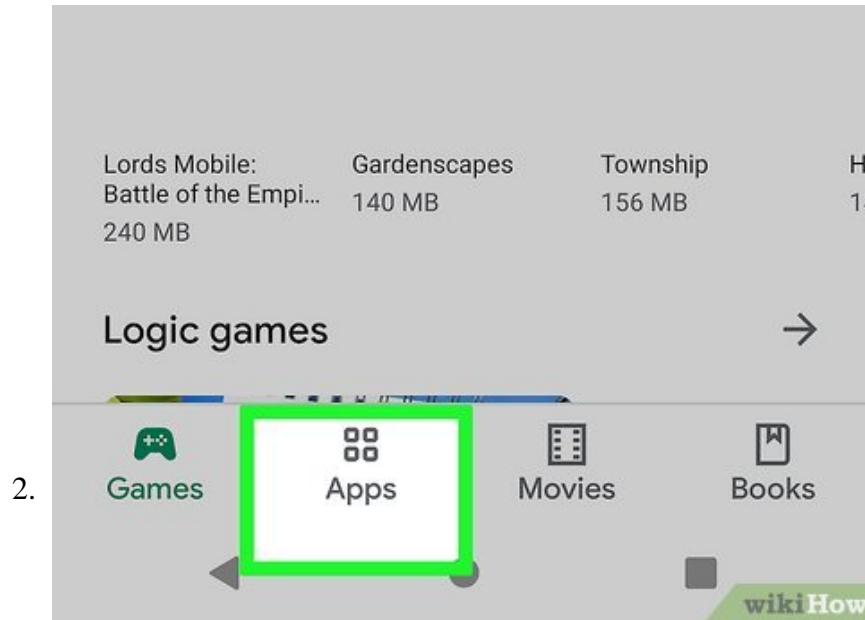


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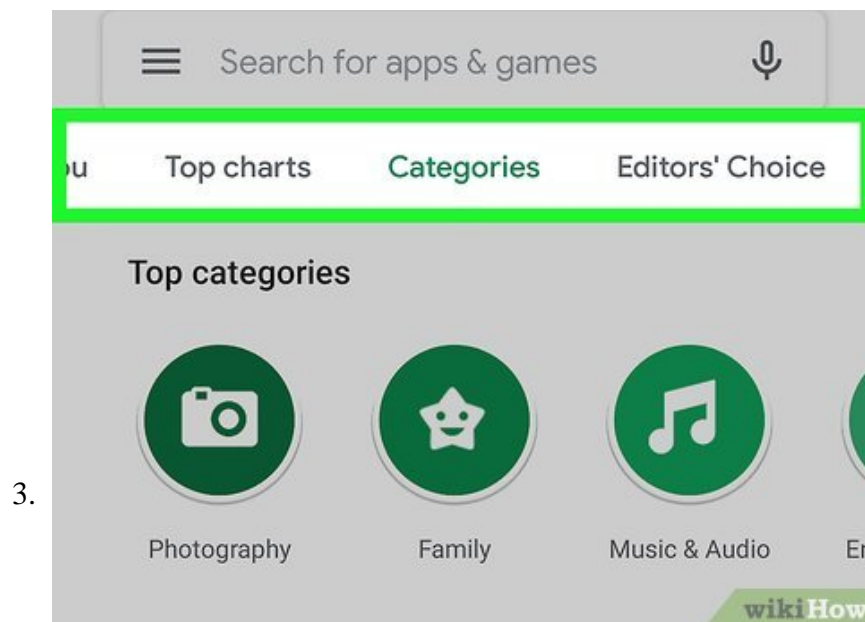
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. If you're using an Android phone or tablet, you'll find it in your app drawer. If you're using a computer, visit <https://play.google.com> in your web browser.

1. You can use the Play Store to download apps remotely to your Android from any computer. You'll just need to sign into the Play Store using the same Google account you use to sign into your Android. Tap the blue **Sign In** button at the top-right corner of the page to sign in if you haven't already done so.

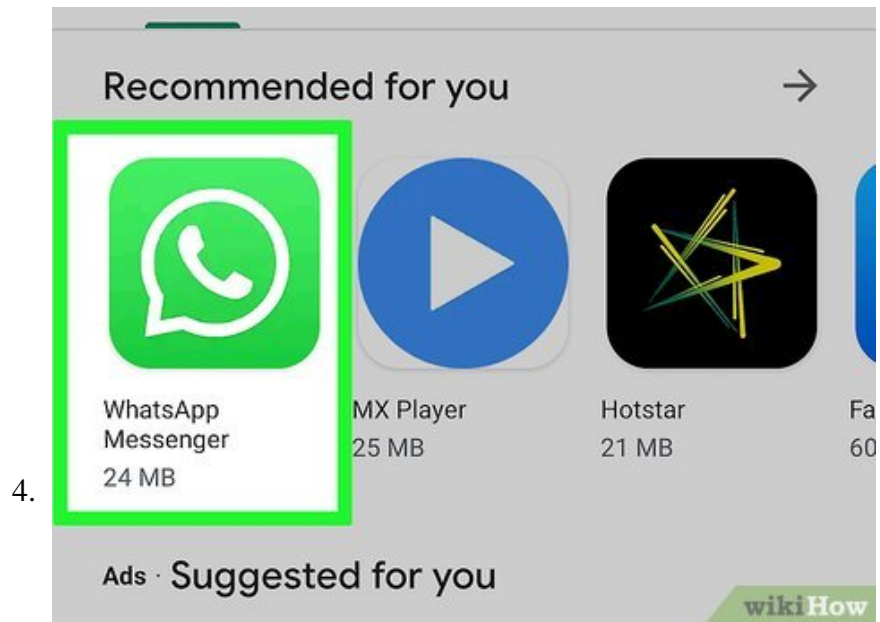


Tap the **APPS** menu. It's at the top of the screen on Android, and near the top-left corner of the page on a computer.

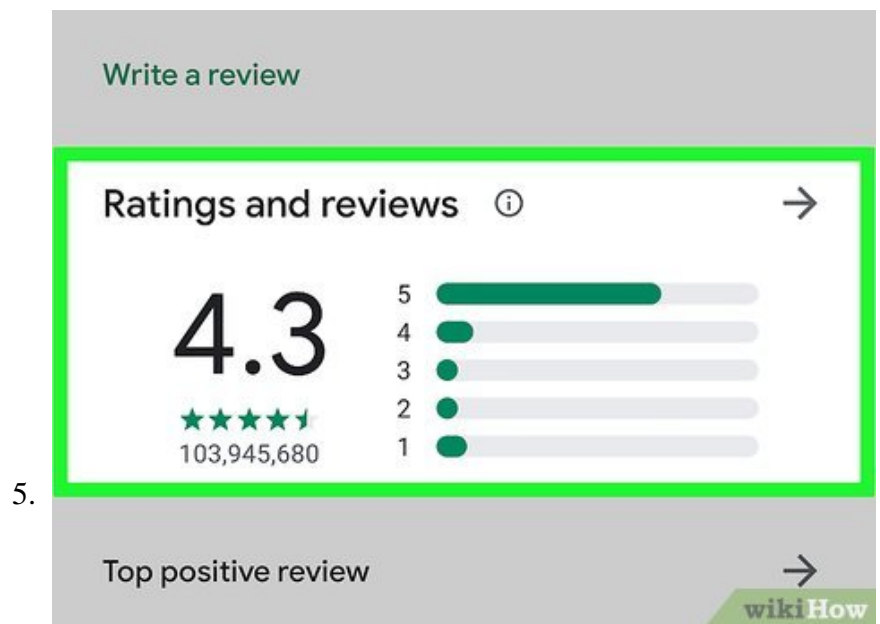


**Browse for an app to download.** There are a few different ways to check out available apps:

1. Tap or click **Categories** at the top of the screen to open a list of categories (e.g., Art & Design, Communication), and then select a category to browse.
2. Select **Top Charts** at the top of the screen to browse by what's popular.
3. To search for something, type an app's name or keyword into the "Search" bar at the top of the screen, and then tap the magnifying glass.



**Tap an app to learn more about it.** This page contains a summary of the app, its price (if it's not free), screenshots, and user ratings.



**Review all of the app's details before downloading.** Always thoroughly check out an app's details page before installing it on your phone or tablet. Scroll down to view the following:

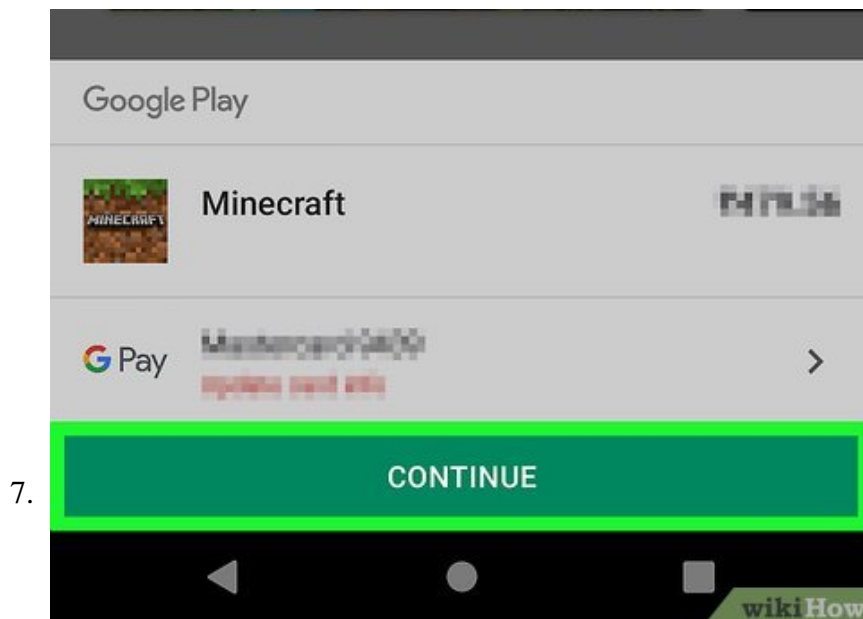
1. The name of the person or company who developed the app appears next to its icon at the top of the page.
2. If the app costs money, the price will appear on the green button near the top-right corner. If the app is free, the green button will say **INSTALL**.
3. Swipe across the screenshots (use the arrow icons if you're using a computer) to check out what the app looks like. Tap any screenshot to see a larger version.
4. Tap **READ MORE** after the description to view the entire write-up.

5. The app's ratings appear under the description. Below the star rating, you'll find the number of ratings and reviews for this app.
6. The first set of reviews appears at the bottom of the page. To see more reviews, tap **READ ALL REVIEWS** at the bottom to expand the full list.
7. The bottom of the page displays similar apps and other apps by this developer (if available). Tap any of the suggested apps to open its details page.



Tap **INSTALL** or the price to get the app. It's at the top of the app's details page (you may have to tap the back button if you've moved on to another screen).

1. If you're using a computer, you'll see a list of Androids associated with your Google account. Select the correct Android from the menu and click *INSTALL* to install the app.
2. If the app requires special permissions on your Android, a list of those permissions will appear. Click or tap **ACCEPT** if you want to install the app anyway.

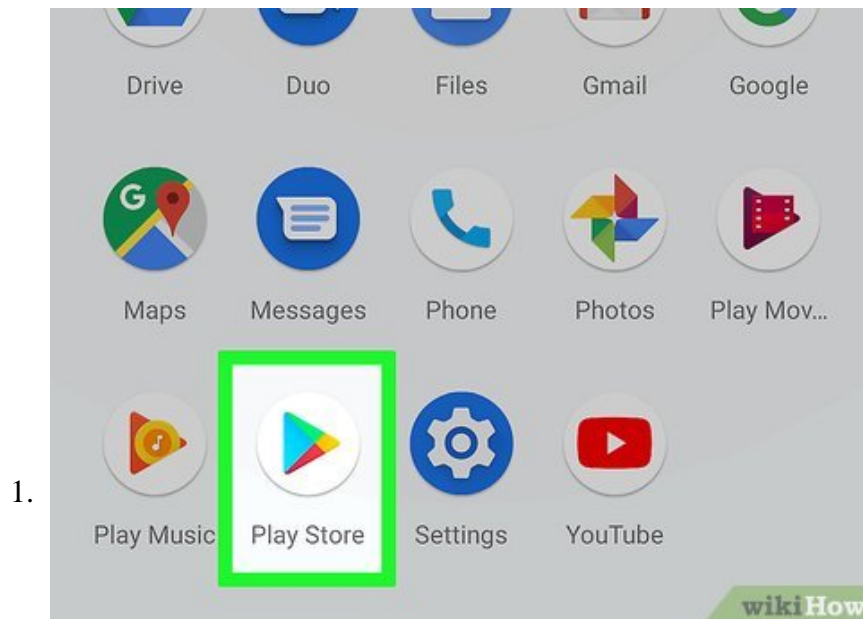


**Follow the on-screen instructions to install.** Once the app is installed, the app's icon will be added to your Android's app drawer. If you're using a computer, your Android will start downloading the app as soon as it connects to a Wi-Fi network.

1. If the app costs money, you'll be prompted to select a payment method (or enter a new one if you haven't yet done so). Once your payment is approved, the app will download to your Android.
2. If your Android requires you to confirm your download, enter your passcode (or use a biometric, such as a fingerprint) to confirm.

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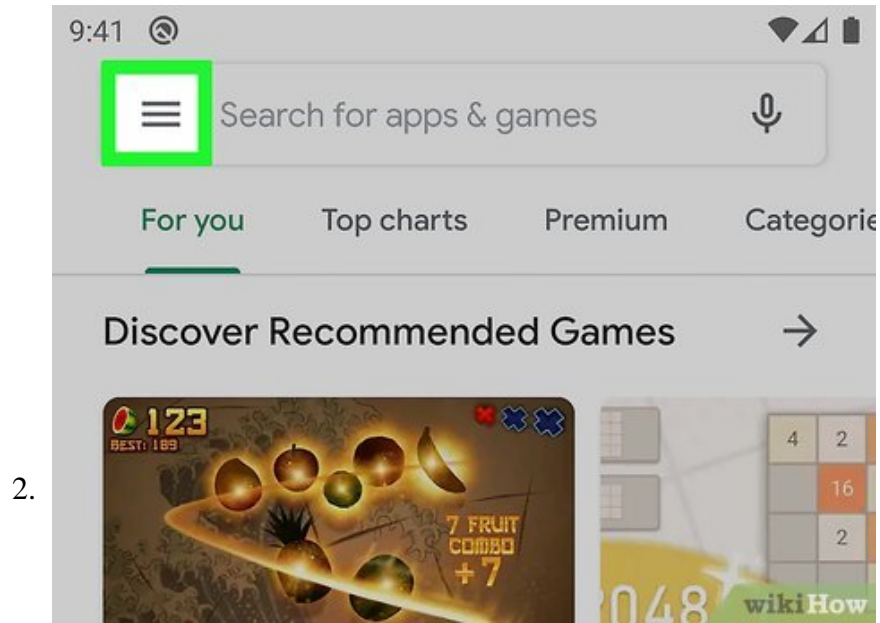
## Updating Android Apps



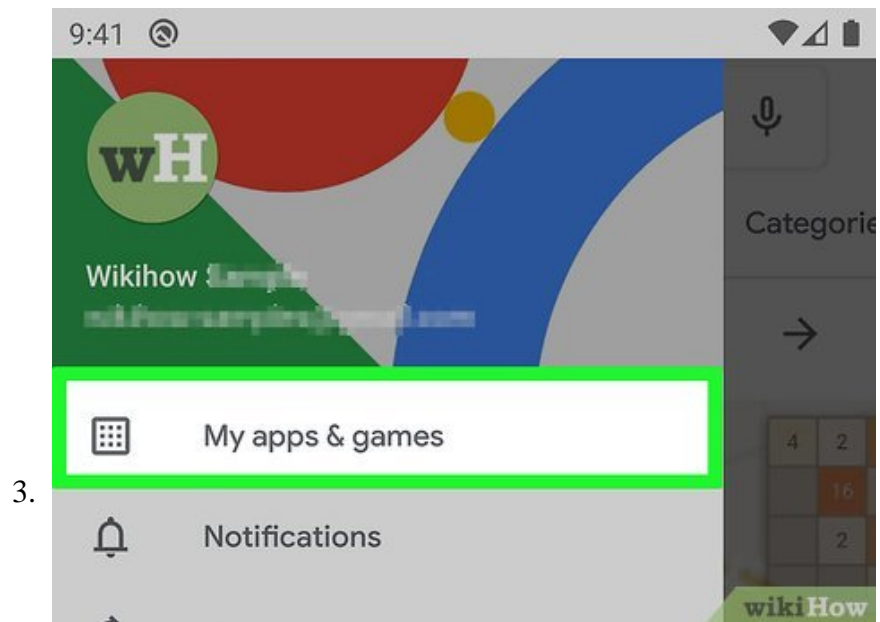
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- . You'll find this icon in your app drawer and possibly on the home screen.
  1. Most Androids are set up to install app updates automatically. You can enable or disable this feature per app or for all apps at once.<sup>[1]</sup> All of your app update preferences are controlled through the Play Store.

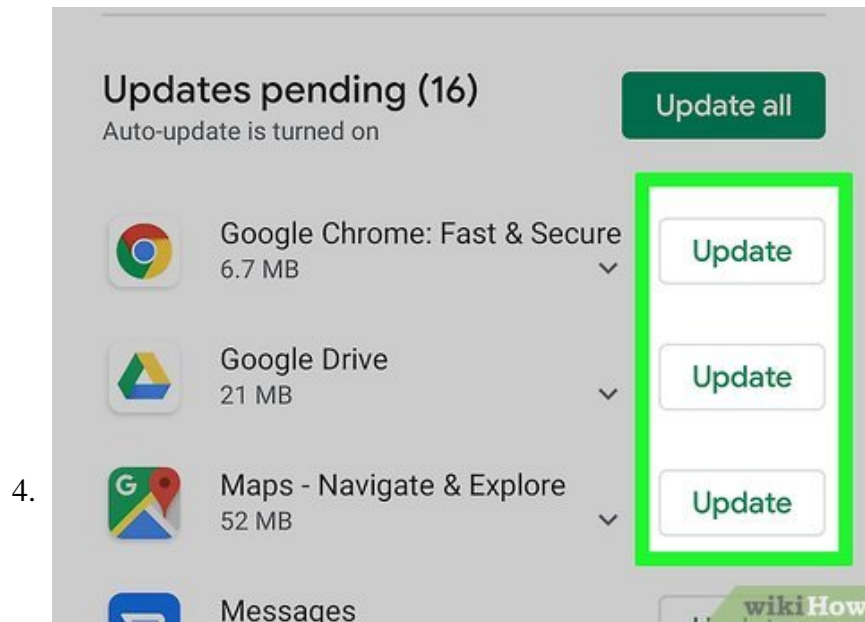


Tap the **☰** menu. It's at the top-left corner of the screen. A menu will expand.

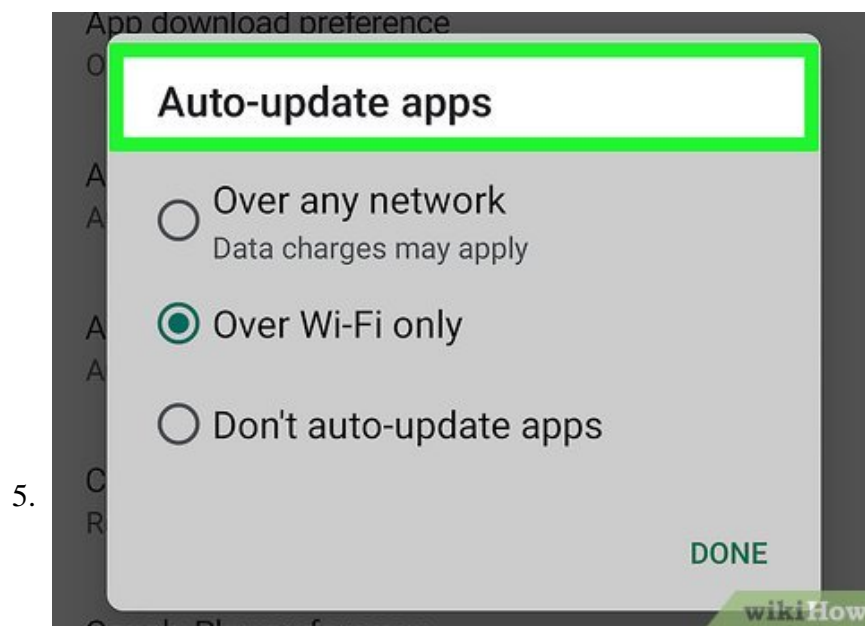


Tap **My apps & games**. It's at the top of the menu. This pulls up a list of apps that need to be updated. Each app has a corresponding button that says "UPDATE."

1. If no "UPDATE" buttons appear, your apps are all up-to-date.

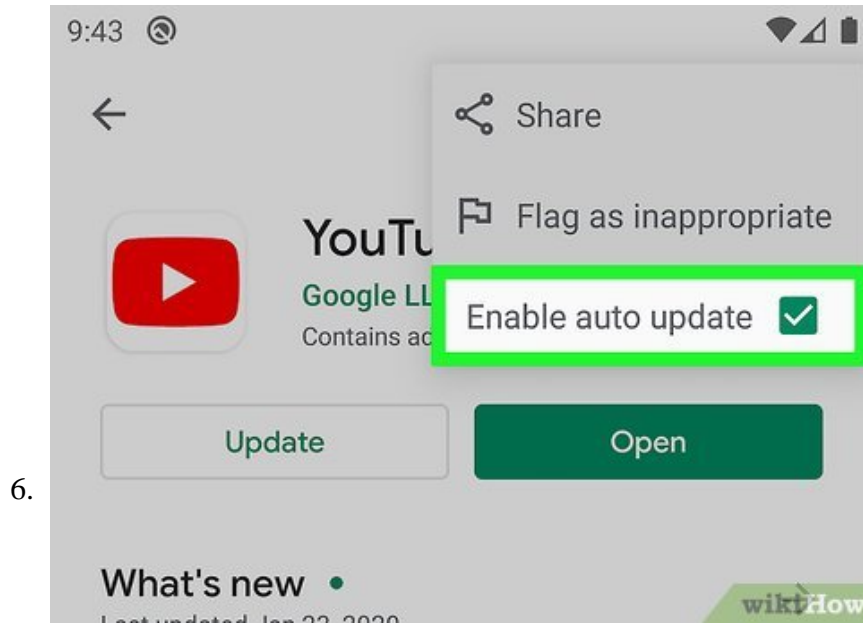


Tap **UPDATE** on an app to install the latest update. If you'd like to install all updates at once, tap the green **UPDATE ALL** button at the top-right corner of the list instead.



**Manage your automatic app update settings.** If you want to turn automatic updates on or off, you can do so from the main menu. Here's how:

1. Tap the back button to return to the main Play Store screen.
2. Tap the ? menu.
3. Scroll down and tap **Settings**.
4. Tap **Auto-update apps**.
5. If you don't want apps to update automatically, tap **Don't auto-update apps**. If you do want to allow automatic updates, select **Over Wi-Fi only** to preserve your data plan or **Over any network** if you don't mind using mobile data for app downloads.
6. Tap **DONE** to save your changes.

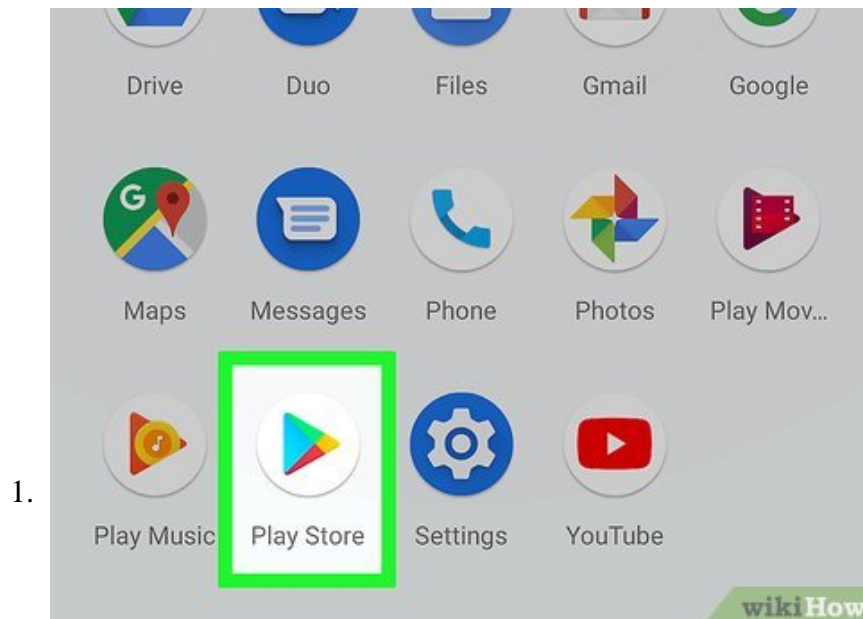


**Manage automatic updates for individual apps.** No matter whether you've enabled or disabled automatic updates in the Play Store, you can turn these updates on or off for specific apps. Here's how:

1. Return to the ? menu and tap **My apps & games**.
2. Tap **INSTALLED** at the top of the screen.
3. Tap an app to open its details page.
4. Tap the ? menu at the top-right corner of the screen.
5. Check the box to enable automatic updates or remove the check to disable them.

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## Buying Movies and TV Shows

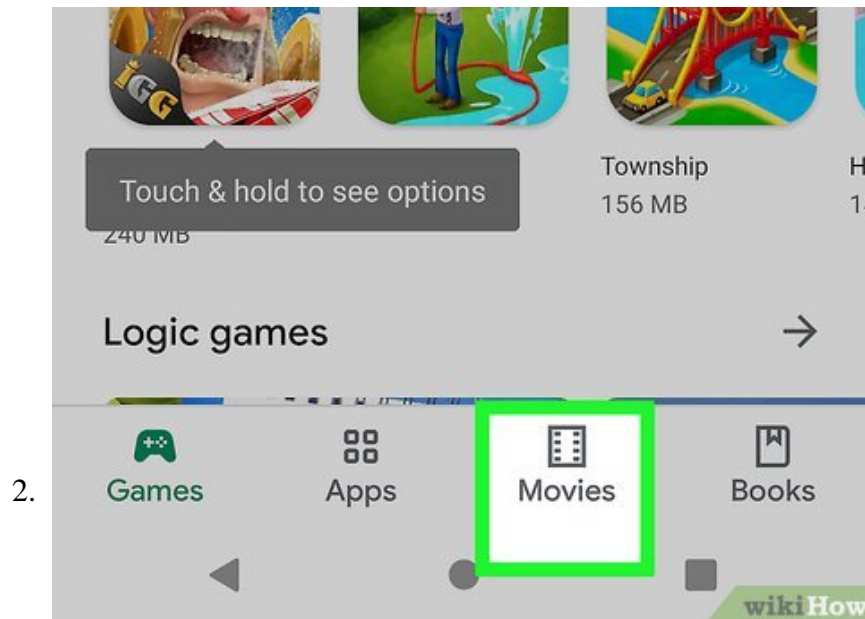


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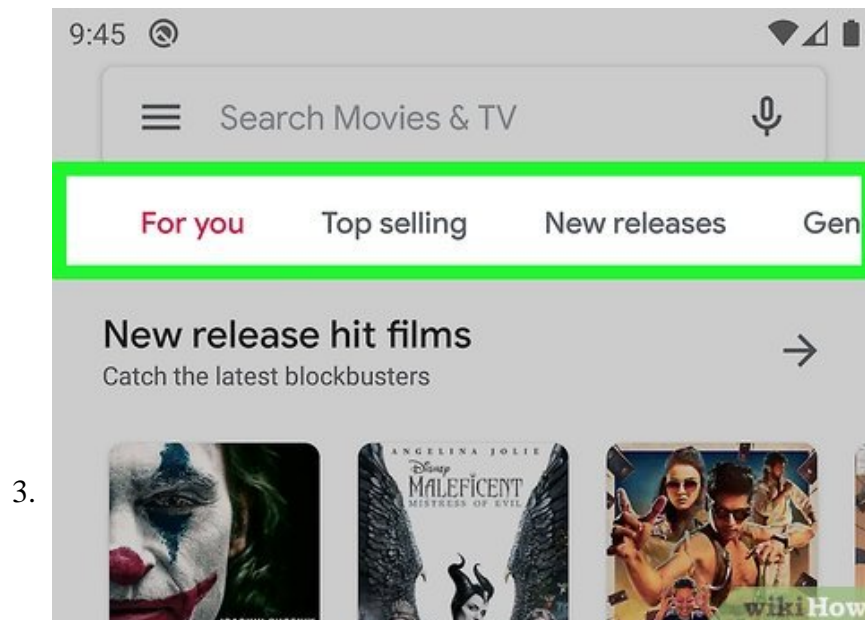
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. If you're using an Android phone or tablet, you'll find it in your app drawer. If you're using a computer, visit <https://play.google.com> in your web browser.

1. If you're using a computer and haven't yet signed in, click the **Sign In** link at the top-right corner of the page to sign in with your Google account.

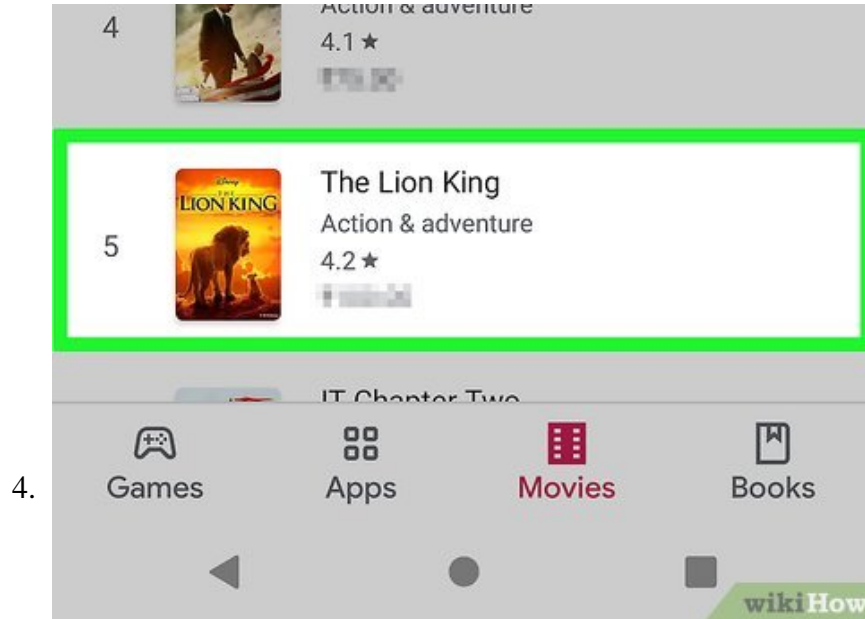


Tap **MOVIES & TV**. It's at the top of the screen on an Android, and in the left menu on a computer. This displays a list of movies and shows available for purchase.



**Browse for a movie or show.** You can search for something using the Search bar at the top of the screen, or browse using the category options just beneath it.

1. Tap the **Genres** category to browse by type of movie or show.
2. Tap **Top Charts** to see what's popular, and **New Releases** to see what's come out recently.

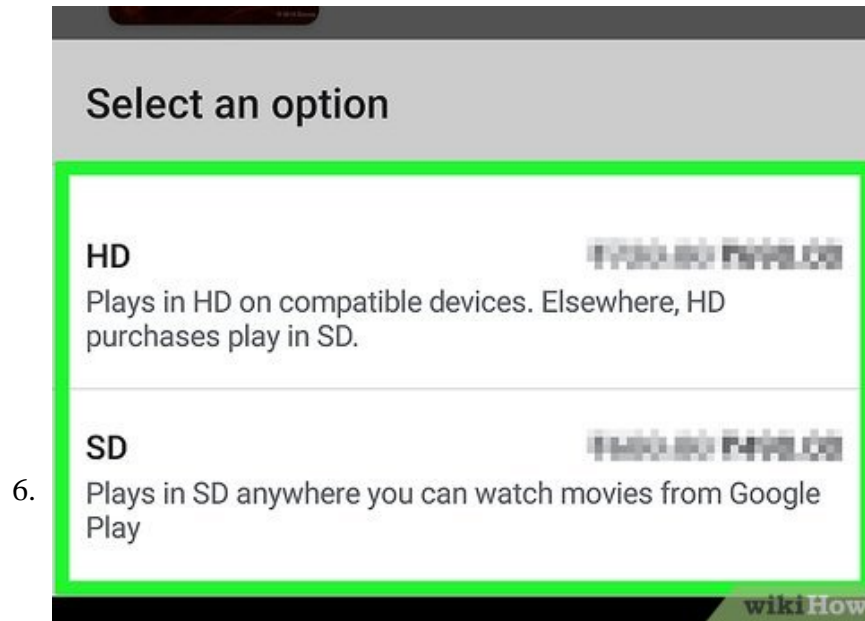


**Tap a movie or show to check out its details.** The details page provides all of the following:

1. The movie's purchase and/or rental price (if available). If you're looking at a TV show with many episodes available, you'll see the purchase price per episode, and sometimes the option to purchase the entire season.
2. A synopsis, ratings, and credits.
3. TV shows are organized by season. If the show you selected has more than one season, tap **Select a Season** near the top-right corner of the episode list to select a different season.
4. If a movie is available for rent, you'll find out the length of the rental by scrolling down to the bottom of the page.

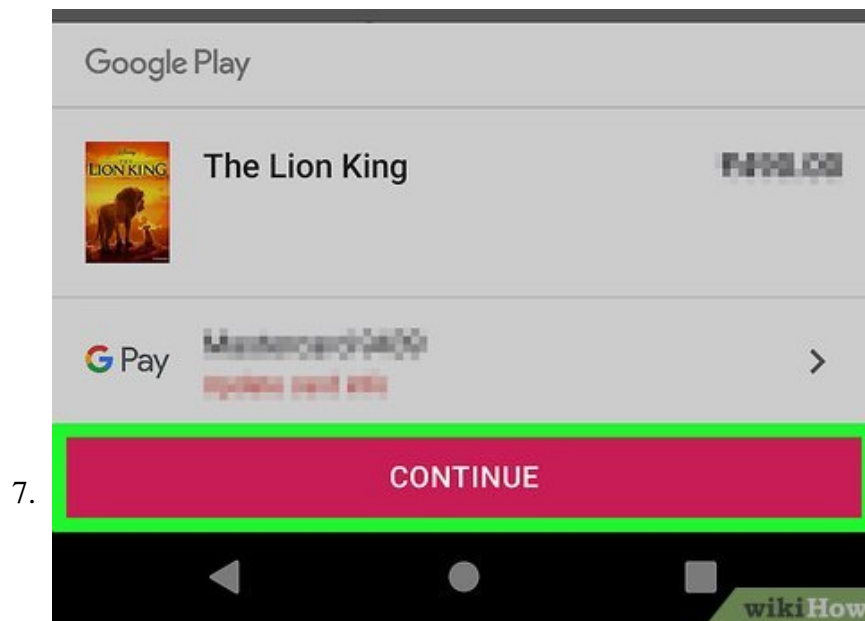


**Tap the price to buy or rent the video.** This should bring up a list of prices and formats for the selected video.

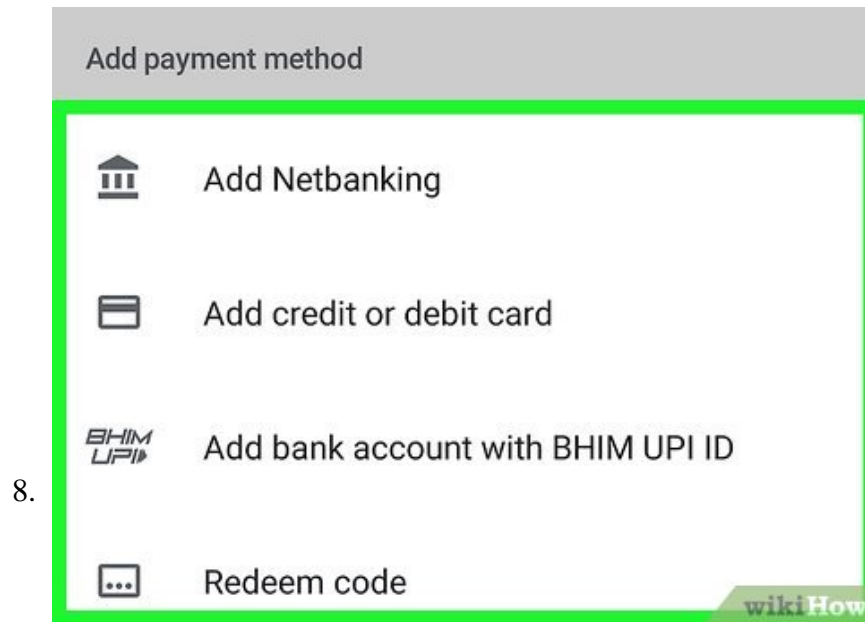


**Tap the price of the format you want to download.** The options vary by movie or TV show.

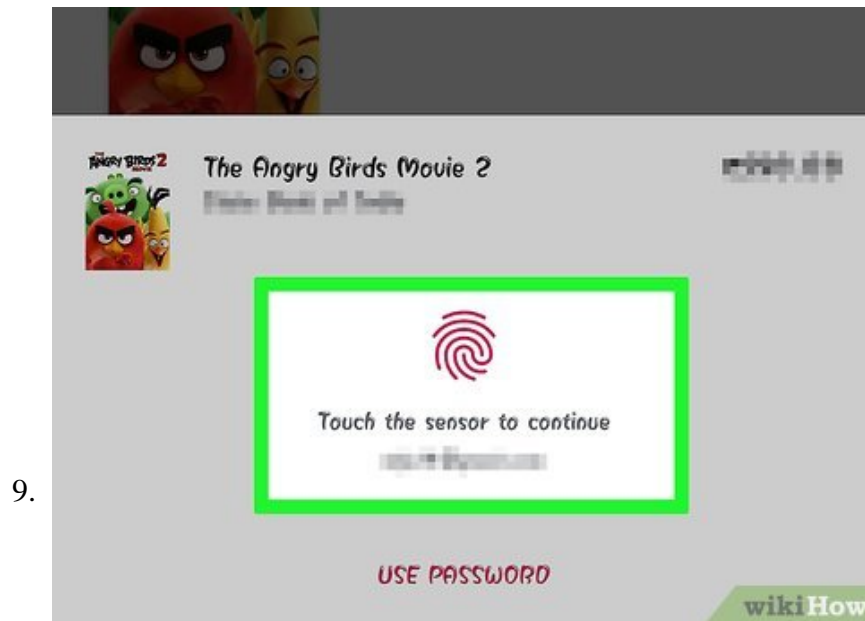
1. Some videos are available in HD format for a higher price. You'll be given the option to choose the higher format if it's available.
2. If the video you want to watch is available as a rental, you'll be shown the rental details (and a cheaper price) as an option.



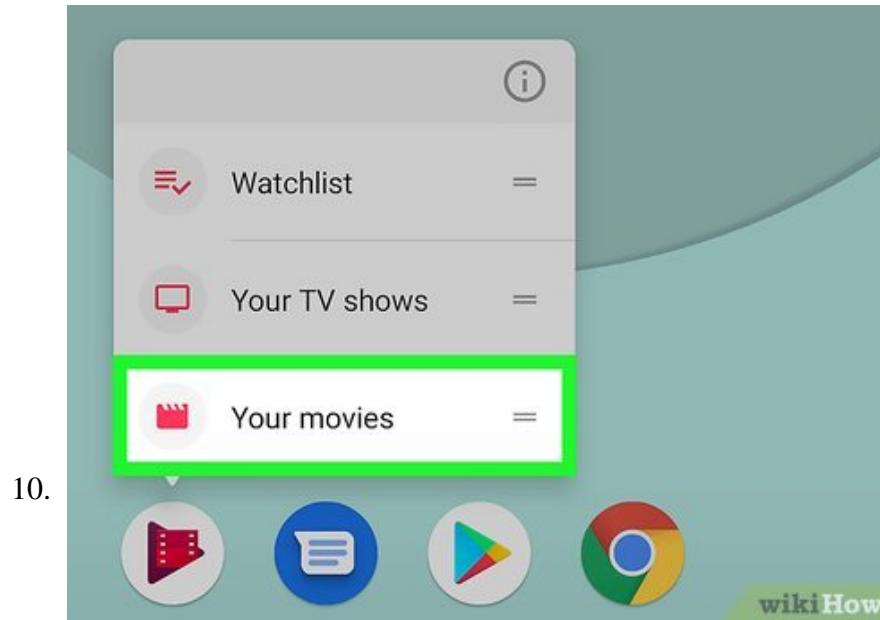
**Select a payment method and tap **Continue**.** If you haven't set up a payment method with Google Play, you'll see a message that says "Payment method needed."



**Add a new payment method.** If you haven't already done so, you'll be prompted to enter a payment method now. The options vary by region, but you'll often be able to add a debit card, credit card, or gift card code. Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your payment details.



**Confirm your purchase.** Once your payment method is confirmed, the movie or TV show you selected will be added to your Google Movies & TV library.

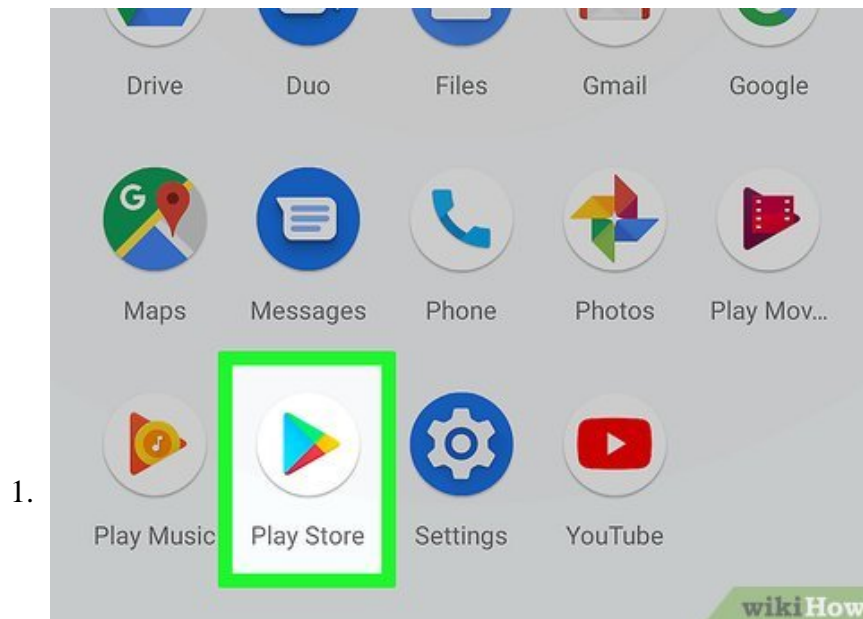


**Watch your movie or TV show.** Your rentals and purchases are available to watch anywhere you sign into Google Play.<sup>[2]</sup>

1. To watch your movie or show on an Android, open the **Play Movies & TV** app, which you'll usually find in the app drawer. If you can't find it, see the Installing Android Apps method to learn how to download it now.
2. If you're using a computer, you can watch your downloaded content by signing in to <https://play.google.com/movies> and clicking the title.

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## Buying Songs and Albums

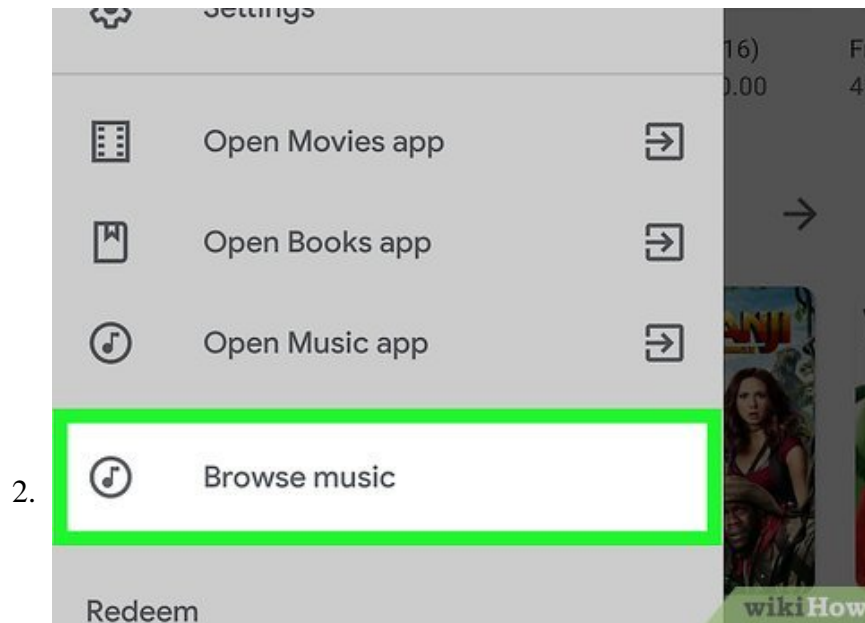


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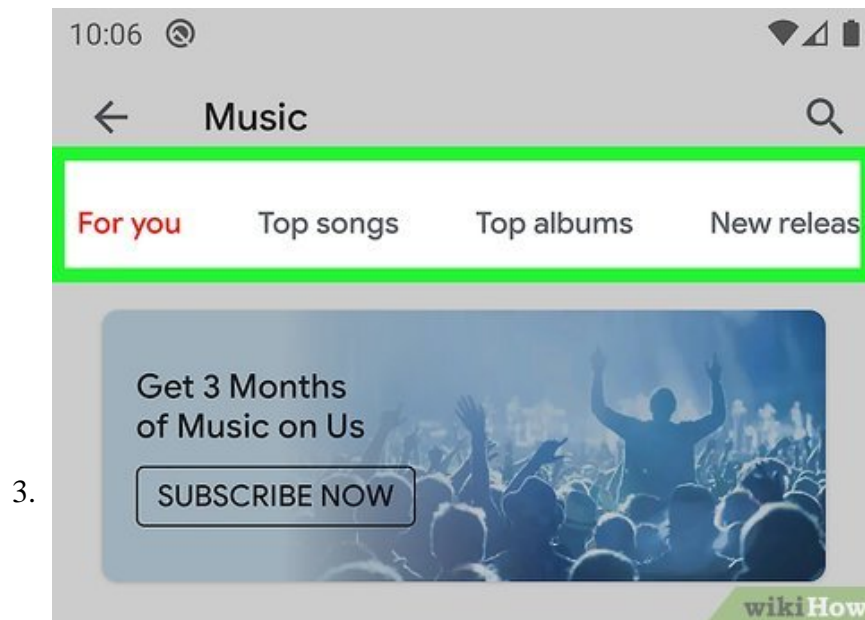
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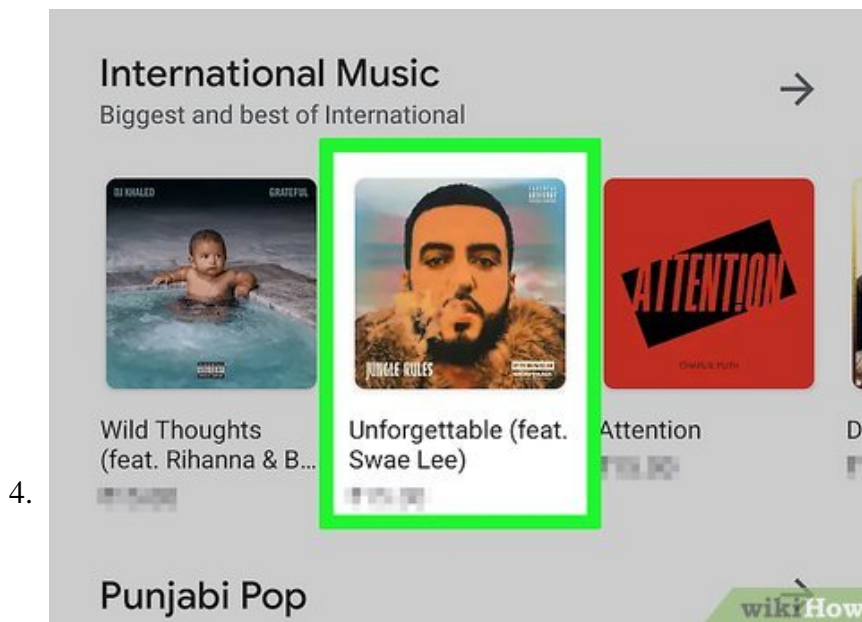
1. You can buy individual songs or albums for download from the Google Play Store on a computer, phone, or tablet. Your songs will be available in the **Play Music** app for Android and the Play Music web player at <https://play.google.com/music>.
2. A streaming subscription is also available for purchase. See [How to Stream Google Play Music on Android](#) to learn more.



Tap the **MUSIC** menu. It's at the top of the screen on an Android and in the left menu on a computer.



**Browse for music.** You can use the search bar at the top of the screen to search by artist, song title, or album name. If you prefer to browse, just scroll down to check out some recommendations, or tap **Genres** at the top of the screen to select a genre category.

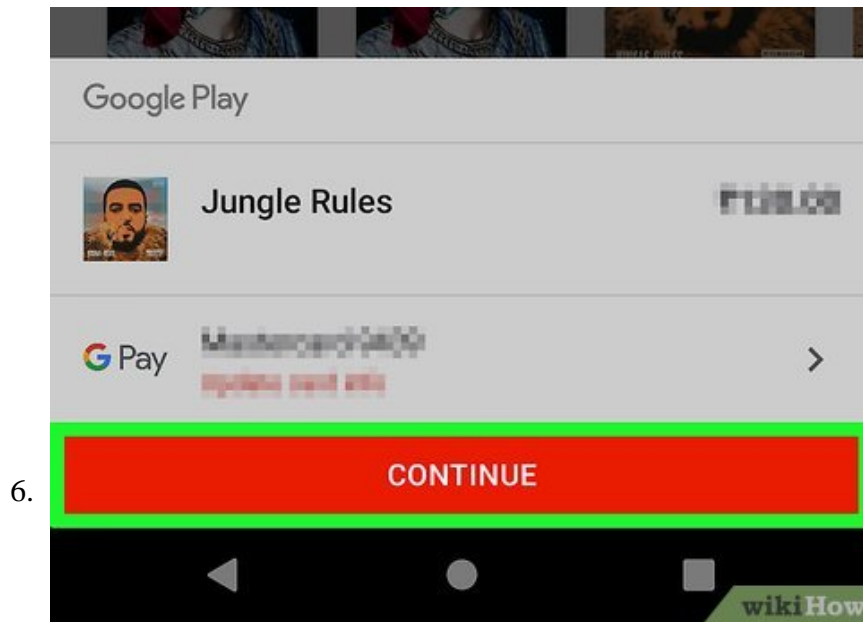


**Tap an album or song.** This is where you'll find reviews, a tracklist (if it's an album), and the price of purchase.

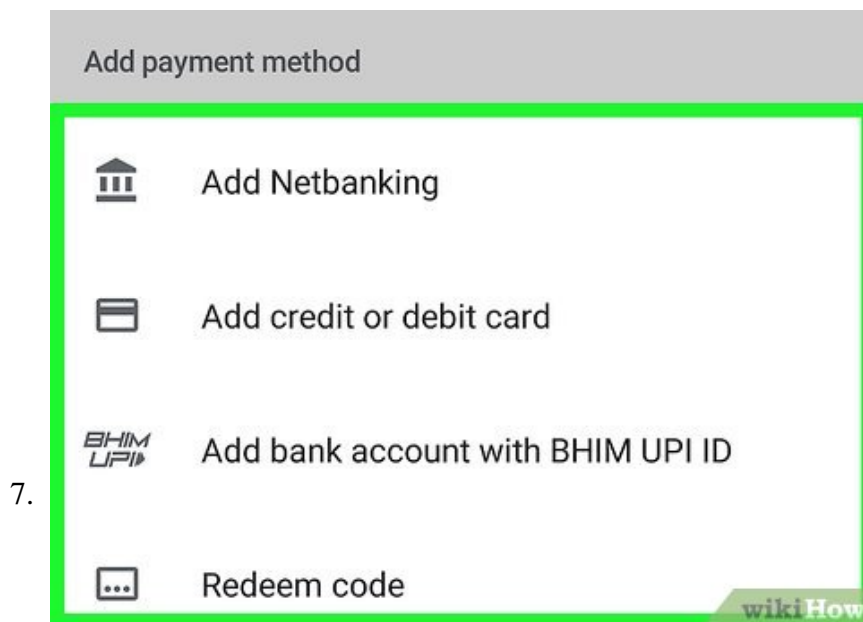
1. If you tap an album, you'll see a list of songs (and their individual prices) on the description page. The price for the full album is at the top of the page.



**Tap the price to make a purchase.** Now you'll be shown your payment options.

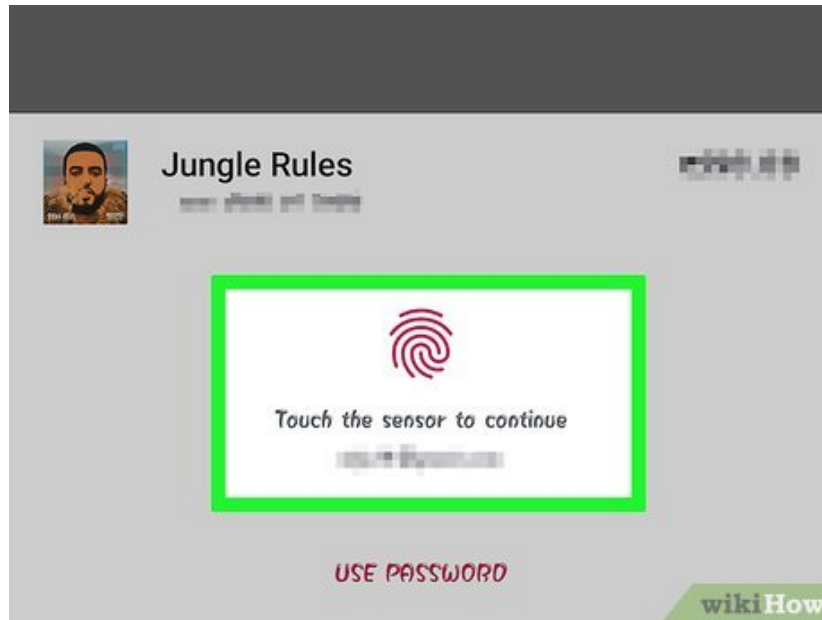


**Select a payment method and tap .** If you haven't set up a payment method with Google Play, you'll see a message that says "Payment method needed."



**Add a new payment method.** If you haven't already done so, you'll be prompted to enter a payment method now. The options vary by region, but you'll often be able to add a debit card, credit card, or gift card code. Follow the on-screen instructions to enter your payment details.

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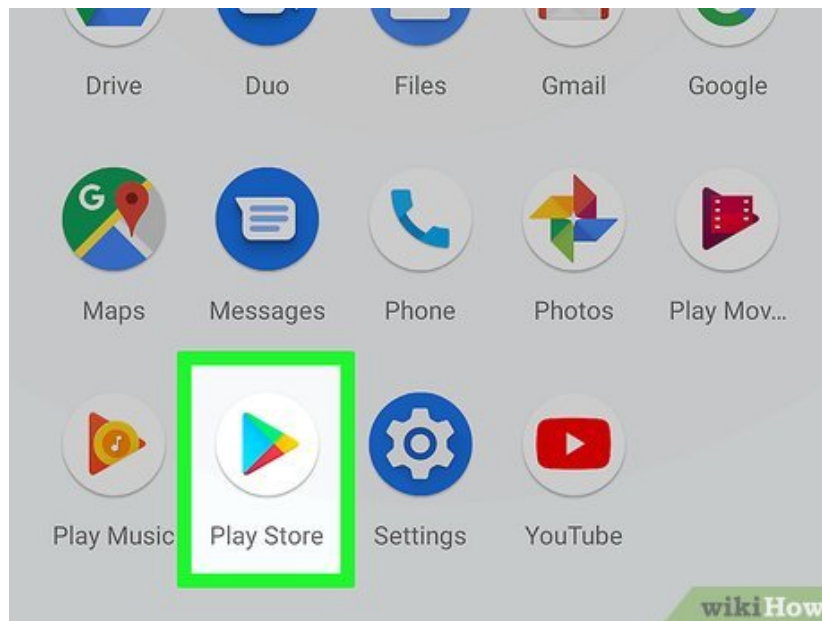


**Confirm your purchase.** Once your payment method is confirmed, the song or album you selected will be available for listening on Google Play Music.

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## Buying E-Books and Audiobooks

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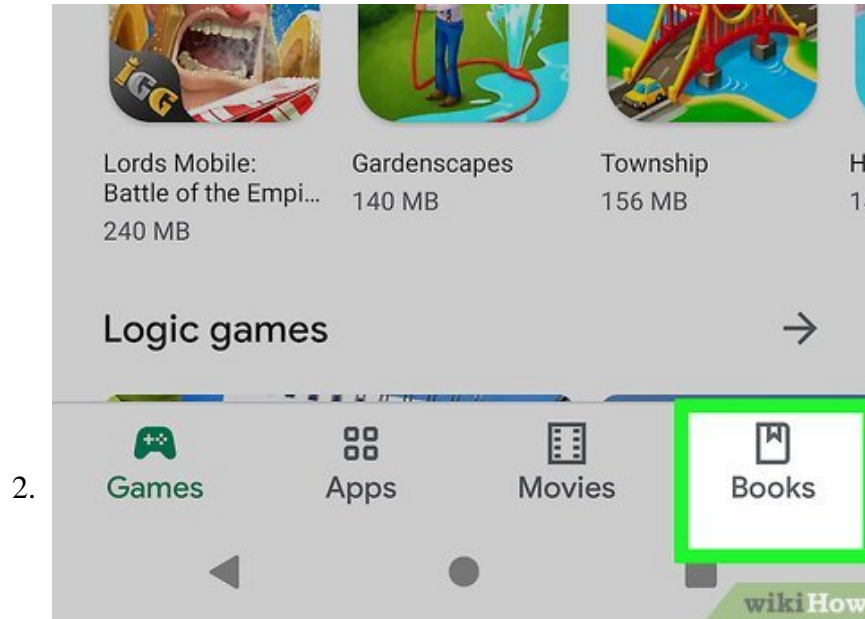
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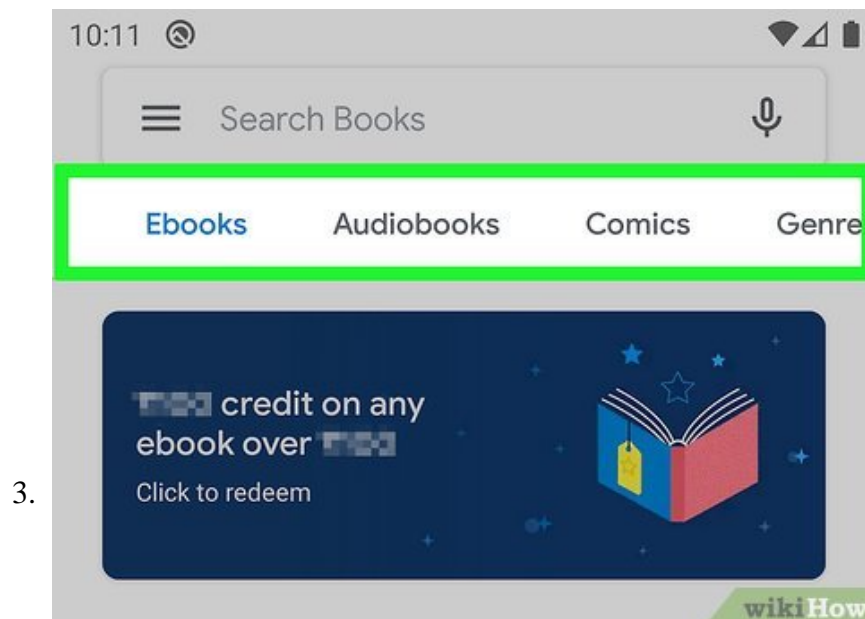
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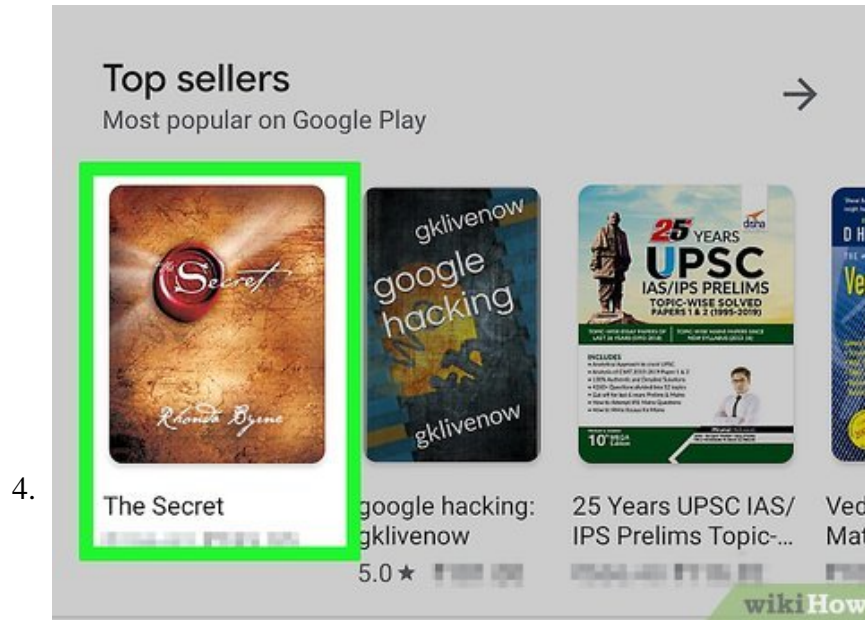
1. You'll be able to read the e-books you buy in the Play Books app for Android and/or by downloading them in the EPUB format to your computer.<sup>[3]</sup>
2. Depending on the book, you may be able to transfer the downloaded EPUB file from your computer to an e-reader such as a Kindle or Nook.
3. If you purchase an ebook, you can listen to it in the Play Books app or at <https://play.google.com/books> on a computer.



Tap the **BOOKS** menu. It's at the top of the screen on an Android and in the left menu on a computer.

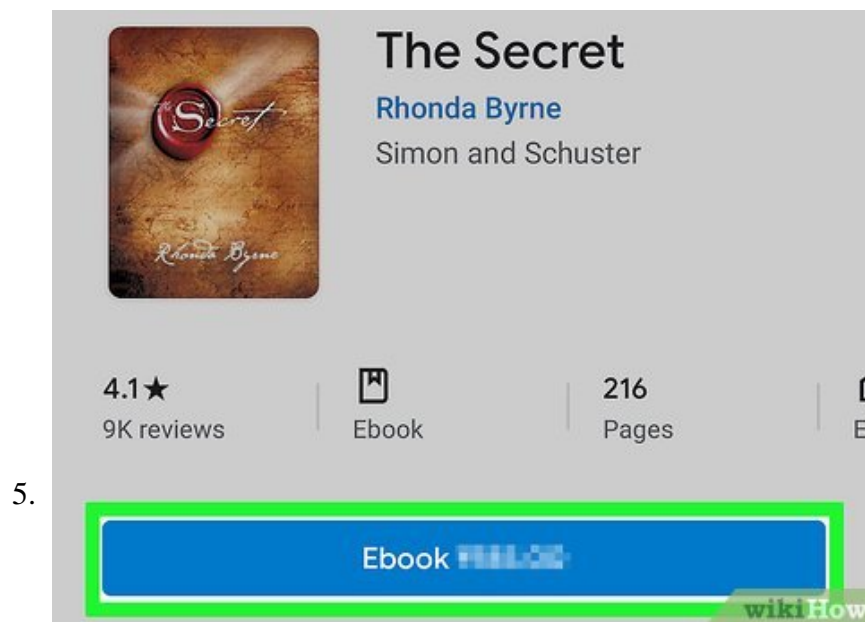


**Browse for a book.** You can use the search bar at the top of the screen to search by author, title, or topic. If you prefer to browse, just scroll down to check out some recommendations, or tap **Genres** at the top of the screen to select a genre category.

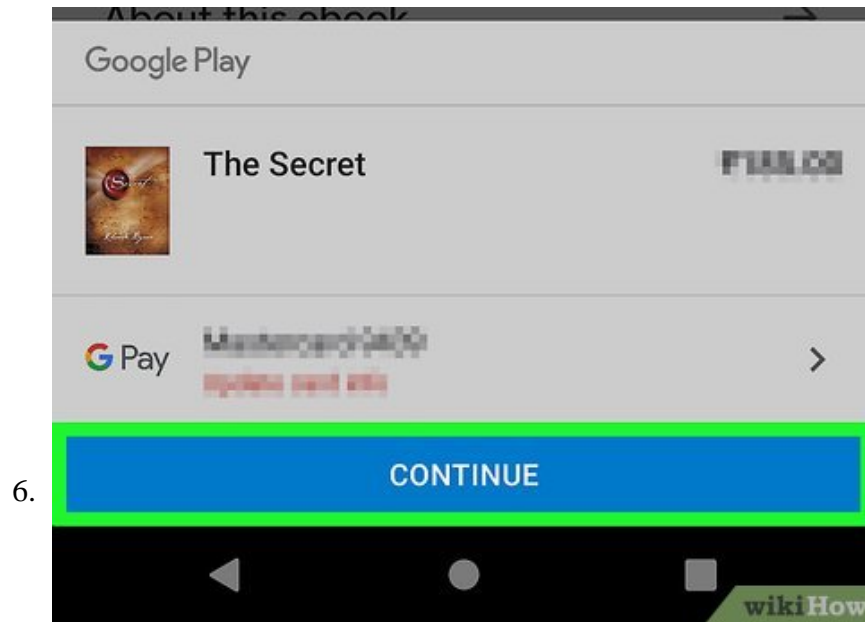


**Tap a book to learn more about it.** This is where you'll find the book's price, a synopsis, and some reviews (if available).

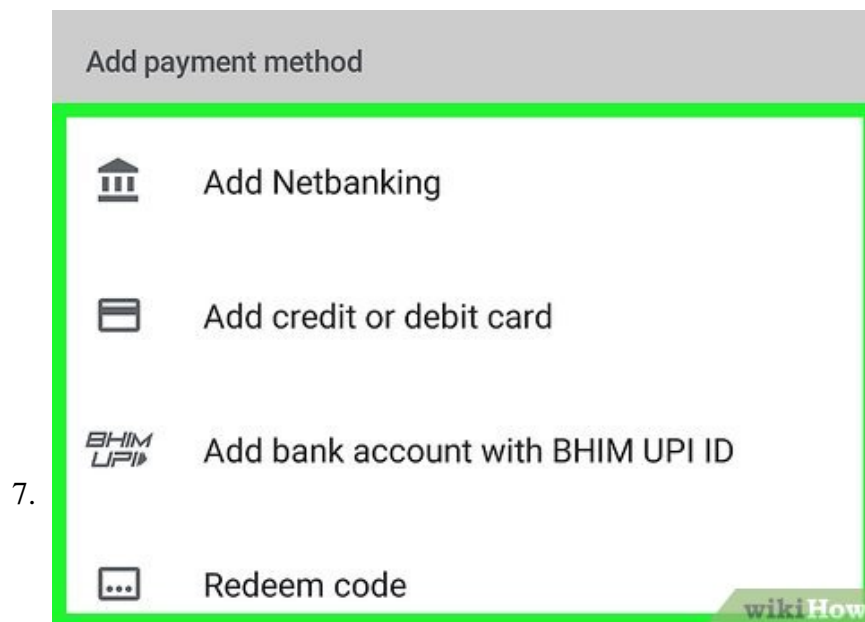
1. If the book you selected is available in another format, you can tap **SWITCH TO AUDIOBOOK** or **SWITCH TO EBOOK** to check out that format.



**Tap the price to make a purchase.** Now you'll be shown your payment options.

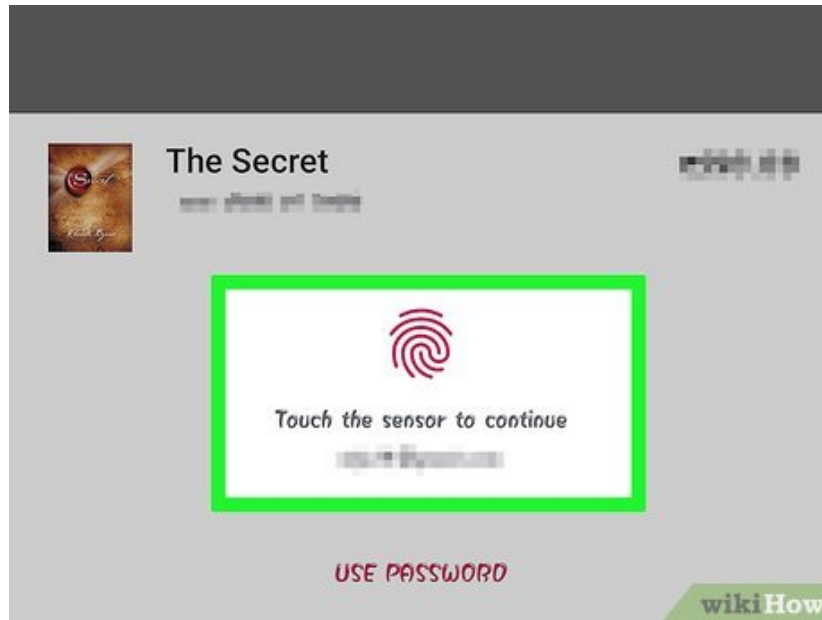


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**Confirm your purchase.** Once your payment method is confirmed, the book you bought will be added to your library.

1. To read or listen to the book on your Android, open the **Play Books** app in the app drawer, tap **Library** at the bottom of the screen, and then tap the book.<sup>[4]</sup>
2. To read or listen to your book on a computer, visit <https://play.google.com/books> and click the book's cover. You can download the file by tapping the three-dot ? menu on the book's details page and selecting **Download EPUB**.<sup>[5]</sup>

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