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How do I get the Freading App on the Kindle Fire?

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1. Go to the settings on the Kindle Fire (it is the bicycle gear icon at the top) and go to “device”. Turn on the switch for allowing unknown applications.
2. Go to the browser on your Kindle Fire and type in m.getjar.com.
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4. After downloading, you will be able to read and navigate the book in the Freading app.

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