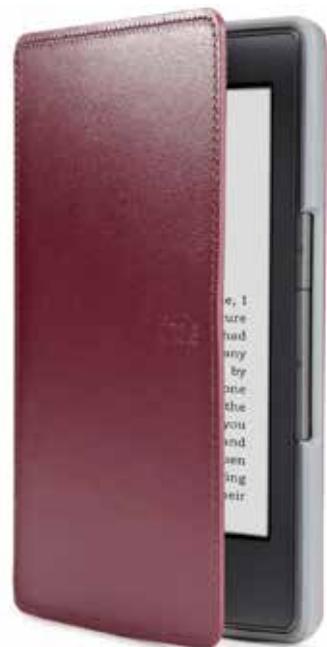


Kindle Accessories

Give your new e-reader some protection or maybe just add a touch of visual flair with these great accessories...



Amazon Kindle Leather Cover

£30.99 • www.amazon.co.uk

The cheapest Kindle that Amazon sells at the moment will set you back nearly £80. That's a fairly hefty investment, so it makes sense to protect it with a cover. This official product is available for the regular Kindle and the Touch, and it comes in a range of different colours. As well-made and attractive as these covers are, though, some might reasonably balk at the price. If you want to go down the official route, though, you might think it's worth it.



Amazon Kindle Lighted Leather

£44.99 for Kindle 4 • www.amazon.co.uk

If you're a fan of reading in the dark, then getting a light to attach to your Kindle makes sense. It also makes sense to have it combined into the cover, which is what you get with this official product. Unfortunately, though, it's hideously expensive, and reviews of the Touch version haven't been particularly favourable. Again, though, it's worth considering what Amazon itself has to offer before looking at alternatives.



Amazon Kindle Zip Sleeve

£24.99 • www.amazon.co.uk

Another official product, this is a zip-up bag of sorts, which will provide a nice, soft, cosy place for your reader to stay in when it's not being used. Again, it's not exactly cheap and it probably wouldn't be ideal for everyday use, because it's not as quickly accessible as a case with a flip-open cover. For transporting your Kindle in a bag or briefcase, however, it's a reasonable solution.



Inno-In EcoLeather Protective Cover Case With Night Reading Light

£14 • www.play.com

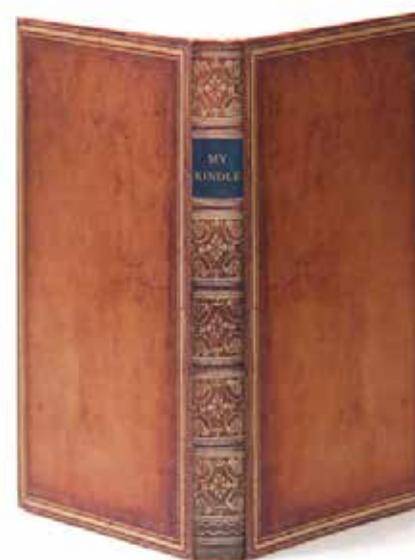
Here's a perfect example of what you can get if you opt for a third-party cover. This product, designed for the fourth generation Kindle, comes with a light built in. When it's closed, you can use the simple, black elastic band to keep it shut, and there's also a leather strap, should you want to swing your e-reader about a bit as you walk - very dandy indeed. A good cover at a great price.



Tuff Luv Cases

£ Various • www.tuff-luv.com

When it comes to cases, Tuff Luv has it all covered: smartphones, tablets, laptops, handheld games consoles, MP3 players, digital cameras and, of course, e-readers. Pretty much every Kindle made is catered for by a range of covers and stands in a variety of colours and materials. The prices vary, of course, but they all compare very favourably to Amazon's own products.



KleverCase Amazon Kindle Case - My Kindle

£24.95 • www.gearzap.com

There are tons of covers on sale at GearZap for a huge number of different devices, but it's the Kindle ones we're interested in, of course. And this one really caught our eye. It makes your fancy electronic book reader look like an old-fashioned hardback. There are a couple of different versions in various colours if this brown isn't to your taste. There are similar covers from other companies on GearZap, but this is a bit cheaper and looks just as good.

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DecalGirl

£17.99 • www.decalgirl.com

Although this site is based in America and all the prices are in dollars, you can get its fine range of Kindle skins from Amazon.co.uk. Covering a variety of different artistic styles, there are some truly fantastic designs. We'd probably steer clear of the garish zebra print and the big blue, fantasy-inspired dragon, but other than that, they really do look good.



7dayshop Kindle Desktop USB Charging Dock

£9.99 for Kindle 4, £8.99 for Kindle Keyboard, £12.39 for Kindle Fire • www.7dayshop.com

Having somewhere to rest your Kindle is all well and good, but what's even better is if it's charging the battery at the same time. That's what a dock offers you, as well as a simple connection to your computer. These docks from 7dayshop are very well priced, and it's a shame there's currently no Kindle Touch option (it's possible one of these might work, but check with 7dayshop first).



BoxWave Bamboo Amazon Kindle Keyboard Stand

£14.70 • www.amazon.co.uk

This simple wooden stand provides a very elegant place for you to rest your Kindle when you're not using it or even when you're reading it if you want to give your hand a break. Although it says it's for the Keyboard, it seems likely it should work with other Kindles.



Wrappz.com

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For that really personal touch, you can get yourself a custom skin or case. Whether you want to customise your games console, MP3 player, smartphone, Sky TV box or, er... your hockey stick, you simply upload an image (or choose one provided by the site), drag the image onto the relevant template, scale and rotate, add text and then order it. Currently, there's no option for Kindle Touch, but that will probably be added soon.



Mighty Bright MiniFlex Clip-On Reading Light For Kindle

£13.50 • www.amazon.co.uk

If you already have a cover for your Kindle and therefore don't want one with an integrated light, this simple clip-on bulb will provide all the illumination you'll need. It's cheap, easy to use, and has a large number of positive reviews on Amazon's website. It requires two small lithium batteries (included), from which you'll get 24 hours of light.



Verso Rechargeable Wrap Light For E-Readers

£34.99 • www.amazon.co.uk

Available in black or white, you'll only get 15 hours of light out of this, but it has one key advantage: it's rechargeable. If only it wasn't quite so expensive. Still, it might be worth considering if you're an avid night-time reader, and you might be able to get it at a better price if you look around.



Official Kindle Power Adaptor

£12.99 • www.amazon.co.uk

If you already own a Kindle, you'll know it came with a data cable but no mains charger. However, Amazon will sell you this one for a ludicrously high price. All you really need is a USB mains charger, which can be picked up in Argos or Wilkinson for a fiver or for £1.05 from www.everydaysource.com. If you own a smartphone, in fact, you probably have a charger already.



iLuv Dual USB Car Charger

£19.99 • www.iluv.co.uk

As you can guess from its name, iLuv has made a business out of selling accessories for Apple's range of smartphones and tablets. However, it also has a few Kindle products, and its USB chargers are compatible with Kindles too. This is the most expensive car charger it sells, but it has two USB ports and a handy swivelling head. If you want a bargain, though, the basic one-port iLuv car charger is (at the time of writing) on sale for £2.99.

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AmazonBasics USB Cable 2.0 A-Male to B-Micro 6 Feet / 1.8m

£4.99 (www.amazon.co.uk)

Although you can pick up micro-USB cables for less than a pound, they might not be as reliable as more expensive alternatives. We wouldn't recommend forking out £8.99 for the official Kindle data lead, but a good compromise between price and quality might be this cable from the AmazonBasics range. That said, the cheaper options shouldn't be discounted, because at such low prices, you have little to lose.



Retractable Earphones

£Various • www.amazon.co.uk

If you're going to be listening to audiobooks on the move, it might make sense to get some retractable earphones. Prices vary, but they're all generally cheap. They're also generally a bit rubbish in terms of build quality, and they're certainly not good enough for music. However, when you can get them for as little as £1.72, then they're probably a fair deal.



iLuv Portable USB Rechargeable Battery Kit With Mini USB Cable

£24.99 • www.iluv.co.uk

If you're nowhere near a mains socket or your car, then a USB battery can be a lifesaver. Compatible with just about anything that charges via USB, this rechargeable battery pack will give you a useful power supply on the move. At its normal price it's a pretty good deal, but at the time of writing iLuv has it on sale for a mere £9.99.



Philips PC Gear Retractable 1m USB 2.0 Extension Cable

£2.90 • www.amazon.co.uk

If you're travelling with your Kindle, then you probably don't want to have a long, messy cable in your bag. This retractable cable comes with a selection of removable USB connectors, so you can use it with devices other than your Kindle. And considering it's from such a well-known and reliable brand, it's price isn't too bad either.



TKNO Clear Screen Protector With Cleaning Cloth For Kindle 4

£0.99 • www.play.com

It's really quite astonishing how much some companies charge for what is basically a big piece of sticky tape. Obviously there are varying degrees of quality, but £12 for a screen protector (according to Google Shopping) is a just a bit too steep. Going down the cheap and cheerful route is this one from TKNO. Frankly, this is how much all screen protectors should cost.



Hama AluLine Compact 3.5mm Audio Jack Splitter Cable

£9.95 • www.mobilefun.co.uk

Reading, naturally, is a solitary pursuit; trying to share a book doesn't work because people read at different speeds. However, with audiobooks or text-to-speech, that's not such a problem. The Kindle already comes with a speaker, but if you want to share an audiobook with a loved one without disturbing anyone else, this could be the perfect solution.



Vocal In-Ear Audiobook Earphones - Engineered for Kindle 2 Text-to-Speech, Voice and Audio Drama

£5 • www.amazon.co.uk

Considering that the Kindle range uses a standard 3.5mm jack, the idea of Kindle-specific earphones seems ridiculous, but it's possible they could be optimised for speech, omitting heavy bass support. Regardless, for a fiver, it's worth the gamble.



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