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* Built in Apps
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* Holds up to 1,000 books
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|  | **nook/nook color** | **Sony Reader(Pocket/Touch Daily Edition)** | **iPad** | **Borders Kobo Wireless eReader** |
| **capacity** | 2GB/1,500 books(expandable) | 2GB/1,200 books32GB (Touch /Daily Edition expandable) | 16GB-64GB | 1GB/up to 1,000 books (up to 4GB expandable) |
| **color** | 16 shades gray/16 million colors | 8/16 shades gray | yes | 8 shades gray |
| **connectivity** | WiFi/3G(WiFi only on color) | 3G | WiFi/3G | WiFi |
| **cost** | $149 WiFi only, $199 WiFi & 3G/$249 nook color, WiFi only | $129-$349 | $499-$829 | $99 (as of 2/8/11) |
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| **games** | limited | no | yes | no |
| **multimedia** | audio +images | imagesaudio (touch edition) | audio +video | no |
| **screen size** | 6”- 7” | 5”- 7” | 9”  | 6” |
| **third-party Apps** | yes | no | App Store | no |
| **Web browser** | yes | no | yes | no |

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<http://www.sonystyle.com/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/ContentDisplayView?hideHeaderFooter=false&storeId=10151&catalogId=10551&langId=-1&cmsId=reader_kindle_comparison>

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