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Version 4.01

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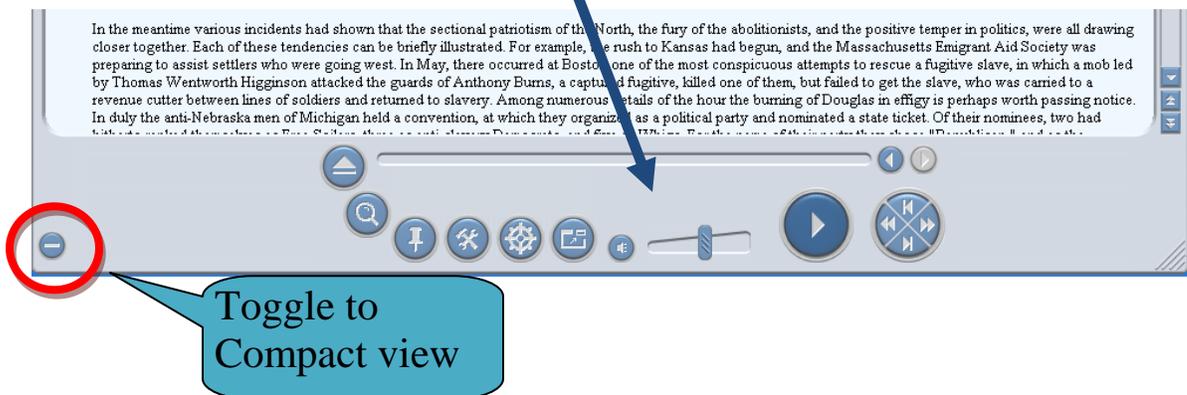
1 Quick-Start Guide

1.1 Views

1.1.1   Standard Tools View

In the meantime various incidents had shown that the sectional patriotism of the North, the fury of the abolitionists, and the positive temper in politics, were all drawing closer together. Each of these tendencies can be briefly illustrated. For example, the rush to Kansas had begun, and the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society was preparing to assist settlers who were going west. In May, there occurred at Boston one of the most conspicuous attempts to rescue a fugitive slave, in which a mob led by Thomas Wentworth Higginson attacked the guards of Anthony Burns, a captured fugitive, killed one of them, but failed to get the slave, who was carried to a revenue cutter between lines of soldiers and returned to slavery. Among numerous details of the hour the burning of Douglas in effigy is perhaps worth passing notice. In duly the anti-Nebraska men of Michigan held a convention, at which they organized as a political party and nominated a state ticket. Of their nominees, two had

Toggle to Compact view

1.1.2   Compact Tools View

was in his eyes as he glanced back at them.

The youth's friend went over the obstruction in a tumbling heap and sprang at the flag as a panther at prey. He pulled at it and, wrench- ing it free, swung up its red brilliancy with a mad cry of exultation even as the color bearer, gasping, lurched over in a final throe and, stiff- ening convulsively, turned his dead face to the ground. There was much blood upon the grass blades.

At the place of success there began more wild clamorings of cheers. The men gesticulated and bellowed in an ecstasy. When they spoke it was as if they considered their listener to be a mile away. What hats and caps were left to them they often slung high in the air.

Toggle to Standard view
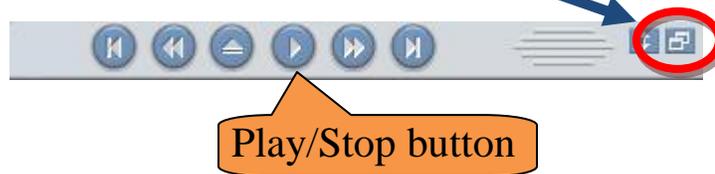
1.1.3   Mini-Player View (no text window)

In the toolbar, use the **Mini-Player tool** (shown at right) to close the program window and open the small **Mini-Player View bar** (shown below). **Start/stop** and a few navigation control arrows are available in the Mini-Player. To return to the program window, use the **Restore** button here.

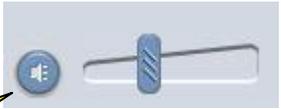**Play/Stop button**

1.2 Play and Stop tool

In all tool views, the Play/Stop button looks the same, shown here:
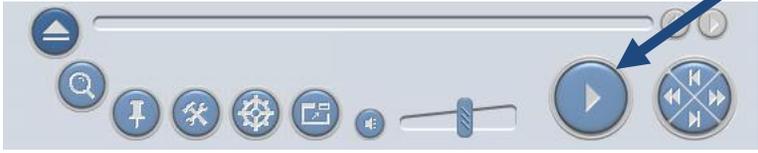
Use the Play/Stop button to start and stop the narration voice.

1.3 Volume Control tool

Found ONLY in the Standard Tool view, use the slider to quickly change the volume of the narrator voice. You may also use the Speaker icon to mute and un-mute speaker
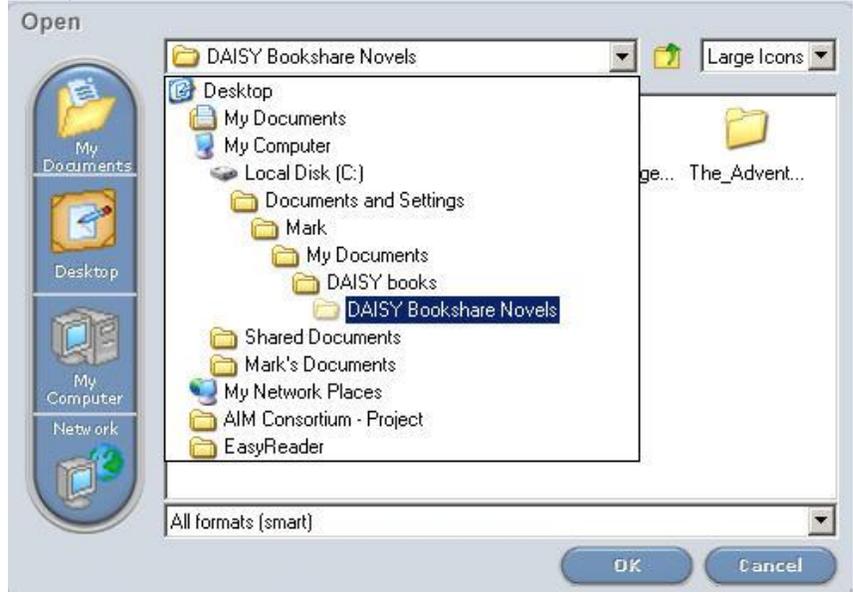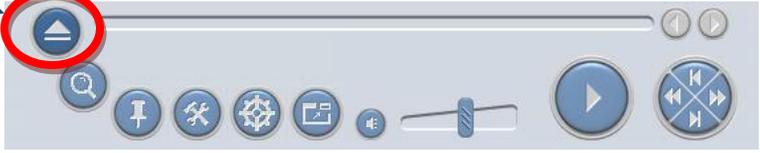
Mute/Un-mute

1.4 Opening a book

Use the **Open tool** in the toolbar, shown here, to display the **Open Book** window.

In the **Open** window, use the drop down menu to browse to the folder on your computer that contains the DAISY book you want to open.

When you see the book's title in the window (shown left), click once to highlight it.
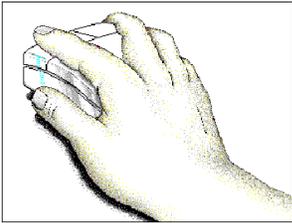
Then, click OK.

Note: large books may take 30 seconds or more to open, so be patient!

1.5 Navigate by mouse

Click the **Up** arrow to move backward in the book.

Click the **Down** arrow to move forward in the book.

Double arrows move up or down by page.

Move **slider** (click and hold with mouse) to move quickly around the book.

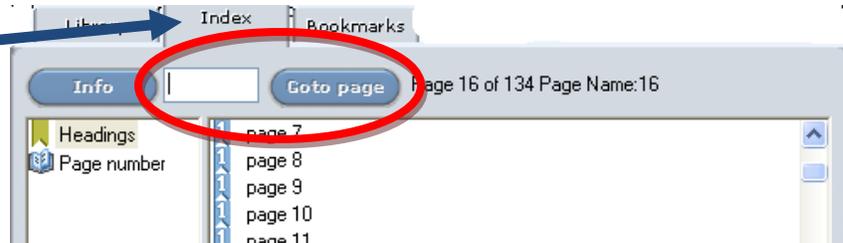***Click on the text you want to read**

1.6 Navigate by page

In addition to the page navigation buttons at the bottom of the slider bar (shown in the previous section), The **Page Up** and **Page Down** keyboard keys also move you by pages.

To go to a specific page, open the **Navigation Center** by clicking the Navigation Center tool button.

Select the **Index** tab.

Type in the page number and click the **GoTo page** button

Note: *a quick way to open the* **GoTo Page** *area is by using the keyboard shortcut:* **Control+G**
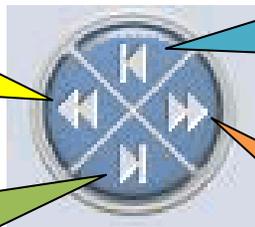
1.7 Navigate by Headings

DAISY books are constructed by marking "Headings" in the book. For instance, the Units of a book may be marked as the highest level Heading, referred to as **Heading Level One**. But inside the Units, Chapters may also be marked, becoming **Heading Level Two**. Inside Chapters, it is possible to mark even smaller heading levels as Topics, which would be referred to as **Heading Level Three**.

EasyReader contains a set of navigation tools that allow you to:

1. Set the level of heading you wish to use for navigation, and

2. Move forward and backward using your chosen (or ACTIVE) Heading (Level One, Level Two, Level Three, etc.)

Left arrow w/line changes active level to next higher (e.g. Level 2 to Level 1)

Left Double arrow moves you backward in the book by one (active) heading

Right arrow w/line changes active level to next lower (e.g. Level 1 to Level 2)

Right Double arrow moves you forward in the book by one (active) heading

Here are the same **Navigation tools** shown in **Compact View**
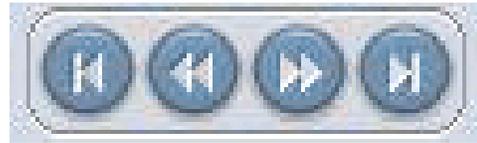
1.8 Navigation Center

The Navigation Center is used to manage you DAISY book library, display the current book's Index or Table of Contents, and show your current Bookmarks. To open the Navigation Center, use the Navigation Center tool button shown here:

1.8.1   Library tab

The **Library tab** displays all of the DAISY books you are currently using:

Library

Add books to your Library

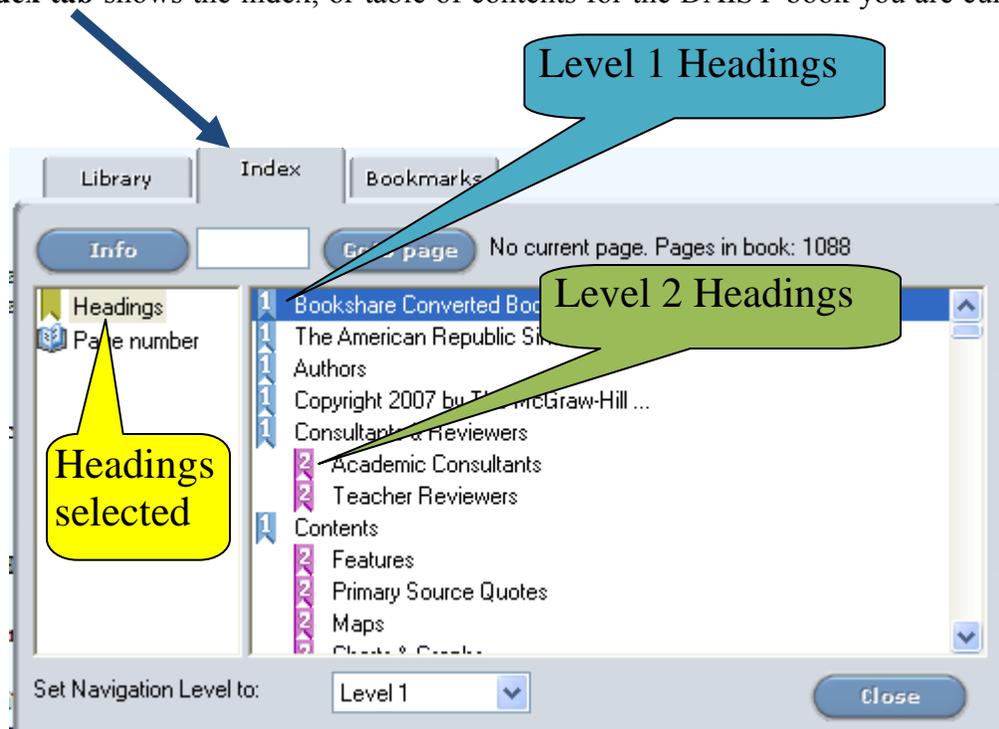To open a book, highlight it, then click **Open**

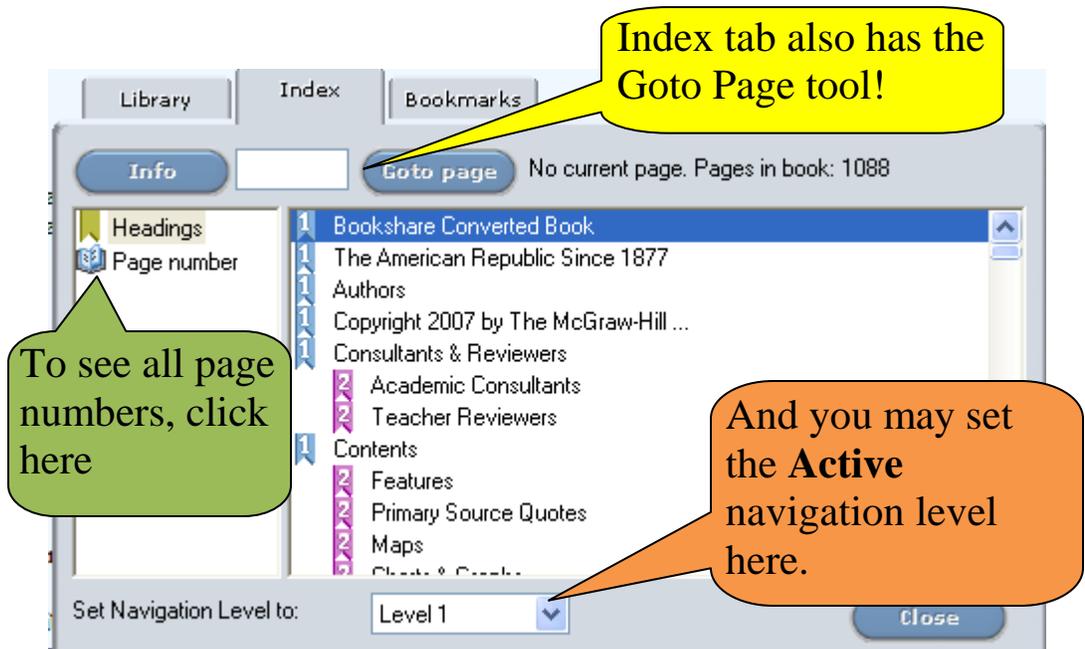To remove a book, highlight it, then click **Remove**

		Library	Index	Bookmarks		

	Add	Open	Remove			

Title	Writer	Last opened	Path
Chimpanzees	Julie Murray	5/8/2009 10:49:58 ...	c:\docume
The American Republic Since 1877	Joyce Appleby	5/8/2009 10:56:19 ...	c:\docume
America's History	James A. Henretta	5/8/2009 10:42:20 ...	c:\docume
Abraham Lincoln and the Union		5/10/2009 3:18:12 ...	c:\docume

Close

1.8.2   Index tab

The **Index tab** shows the index, or table of contents for the DAISY book you are currently using.

> **Level 1 Headings**

> **Level 2 Headings**

> **Headings selected**

Click on any heading shown in the Index tab to move to that segment of the book.

> **Index tab also has the Goto Page tool!**

> **To see all page numbers, click here**

> **And you may set the Active navigation level here.**

1.9 Preferences

To open the **Preferences** area, click the **Preferences tool** button:

1.9.1   General tab

Book startup options

Self Voicing – this feature speaks menus, tools, and dialog boxes

Click **Apply** when finished
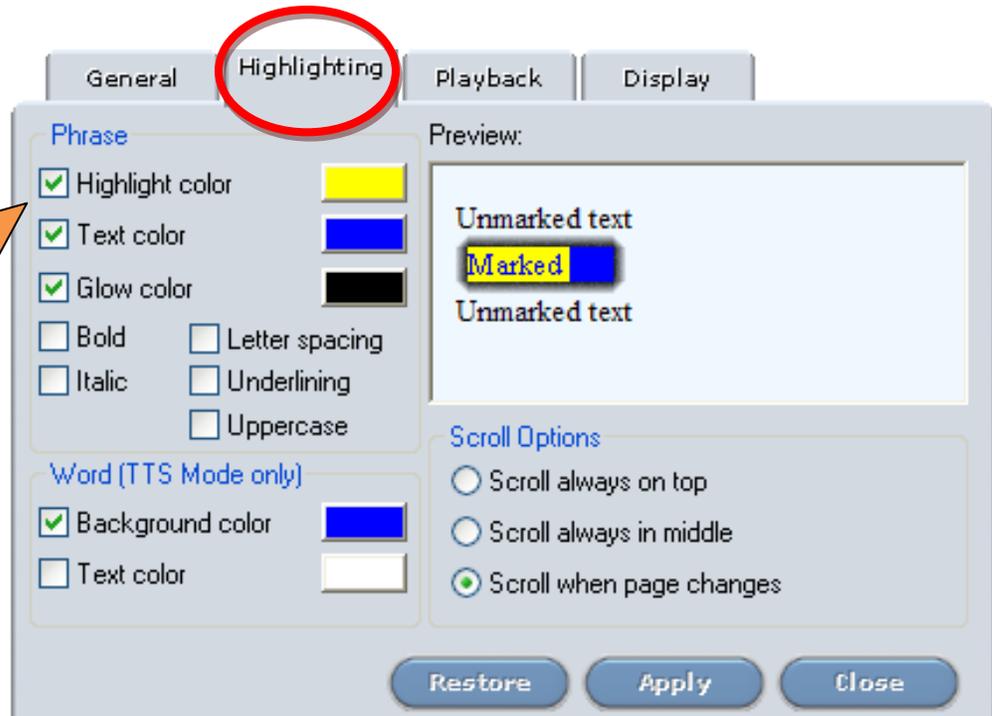
If you want to load the last book used when the program starts, put a check in the box titled "**Load last read book at start up**"

If you want EasyReader to remember and move to the place in the book you last stopped, put a check in the box titled "**Remember last book position**"

1.9.2 Highlighting tab

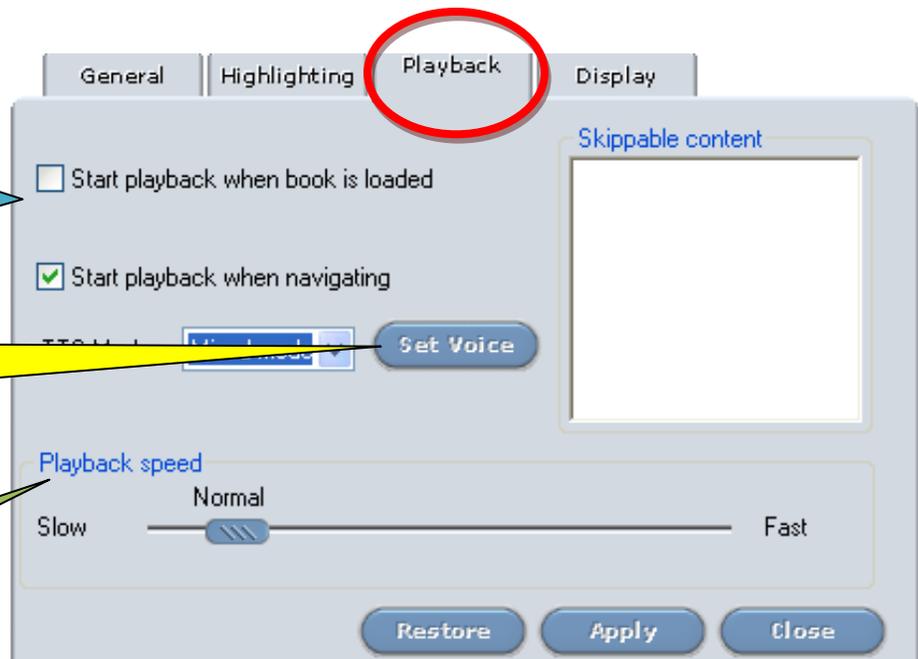Highlight color refers to sentence/para.

Text color refers to word being read.

1.9.3 Playback tab

Choose when to start playback.

Select Voice

Set Playback speed

Choose voice from list

Set volume, pitch and speed

Test voice then click **OK**

Select Voice

Voice	Type
Mary	SAPI 4
Mike	SAPI 4
Sam	SAPI 4
Female Whisper	SAPI 4
Mary in Space	SAPI 4
	SAPI 4
Stadium	SAPI 4
RoboSoft Six	SAPI 4
RoboSoft Five	SAPI 4
RoboSoft Four	SAPI 4
Male Whisper	SAPI 4
RoboSoft One	SAPI 4
RoboSoft Two	SAPI 4
RoboSoft Three	SAPI 4
Mike in Hall	SAPI 4
	CAPI 4

This is a test   Test

Volume

Pitch

Speed

OK   Cancel

1.9.4   Display tab

Set Background and Text color for entire book

Set Text Size

Use Style Sheet drop-down menu to choose pre-made text display settings.

General | Highlighting | Playback | Display

Preview:

☑ Background color

☐ Text color

Text Size
○ Largest
○ Larger
○ Medium
◉ Smaller
○ Smallest

Unmarked text
Marked
Unmarked text

Style Sheet   None

☐ Override color settings in style sheets

Restore   Apply   Close

Style Sheet   None
☐ Override color s
None
Large Style 1
Large Style Large
Large Style Narrow
Large Style No Images
Large Style Spaced

1.10   Pop-up Menu

Right-Click anywhere in the program window to display the **Pop-up Menu** shown here.

The **Pop-up Menu** gives you quick, easy access to the most commonly used tools, including many navigation commands shown in the **sub-menu**.

Play/Stop
Add/View BookMark
Navigation ▶
Open Book
Preferences
Find
Search
Help
Show info
Self voicing
Text size ▶
About
Exit

Navigation Center
Previous Heading
Next Heading
Go to beginning of book
Go to end of book
Previous page
Next page
Previous bookmark
Next bookmark
Previous by level
Next by level
Set Navigation Level to ▶
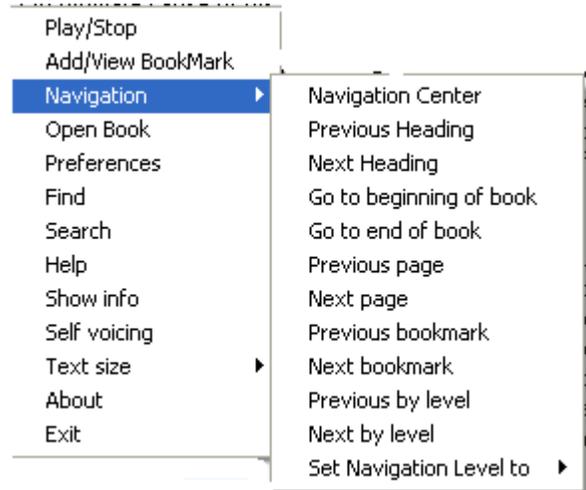
1.11   Bookmarks

Click the
Bookmarks tool

Give the
bookmark a name

Add notes if desired

Use a microphone to
add recorded notes

Add bookmark

Name:

Text notes: No Short cut

☐ Audio Note

OK   Cancel

2 Software Summary

2.1 Publisher

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2.2 Description

EasyReader is a software digital talking book player, allowing the user to read and listen to content through a combination of text, audio and images. One of the main advantages of using EasyReader is that the content becomes easy to navigate through, where a reader can skip through sections of their content and place bookmarks to highlight areas of interest. Anyone with a visual impairment, dyslexia, learning difficulties or a print impairment can benefit from using EasyReader to read content as digital talking books.

2.3 System Requirements

Pentium II 400MHz or faster processor

Microsoft Windows 98SE, 2000, XP or Vista

Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 SP1 or later

RAM - minimum Windows requirements (or at least 64MB)

Hard disk - 50MB of free disk space

CD-ROM or DVD drive

16 bit or higher graphic resolution

800x600 or greater monitor resolution

Multimedia soundcard and speakers

Microphone for creation of audio notes

3 Vendor Support

3.1 Software Help Menu

There is no Help menu in the EasyReader software. However, a full version of the manual is included during program installation, in DAISY format, and may be opened from the Library tab in Preferences.

3.2 Included with purchased software

Manual in DAISY format installed with software

3.3 Online tutorial

Tips, Tutorials, Manuals and Knowledge Base available in Help Area on website
http://www.yourdolphin.com/index

3.4 Online training videos

Not available at this time

4 Credits

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