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The PACER Simon Technology Center has compiled this chart of Accessible Reading Apps for iOS Devices to help consumers and families choose which program best suits their needs. This information is current as of September 2012, but is subject to change. It is not intended to endorse one product over the other, nor to be inclusive of all products on the market.

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TextGrabber + Translator	ABBYY	\$2.99	iPhone/ iPad3/ iPod5	OCR file creation; text	Just take a picture of the text, and you can immediately edit it or translate, share via e-mail and SMS, or post directly to your account at on Facebook, Twitter and Evernote. VoiceOver is compatible. Developed for iPhone, but some users report it works with decent accuracy on an iPad.
Barnes & Noble NOOK Kids	Barnes and Noble Kids	Free	iPad	Children's books purchased from Barnes & Noble	These digital children's story books and chapter books allow for zooming, enlarging text, and provide human narration.
Blio	K-NFB Reading Technology, Inc.	Free App; \$9.99 per TTS voice	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	Books purchase from Blio Bookstore, EPUB, PDF, and XPS	TTS voices available (purchase required) with synchronized highlighted. Words can be looked-up and topical searches can be performed using Google, Wikipedia, and more. Use of VoiceOver is allowed and it is possible to read with a refreshable Bluetooth Braille display.
ClaroSpeak US	Claro Software Limited	\$5.99	iPad/ iPhone	PDF, Word, Pages, text copied to clipboard, & Dropbox integration.	Text-to-speech reader with the option of synchronized visual highlighting and a range of color and font settings. With the iPad 3 and iPhone 4S Apple's speech recognition can be used to dictate text directly into ClaroSpeak, and can be listened back to ensure it is right. Internet connection not required.
Google Books	Google	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	Google Books (only the "reflowable text", or ePub, (not the "scanned images") is accessible by Voice Over or TTS determined by file protections)	Does not provide TTS, but allows use of VoiceOver. Change font and search within book. It is possible to use supported Braille display.

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iBooks	Apple	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	books from iBookstore, PDF, ePub	Displays text and images. May add bookmarks and notes. Does not provide TTS, but allows use of VoiceOver. May purchase books from iBookstore. It is possible to read with a refreshable Bluetooth Braille display.
iScroll	Appsessions, LLC	Free – in-app book prices	iPad/iPod/ iPhone	Scroll™ books	eBooks text with synchronized Audiobook with human narration. View content on the web with the iScroll web reader and synchronized bookmarks. Adjustable reading speed without pitch distortion. Save text annotations for later use. Change visual settings.
Image To Text - OCR	Ricoh Innovations	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	OCR file creation: ASCII text received by email	ImageToText app allows you to extract editable ASCII text from images - take a picture of a document that you would like to extract text from, and e-mail the image to yourself, co-workers, friends. You will all receive not only the image but a text file that contains the editable text that is extracted from the image.
InDaisy	Levelware Corporation	\$19.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	DAISY 2.02, DAISY 3, Bookshare books, Celia, CNIB, HKSB, Huseby kompetansesenter, Internet Archive, JSRPD, NFB-NEWSLINE, NLB, PaTTAN, Read How You Want, RNZFB, TPB and Vision Australia.	Provides Acapela TTS, change reading speed and volume, bookmarking, navigation, visual modifications (inverse, font type and size), and synchronized highlighting.
eTextbooks	CourseSmart LLC	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	eTextbooks (this is a complement to a CourseSmart eTextbook subscription)	Not accessible by VoiceOver or refreshable Braille display. Can be made accessible by accessing CourseSmart website through the Safari browser. Connection to WiFi is a requirement to use the app.

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ezPDF Reader: PDF Reader, Annotator & Form Filler	Unidocs Inc.	\$1.99 + \$2.99 for TTS	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	PDF, Microsoft Office, Audio (mp3, wav, aac, aa, aiff), Video (mp4, mov, mpv, 3gp), Images, Zipped Images, Text and HTML, Annotations XML files	PDF Form to fill in, check buttons, and choose from a list, Play embedded multimedia files of audio and video files (Must be iOS compatible), Annotation features, Embedded hyperlinks are live (Go To Page and URLs), Smart zooming, TTS, Text reflow with font size, color & font style (bold & italic).
Kindle	AMZN Mobile LLC	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	Kindle Books, PDF, and Docs	No TTS available and VoiceOver not allowed. Support for notes and highlights, zoom and pan, and linked table of contents. Customizable background color and font size. Dictionary word lookup available.
Mobile OCR Pro	Smart Mobile Software	\$2.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	OCR file creation: in app Text	Turn your smartphone into a document scanner with character recognition (OCR). Mobile OCR will convert your scanned documents from your camera or photo album into a regular text.
NOOK from Barnes & Noble	Barnes & Noble	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	Books purchased from Barnes & Noble	Add notes, bookmarks, and highlights, built in Merriam-Webster's Pocket Dictionary, adjustable font size, style and color themes. VoiceOver Comaptible.
OverDrive Media Console	OverDrive, Inc.	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	library eBooks & audiobooks, DRM-free E PUB	VoiceOver not supported and TTS not provided. Download eBooks and audiobooks from your public, school, or college library.
PDF Connoisseur for iPad	Kdan Mobile Software LTD	\$9.99	iPad	OCR file creation and PDF file conversion	Save to PDF (converting other doc formats into PDFs), Text-to-Speech (for scanned images and web pages, and adjustable voice speed), image to text, PDF form filling, contract signing, file transfer, highlight, and annotation.
Perfect OCR: document scanner with high quality OCR	Pixoft	\$3.99	iPhone/ iPad3/ iPod5	OCR file creation: multipage PDF (text and/or image), .TXT, .JPG	Can copy, edit, save and email files. Not designed to work with iPod 4 / iPad 2 camera.

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Premier Talking Reader	Premier Assistive	\$14.99	iPad	Adobe: .pdf, Microsoft documents: .doc,. docx,. xls,. xlsx,. ppt,. pptx, iWork: .pages, .numbers, .key Other: .rtf, .txt, .xml	Reads selected text aloud with the added benefit of note extraction. Import / Export options include: Dropbox integration, Email files, Sync files through iTunes. Users also have to ability to copy, move, delete, rename, and create folders.
Prizmo	Creaceed	\$9.99	iPhone/ iPad3/ iPod5	OCR file creation: .TXT,	TTS available through In-App Purchase, can save text scanned
Read2Go	Benetech	\$19.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	Bookshare books, DAISY 3.0 and 2.02	Provide TTS, text navigation, bookmarking, ability to change reading speed of audio books, synchronized highlighting.
Reader Lite	dBelement, LLC	Free	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	Books borrowed from their library and any text copy and pasted into app	Reader has a built-in "night time" mode to make it easy to read books at night. Provides bookmarks. You can adjust the font size and use one touch scrolling to turn pages at your preferred speed. Reader also has a built in dictionary so you can lookup words on the fly. No TTS provide, but compatible with Voice Over.
Readiris	I.R.I.S. s.a.	\$37.99	iPad	OCR file creation: Multipage PDF, DOCX	Readiris™ for iPad® lets you select the content you want to convert (images from your photo library and clipboard, or import PDF files), reorder your scanned images, choose among many output formats and export the new files into the Cloud (Google Drive™, Dropbox™ or box™) so you can use it anywhere, anytime.
readMe	Unreal Mojo	\$1.99	iPad/ iPhone/	EPUB, FB2 and PDF	Custom-made PDF rendering engine (text extracting). Download books from the popular e-book sites. Special day and night modes for comfortable reading. Set different fonts for your books. Change font size and color. Adjust tap-zones for book navigation. Ability to add unlimited amount of bookmarks in book. TTS not provided and not compatible with Voice Over.

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Learning Ally Audio	Learning Ally	\$19.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone/	DAISY-formatted audiobooks from Learning Ally	Provide navigation, bookmarking, and ability to change reading speed of audio books.
Speak it! Text to Speech	Future Apps Inc.	\$1.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	emails, documents, web pages, and PDF files	Provides TTS, synchronized highlighting, create audio file, change reading speed and text size.
SpeakText for eBook	BorG Technology Corp.	\$16.99	iPad/ iPhone/	Web pages, ePub, any text copied and pasted into app	Touch eBook documents and web pages, copy & paste, key in, then it will speak and translate sentence by sentence, including newspapers and magazines.
Stanza	Lexcycle	Free	iPad/ iPod / iPhone	ePub, eReader, PDF, Comic Book Archive (CBR & CBZ), and DjVu books. File conversion to ePub possible with Desktop Utility.	Modify the visual appearance of the book. Does not provide text-to-speech. The Desktop Utility can provide file conversion into ePub.
TextDetective	Blindsight	\$1.99	iPad/ iPod / iPhone	OCR file creation	Text Detective finds and reads text in printed documents within seconds using your iPhone's camera. The detected text can easily be read, edited, copied and pasted into documents, emails or other apps. It even stores all the scanned text in a history, which allows you to refer to it later. Every step is accessible.
vBookz - Free Audiobooks	Mindex International Ltd	\$3.99	iPad/ iPod / iPhone	unprotected ePub	Provide TTS, synchronized highlighting, and a magnifying glass interface indicating your current reading location, the magnifying glass follows the text as the book is being read. Adjust font size and reading speed. Uses Acapela voices Heather and Ryan. No bookmark feature.

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vBookz PDF Voice Reader US	Mindex International Ltd	\$4.99	iPad/ iPod / iPhone	PDF	vBookz PDF Voice Reader is an app that reads your PDF files aloud. vBookz Voice Reader adds orientation and navigation tools that enhances the reading experience. vBookz PDF Voice Reader may open PDF files directly from Mail, Dropbox, Safari and others.
VOD	CYPAC Co.,Inc.	\$25.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	DAISY 2.02 compliant audio & NCC only, and DAISY 2.02 compliant audio and full text. (cannot play a DAISY book that is encrypted for copyright protection.)	Voice of DAISY (VOD) is a DAISY digital talking book player that can handle the multimedia DAISY.
Voice Dream Reader - Text to Speech	Voice Dream	\$4.99	iPad/iPhone	ePub eBook, MS Word, Plain Text, Apple Pages, MS PowerPoint, RTF, HTML file formats, Experimental PDF support, built-in Web browser to extract text from Web pages and integration with: Pocket app (Formerly Read It Later), Instapaper app and Dropbox.	Features: Text to speech, Text Editor for copy-paste and editing, Folders for organizing your content, Translation (In-App purchase), Word and line text highlighting, Variable reading speed, Variable font size, Light and dark color themes, Built-in dictionary (English only), Playlist, Sleep timer
Web Reader - Text to Speech	Chris Chauvin	\$1.99	iPad/ iPod/ iPhone	Text, RTF, HTML pages, MS Word documents, and PDF.	uses text to speech technology along with web page content recognition to read web pages to you. You can configure web pages to be read as soon as they are loaded, read pages manually after they are loaded, or use Cut, Copy, & Paste to read only sections of text.
ZoomReader	Ai Squared	\$19.99	iPhone/ iPad3/ iPod5	OCR	Provide TTS, and magnification of text. Does not save files.