

# The needs of people with print disabilities



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# About the DAISY Consortium



- The DAISY Consortium is an association of non-profit members “working towards equal access to information and knowledge regardless of disability”
- Our members include special libraries for visually impaired people, disability groups, government agencies, universities
- More than 150 organizations in 70 countries are part of our family
- Founded 1996, has more than 20 years experience of accessible publishing and reading
- Registered in Zurich, our team members are based in Belgium, Brazil, Canada, France, India, Kenya, UK, USA and Vietnam.



“A few of my  
experiences in  
France 1916 to  
1917”  
by Eric Leonard  
Brown  
1st Battalion,  
Honourable  
Artillery Company

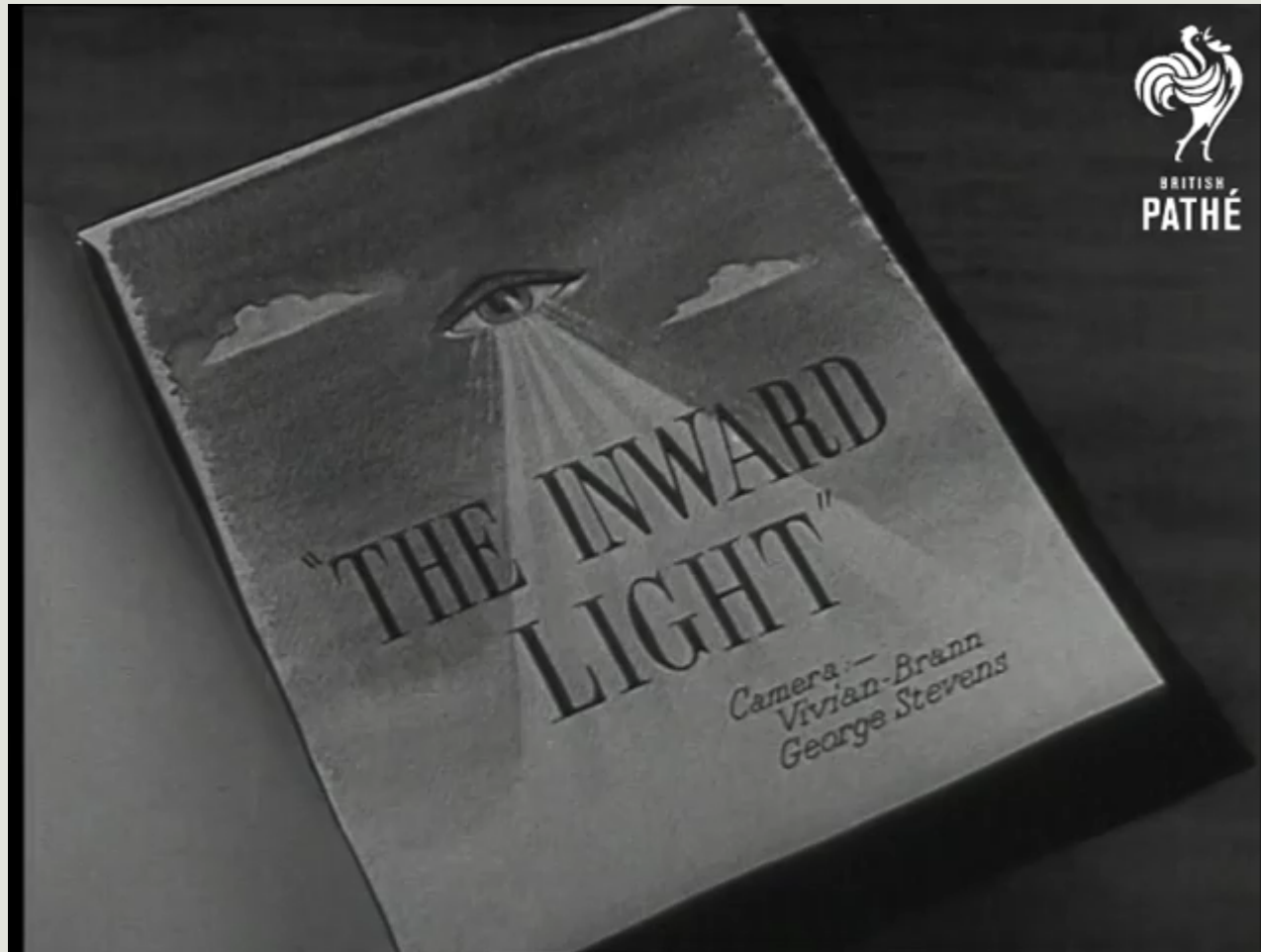






Captain Ian Fraser  
King's Shropshire  
Light Infantry





"The Inward Light" (1945), YouTube



All around the world special organizations convert books for reading with eyes, ears & fingers





# What are accessible books?

- Talking books / audio books
- Braille
- Tactile books
- Large print
- Accessible digital books / eBooks























# Barack Obama said:

"Reading makes all other learning possible. At the dawn of the 21st century, where knowledge is literally power, where it unlocks the gates of opportunity and success...

literacy is the most basic currency of the knowledge economy."



# “Where’s my book?”



# The Book Famine



# The need to end the 'book famine'

- Making special versions of books is expensive
- Only 5% of books available in accessible formats in best performing countries
- Meanwhile an accessible version of a book may be made several times over
- Barriers for accessible titles crossing borders
- Insufficient copyright provisions in many countries





# From the Treaty into the hands of readers with disabilities



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# About the ABC

- ABC is the Accessible Books Consortium
- Launched June 2014
- A multi-stakeholder partnership comprising: end users, rights holders, authorised entities

**Accessible  
Books  
Consortium**

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*Bringing books to the visually impaired*

# Inclusive publishing

- Promotes 'born accessible' publications
- ABC Charter for Accessible Publishing
- Guide for self-publishing authors
- ABC International Excellence Award for Accessible Publishing







# ABC Capacity Building

- Projects delivered in 17 countries, including: Argentina, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Botswana, Colombia, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Uruguay, UAE, Uruguay and Vietnam.
- Nearly 9,000 accessible educational titles have been produced in national languages
- More than 26 training sessions in accessible book production techniques provided to NGOs, departments of education and commercial publishers



# ABC Global Book Service

- The Book Exchange Service offers a permissions clearance system for cross border exchange of accessible titles.
- 60 libraries participate in the service
- 510,000 titles total
- 393,600 titles available for cross-border exchange without the need to request permission from the copyright owner
- In 76 languages
- 19,800 titles downloaded (July 2019)

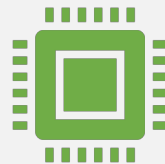
# Cross border exchange in practice



Bi-lateral exchange



ABC Global Book  
Service



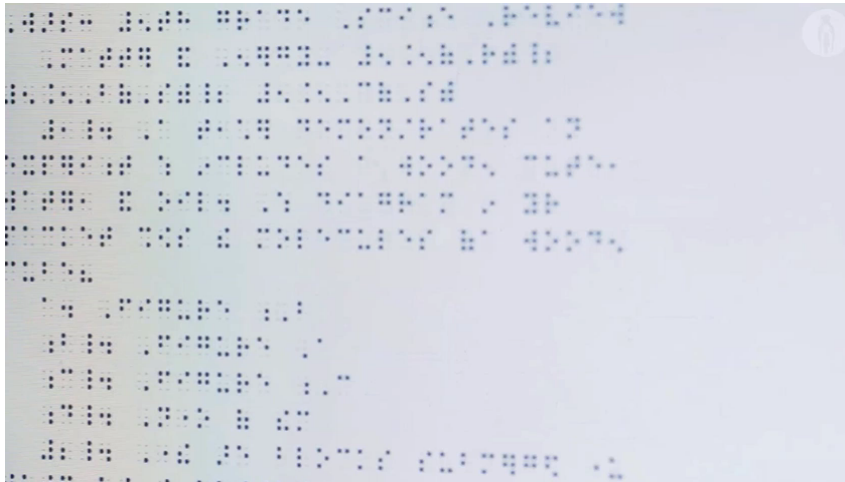
Shared  
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# Using an accessible title

## ➤ Print as braille

- Put onto braille display
- Listen on audio player
- Read on computer or phone



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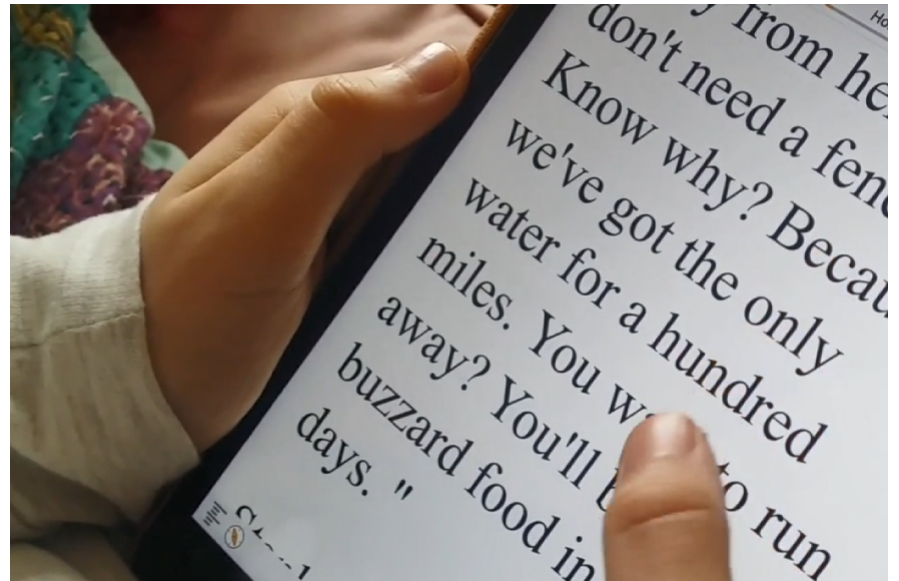




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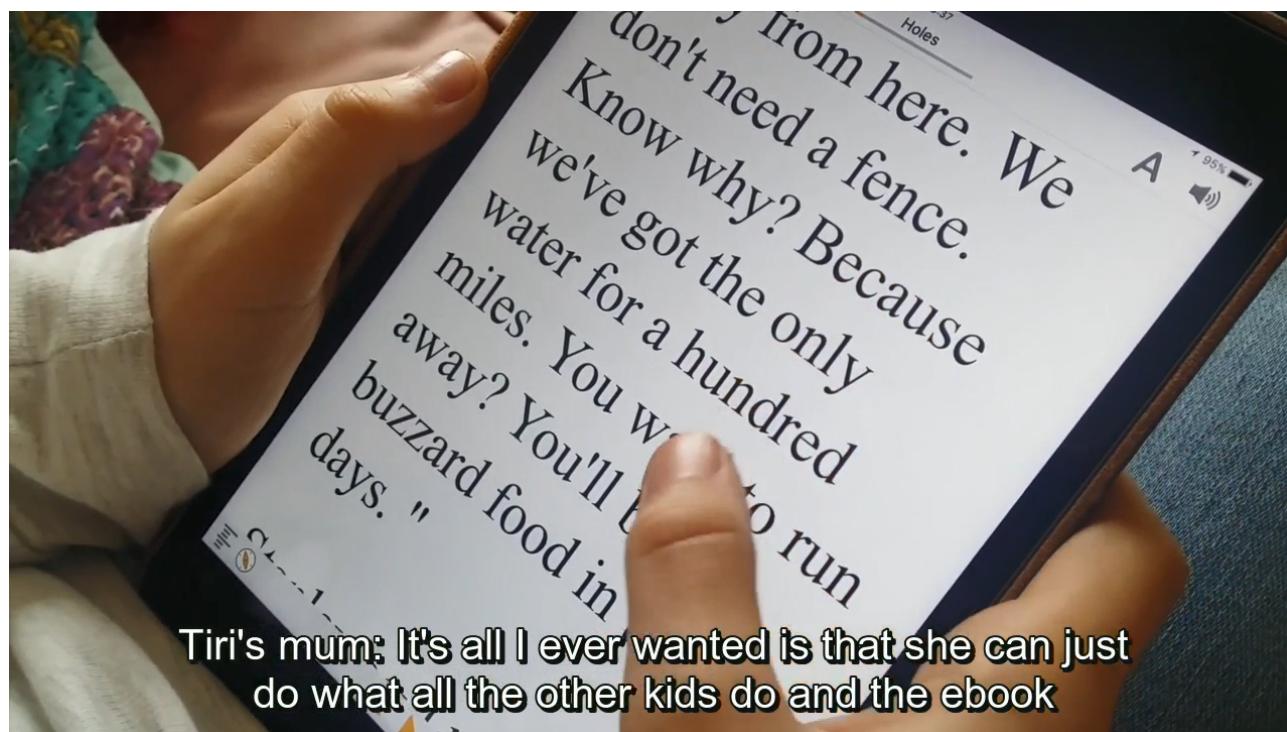




# The potential of accessible ebooks

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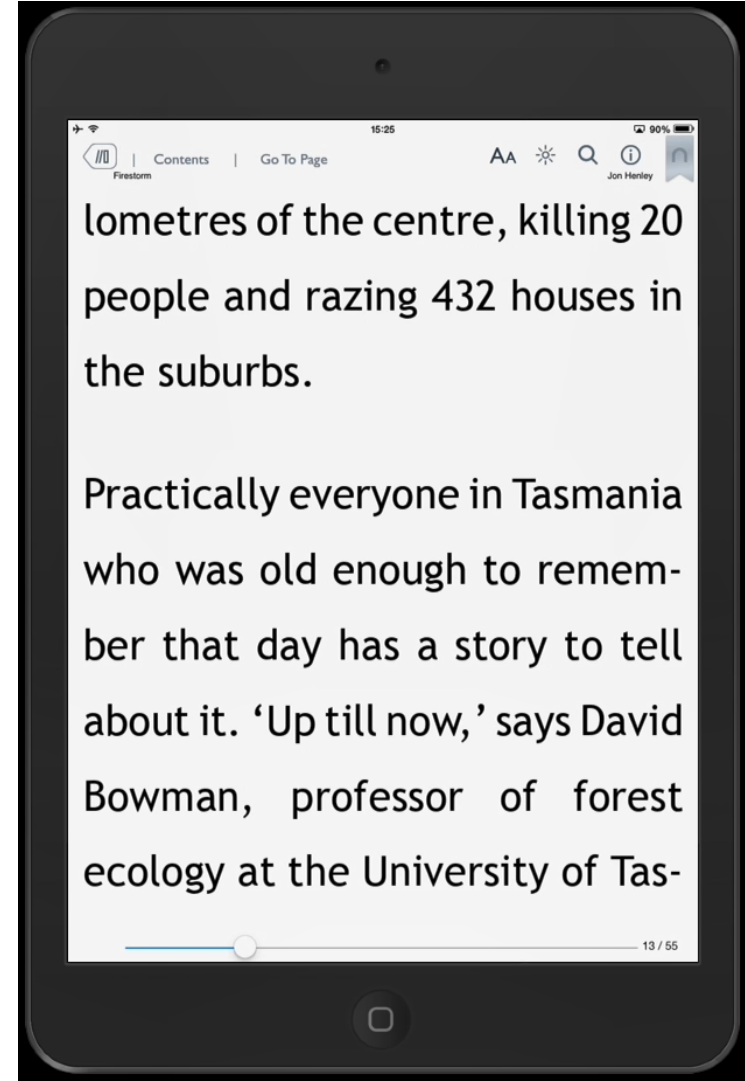
- Jerry - speech
- Scott - braille
- Tiri – large text

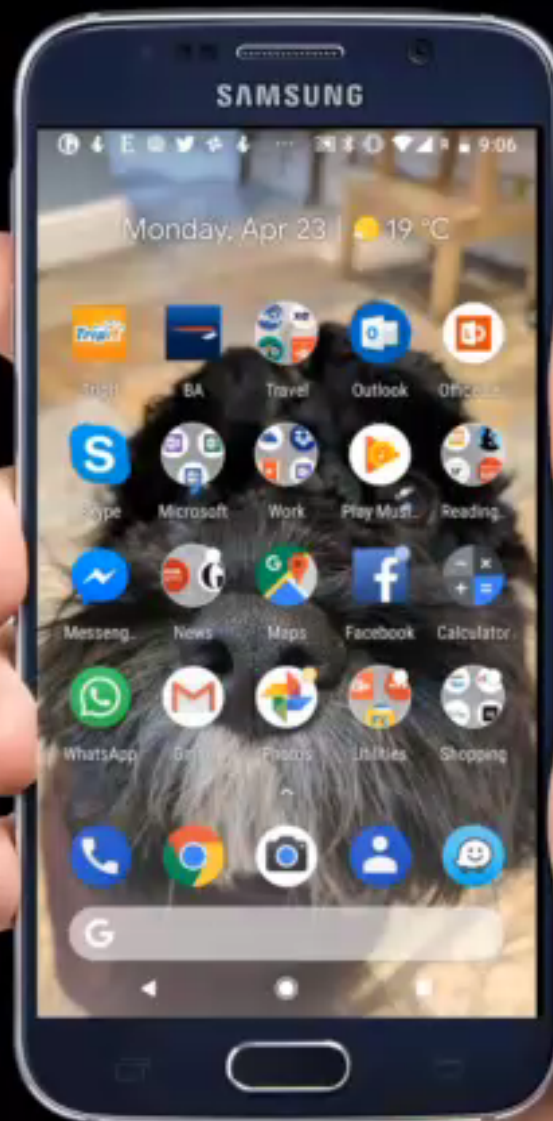


# The potential of accessible ebooks

Helpful for people who:

- who have sight problems
- are Dyslexic or other specific learning disabilities
- Or have physical impairments resulting in difficulty holding a book or turning pages







# DAISY in developing countries



- DAISY Consortium has a proud history in supporting the capabilities of low resource countries
- We run a developing countries peer support email network
- Our work is funded by WIPO, UNESCO, and corporate programmes
- We have activities in Argentina, Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Mauritius, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Uganda, Uruguay, Vietnam and more
- We provide support to specialist organisations, and to publishers and policy makers
- We offer the free tools from the DAISY Consortium
- We provide training and technical support
- We broker access to low cost or free tools from Friends of DAISY

# Desmond Tutu

“Inclusive, good-quality education is a foundation for dynamic and equitable societies.”

