



Bibliotrack

Scan, Catalogue & Track Your Books

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Welcome to **Bibliotrack** — the beautiful, intuitive book cataloguing app designed for every kind of reader. This guide covers everything you need to know to get the most out of your personal library, from adding your first book to exploring your reading statistics.

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CHAPTER 1

Getting Started

System Requirements

- iPhone running **iOS 17** or later
- Camera access required for barcode scanning
- Photo library access required for scanning from photos and saving cover images
- Internet connection required for book lookups (Google Books API)
- No account or subscription required — all data is stored locally on your device

Navigating the App

Bibliotrack uses a tab bar at the bottom of the screen with three main sections:

Tab	Icon	What it does
Library	books.vertical.fill	Browse all your books, shelves and tags
Loans	hand.wave.fill	Track books you have lent to friends
Stats	chart.bar.fill	View your reading statistics and highlights

Within the Library tab, the main screen is the **Bibliotrack** home view, which shows your shelves and quick links to All Books and Tags. Tap any item to navigate deeper.

CHAPTER 2

Adding Books

Scanning a Barcode

The fastest way to add a book is to scan its barcode. Bibliotrack supports EAN-13 and EAN-8 barcodes, which are found on the back cover of virtually every published book.

- Tap the **barcode scanner icon** (top right of the Library screen)
- Point your camera at the barcode on the back of the book
- Keep the barcode within the orange scanning reticle
- Bibliotrack will automatically detect the barcode and look up the book
- A preview card appears showing the book details — tap **Add to Library** to confirm, or **Discard** to cancel

■ **Tip** Make sure the barcode is well-lit and in focus. If the camera struggles, try moving slightly closer or further away.

Scanning from a Photo

You can also scan a barcode from an existing photo in your photo library — useful if you have already photographed a book or received a photo of one.

- Open the barcode scanner as above
- Tap the **photo icon** (Scan from Photo) at the bottom of the scanner screen
- Select a photo from your library
- Bibliotrack will analyse the image and extract the barcode automatically

Adding by ISBN

If you know the ISBN of a book (the 13-digit number on the back cover), you can look it up directly without scanning.

- Tap the **menu icon** (■ top left of the Library screen)
- Select **Add by ISBN**
- Type the ISBN number and tap **Look Up Book**
- Confirm the details and add to your library

Adding Manually

For books that cannot be found via barcode or ISBN, you can enter the details yourself.

- Tap the **menu icon** (■ top left of the Library screen)

- Select **Add by ISBN**, then switch to the **Enter Manually** tab
- Fill in the title, author, year and optional ISBN
- Tap **Add to Library**

■ Tip

You can always edit a manually added book later to fill in missing details or add a cover image.

CHAPTER 3

Your Library

Browsing Your Books

The **All Books** view displays your entire library as a grid of cover images, with the book title, author, and reading status shown beneath each cover. In portrait mode, books are shown three across; rotate your iPhone to landscape mode to see five or six books per row for a broader overview.

Searching & Filtering

With a large library, finding a specific book is easy using search and filters.

- **Search:** Swipe down on the library grid to reveal the search bar. Type any part of a title or author name.
- **Filter by status:** Tap the sort/filter icon (■ top right) and choose from All, Want to Read, Reading, Read, or Untracked.
- **Filter by tag:** Tap the tag icon (top right) to filter the library to books with a specific tag.

Sorting Your Library

Tap the sort/filter icon to sort your library by:

- **Date Added** — most recently added first (default)
- **Title** — alphabetical by book title
- **Author** — alphabetical by author surname
- **Rating** — highest rated first

Removing Books

- In the library grid, **long-press** any book cover to reveal a context menu
- Tap **Remove from Library** to delete the book
- Note: this permanently removes the book and all its data from Bibliotrack

CHAPTER 4

Book Details

Viewing & Editing Details

Tap any book cover to open its full detail view. Here you can see and edit all information about the book.

- Tap **Edit Details** beneath the title to edit the title, author, co-authors, year, ISBN, series name and series number
- Tap **Save** to confirm changes or **Cancel** to discard them
- Changes are also automatically saved when you leave the detail view

Star Ratings

Rate any book from 1 to 5 stars by tapping the stars in the **Your Rating** section. Tap the same star again to remove your rating.

Reading Status & Dates

Track where you are with each book using the **Reading Status** section:

- **Want to Read** — books on your reading list
- **Reading** — books you are currently reading (records your start date automatically)
- **Read** — books you have finished (records your finish date automatically)

Start and finish dates are recorded automatically when you change status, and are used in your reading statistics.

Cover Images

Bibliotrack fetches cover images automatically when you scan or look up a book. You can also set a custom cover image:

- Tap the **camera icon** on the cover to take a new photo with your camera
- Tap the **photo icon** to choose an image from your photo library
- After selecting an image, tap **Save Cover** to store it
- Saved covers are stored locally on your device for offline use

Notes

Keep personal notes, quotes or thoughts about any book in the **My Notes** section. Tap **Edit** to open the text editor, type your notes, then tap **Done**.

Sharing a Book

Tap the **share icon** (top right of the book detail view) to share a book recommendation with friends via Messages, Mail, or any other app. The share includes the book title, author and a mention of Bibliotrack.

CHAPTER 5

Shelves

Shelves let you organise your books into named groups — by genre, location, mood, or anything else you like. A book can belong to one shelf at a time.

Creating a Shelf

- From the **Bibliotrack** home screen, tap the **folder+ icon** (top right)
- Enter a name for your shelf and tap **Create**
- Your new shelf appears in the **My Shelves** section

Adding Books to a Shelf

- Tap a shelf to open it
- Tap the **+ icon** (top right) to open the book picker
- Search for books by title or author using the search bar
- Tap books to select them (a checkmark appears on selected books)
- Tap **Add (n)** to add the selected books to the shelf

Tip

Books already on the shelf are not shown in the picker — only unassigned books appear.

Renaming & Deleting Shelves

- **Rename:** Swipe right on a shelf name and tap **Rename**
- **Delete:** Swipe left on a shelf name and tap **Delete**
- Deleting a shelf does not delete the books — they remain in your library
- To remove a book from a shelf, long-press it in the shelf view and tap **Remove from Shelf**

CHAPTER 6

Tags

Tags are colour-coded labels you can assign to books. Unlike shelves, a book can have multiple tags, making them ideal for cross-cutting categories like 'Favourite', 'Sci-Fi', 'Gift Ideas' or 'Borrowed'.

Creating & Editing Tags

- From the Bibliotrack home screen, tap **Tags**
- Tap the **+ icon** (top right) to create a new tag
- Enter a name and choose one of seven colours, then tap **Create**
- To edit an existing tag, **swipe right** on it and tap **Edit**
- You can change both the name and colour of existing tags
- To delete a tag, swipe left and tap **Delete**

Assigning Tags to Books

- Open a book's detail view and find the **Tags** section
- Tap the **+ icon** to open the tag picker
- Tap a tag to add it to the book
- To remove a tag, tap the **x** button on the tag chip

Filtering by Tag

- In the All Books library view, tap the **tag icon** (top right)
- Select a tag to filter the library to books with that tag
- Select **All Tags** to clear the filter
- You can also browse books by tag by tapping into a tag from the Tags screen

CHAPTER 7

Loan Tracker

Never lose track of a lent book again. Bibliotrack's loan tracker records who has your books and for how long.

Lending a Book

- Open the book's detail view
- Scroll to the **Loan Status** section and tap **Lend This Book**
- Enter the name of the person you are lending to and the date lent
- Tap **Confirm Loan**
- The book now appears in the **Loans** tab under **Currently Lent Out**

Marking a Book as Returned

- In the **Loans** tab, find the book under **Currently Lent Out**
- Tap the **Returned?** button and confirm
- Alternatively, tap the same button in the book's detail view
- The book moves to the **Previously Lent** section

Loan History

The Loans tab shows two sections: **Currently Lent Out** for active loans, and **Previously Lent** for returned books. Each row shows the borrower's name, the date lent, and how many days the book has been away. Loans overdue by more than 14 days are highlighted in orange; over 30 days in red.

■ **Tip** To clear a book from the loan history entirely, swipe left on it in the Previously Lent section.

CHAPTER 8

Reading Statistics

The **Stats** tab gives you a rich overview of your reading life, updated automatically as you add books and update their status.

Overview Stats

- **Total Books** — the full size of your library
- **Books Read** — books marked as Read
- **Reading Now** — books currently in progress
- **Want to Read** — your reading list
- **Untracked** — books with no reading status set
- **Authors Collected** — number of unique authors in your library

Reading Status Breakdown

A visual bar chart shows the proportion of your library in each reading status, making it easy to see at a glance how much of your library you have read.

Highlights & Reading by Year

- **Books finished this year** — your reading count for the current calendar year
- **Average days per book** — calculated from start and finish dates
- **Average rating** — your mean star rating across all rated books
- **Most collected author** — the author you own the most books by
- **Highest rated book** — your top-rated book
- **Most recently read** — the last book you finished
- **Books read by year** — a bar chart of your reading history by year

Library Storage

The storage section shows how many books have locally saved cover images and the total storage used. The colour of the bar indicates usage level: green (under 20 MB), orange (20–50 MB), and red (over 50 MB).

CHAPTER 9

Import & Export

Bibliotrack can export your library to a CSV file for backup or transfer, and import a CSV file to restore or merge a library.

Exporting Your Library

- Tap the **menu icon** (■ top left of the Library screen)
- Tap **Export Library**
- Choose where to save or share the CSV file (Files, Mail, AirDrop, etc.)
- The CSV includes title, author, ISBN, year, cover URL, rating and notes

Importing a Library

- Tap the **menu icon** (■ top left of the Library screen)
- Tap **Import Library**
- Select a CSV file previously exported from Bibliotrack
- Bibliotrack imports new books and automatically skips any duplicates
- A summary shows how many books were imported and how many were skipped

■ ■ Note

The import feature is designed for CSV files exported from Bibliotrack. CSV files from other apps may not import correctly if their column order differs.

CHAPTER 10

Settings & Appearance

Light, Dark & System Mode

Bibliotrack supports light mode, dark mode, and automatic (system) mode. To change the appearance:

- Tap the **appearance icon** in the top right of the main Bibliotrack screen
- Choose **Light** (sun icon), **Dark** (moon icon), or **System** (half-circle icon)
- System mode follows your iPhone's system-wide appearance setting automatically

Tip

All your data is stored privately on your device using Apple's SwiftData framework. No account is needed and nothing is sent to the cloud.

Happy reading! ■

Thank you for using Bibliotrack.

We hope it brings a little extra joy to your reading life.