



A short guide to using this Bookcrossing Zone

 *What is Bookcrossing?*


Bookcrossing is “the practice of leaving a book in a public place to be picked up and read by others, who then do likewise” (Concise OED).

 *What is a Bookcrossing Zone?*


A designated place for Bookcrossing where you can take away (‘catch’) and leave behind (‘release’) books.

 *Is it that simple?*


Almost. The most important thing is this: every book has its own unique 10-digit Bookcrossing ID (BCID) number registered online at www.bookcrossing.com. This enables readers to follow the progress of each book’s journey and leave their own notes, if they want to.

 *So I just help myself to a book?*


Yes - as long as it is clearly a Bookcrossing book. To see who’s read it before, visit www.bookcrossing.com and enter the BCID number that’s inside the front cover of the book.

 *Do I need to bring the book back here?*

It’s entirely up to you. You can keep it, return it to this Bookcrossing Zone or ‘release’ it anywhere you like. If you make release notes, other readers will be notified so that they can go looking for it.

 *Can I leave my own books here?*

Yes, please do. All we ask is that you register each book first at www.bookcrossing.com, write the BCID number inside the cover and add any welcome message of your own. When the book is ‘caught’, you’ll receive an email notification.

 *Is this a new idea?*

Bookcrossing began in 2001 as a small community project, Since then, over five million books have been registered and set free by 700,000 readers worldwide. For more information visit www.bookcrossing.com.

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