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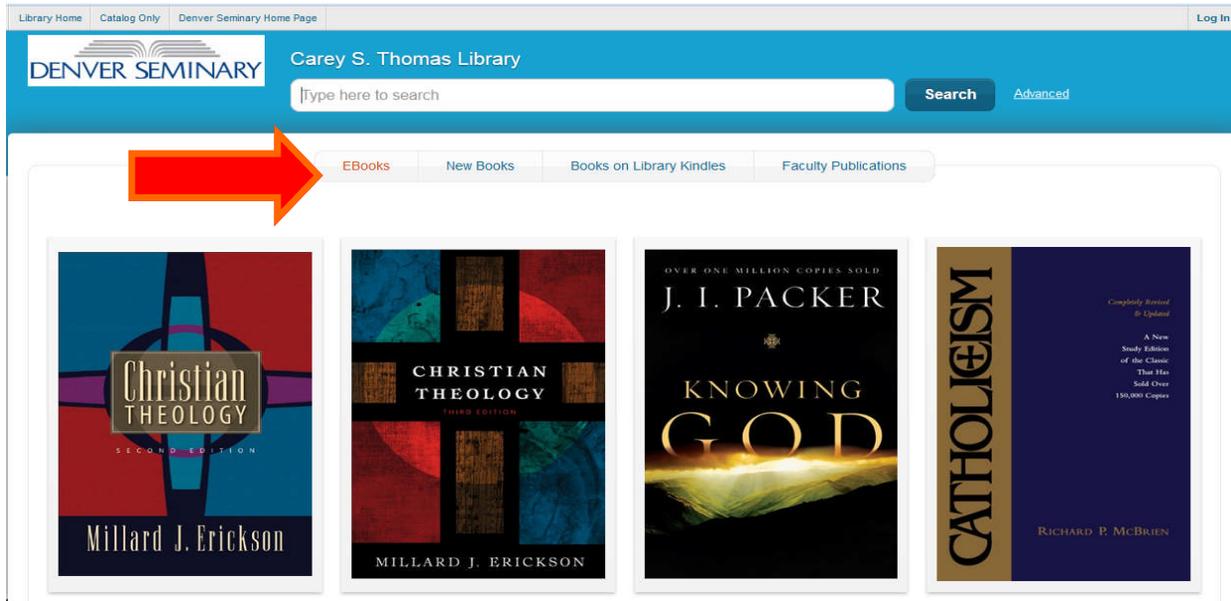
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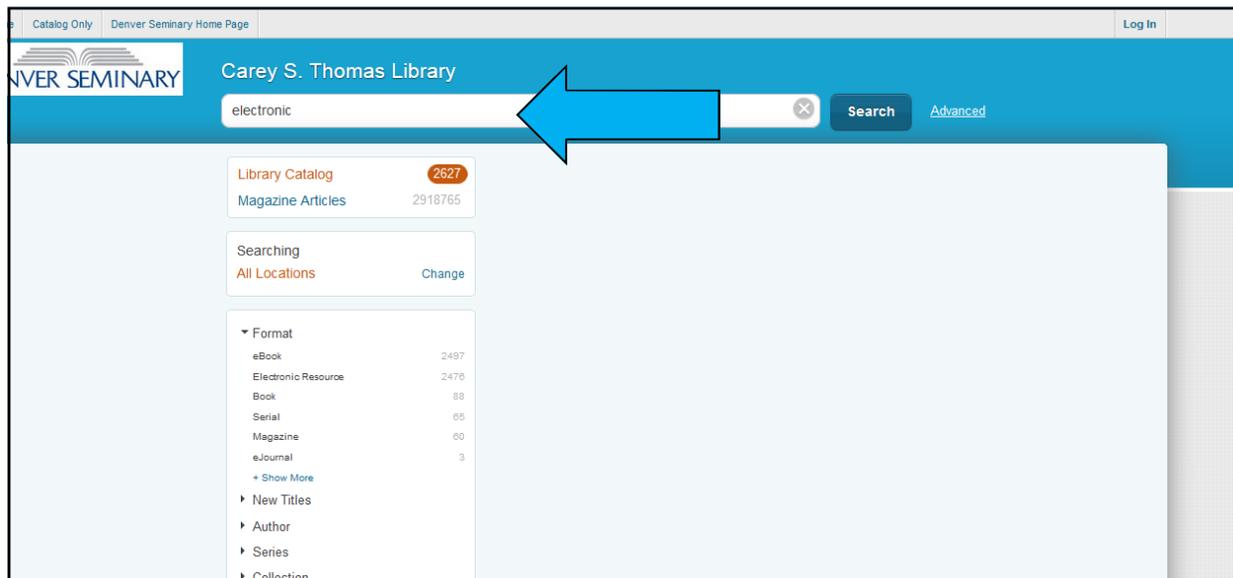
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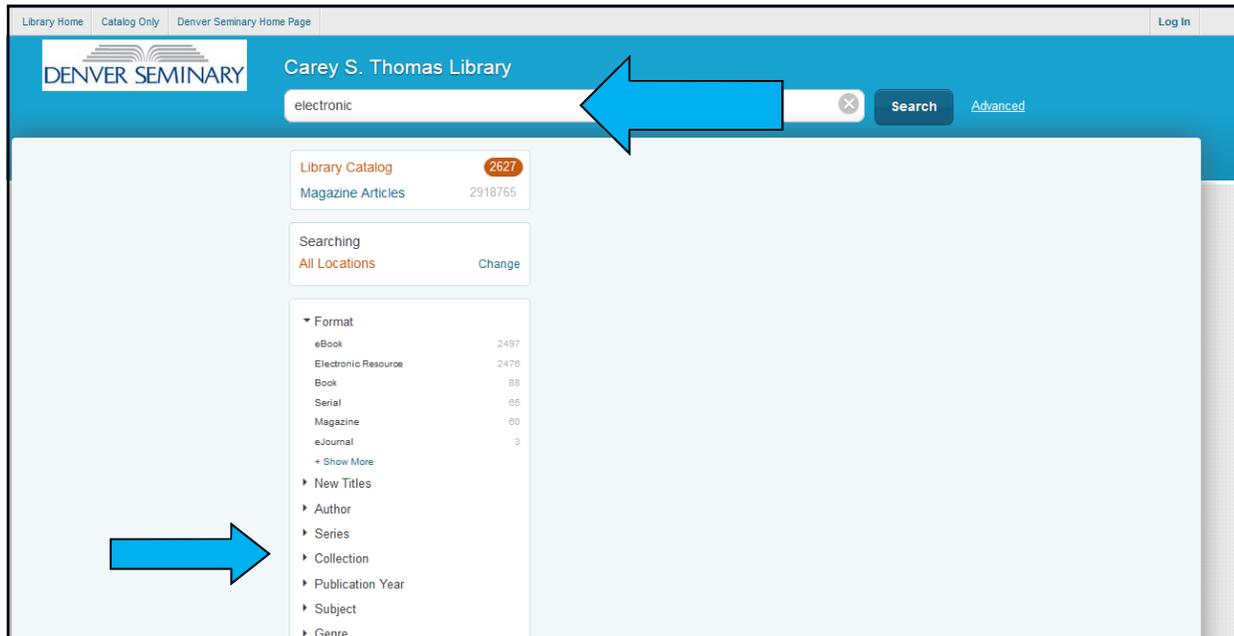

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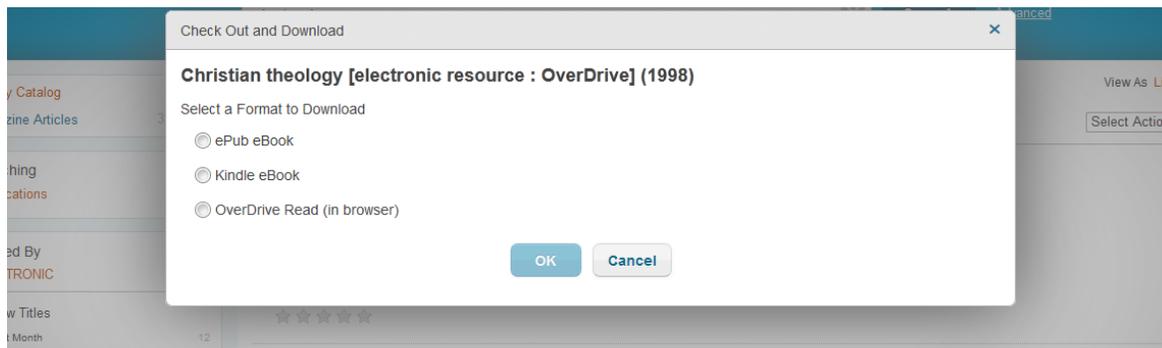
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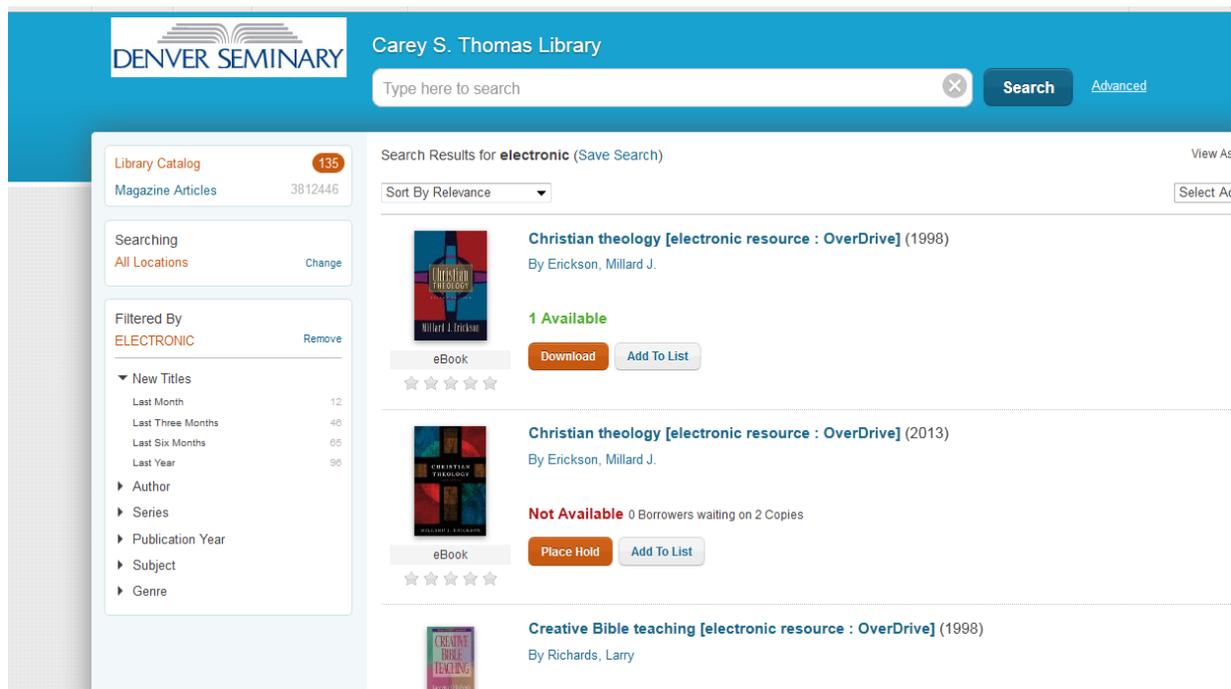
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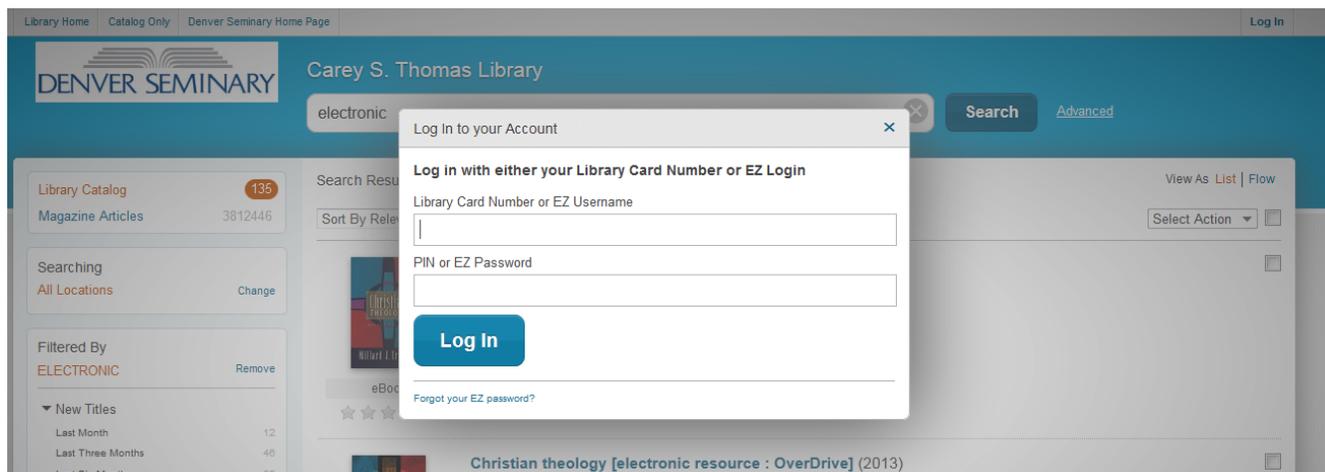

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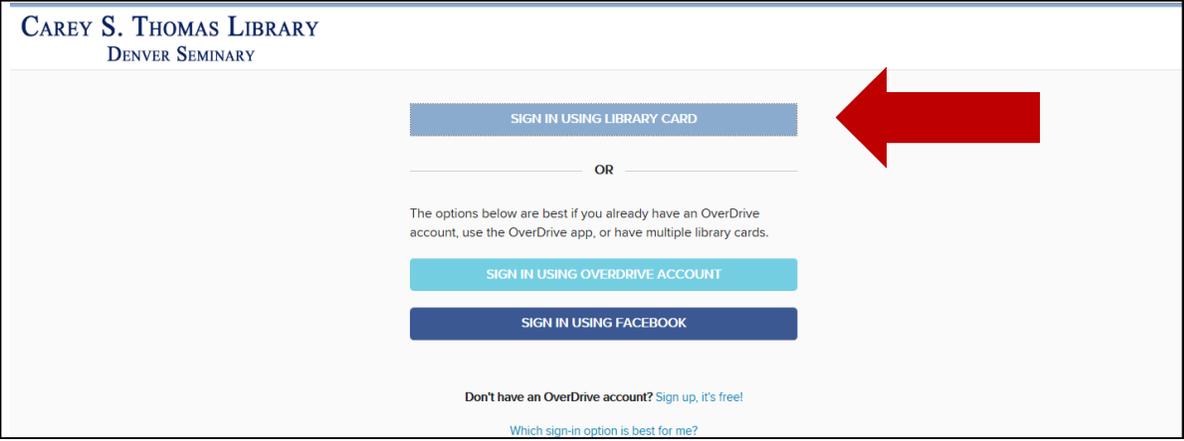
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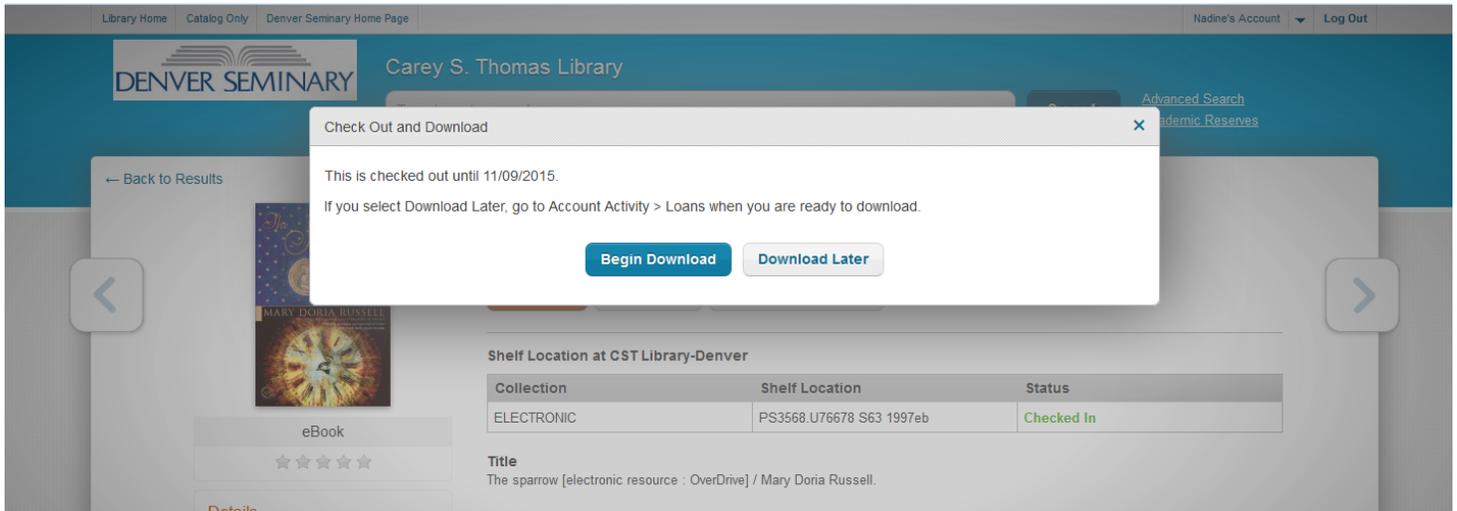

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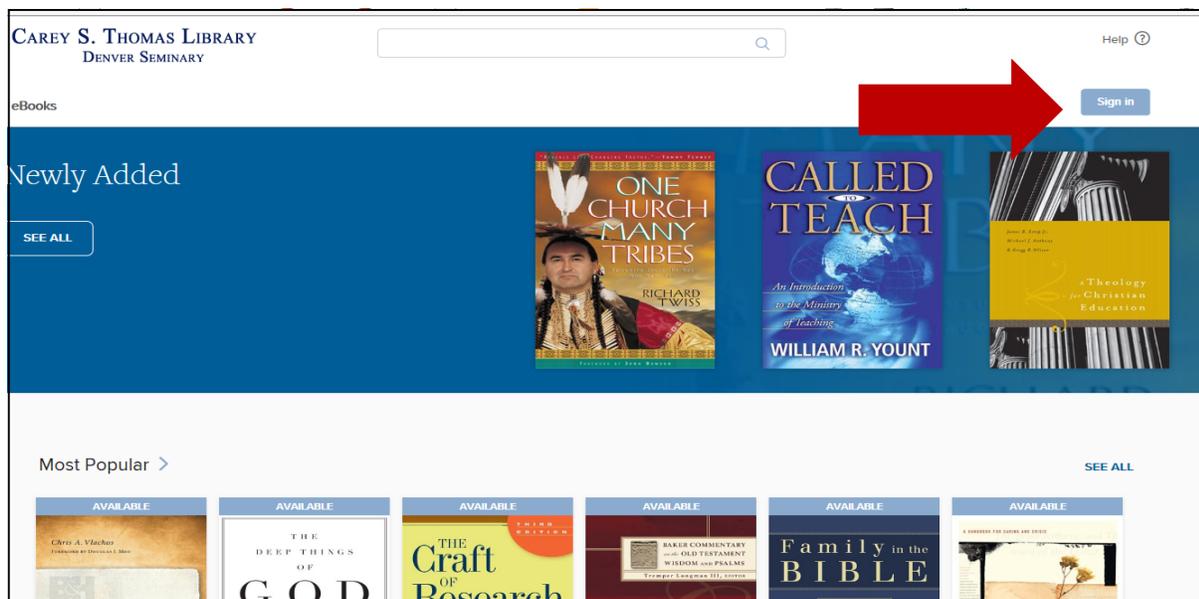
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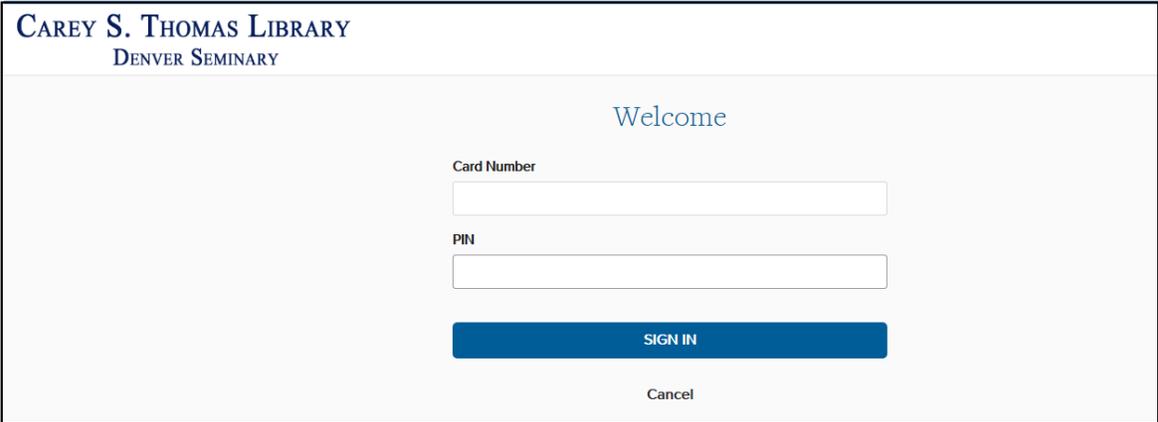
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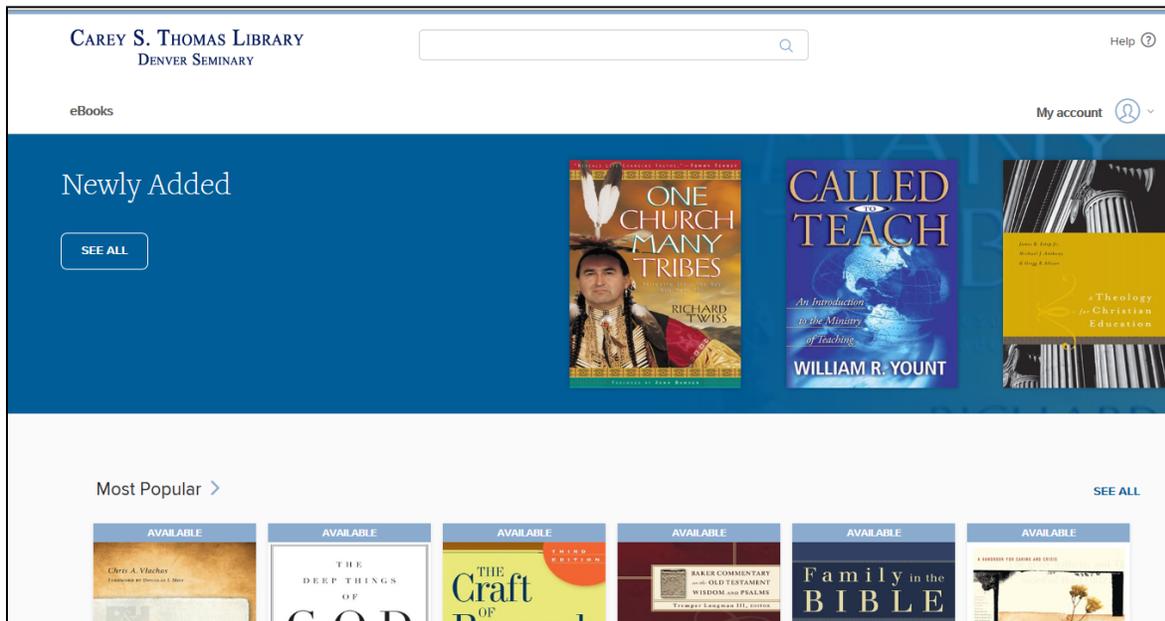
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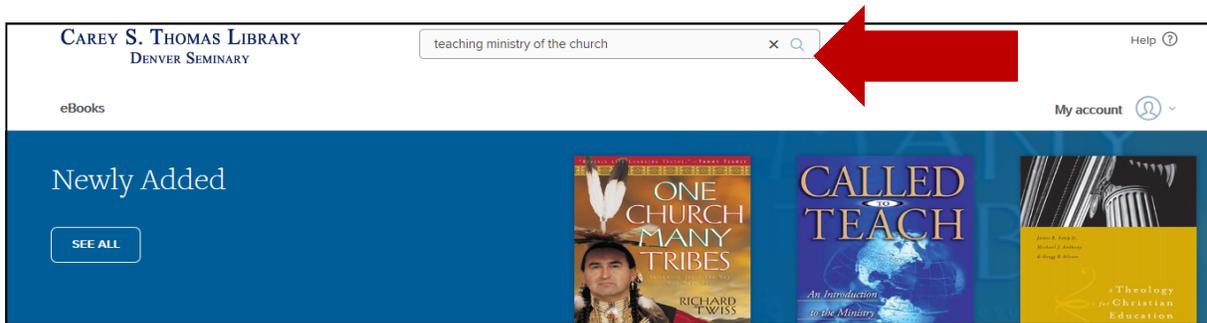
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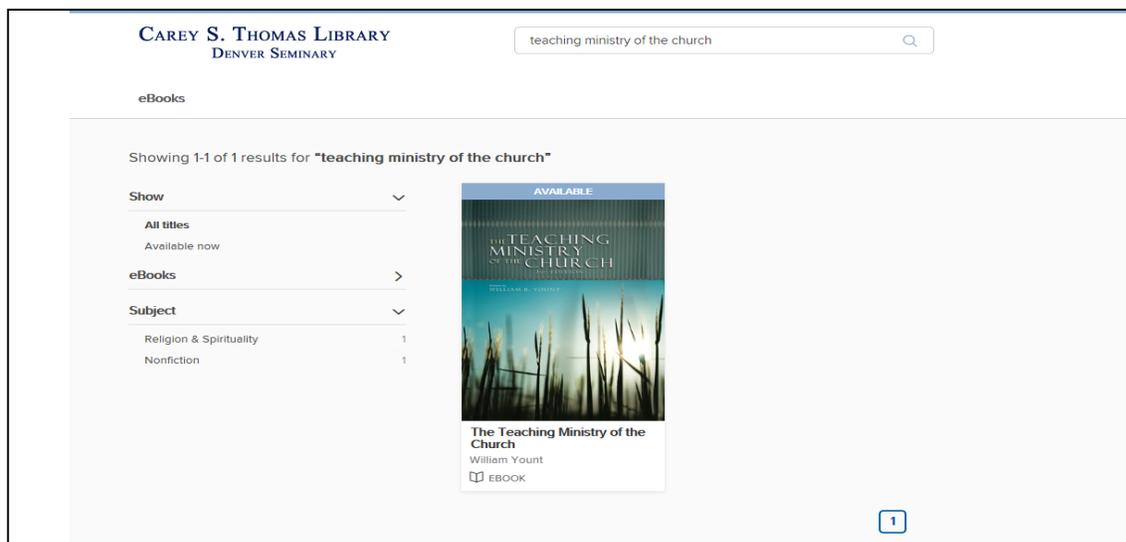
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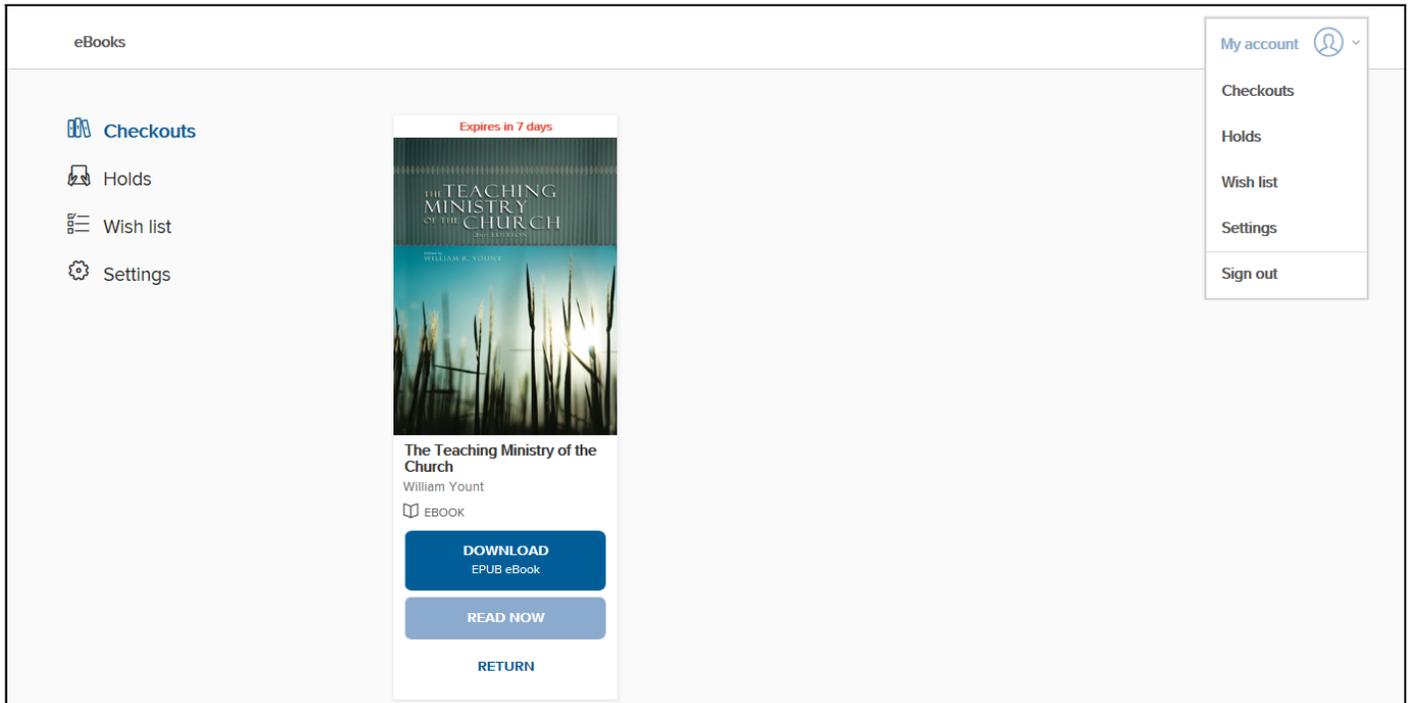

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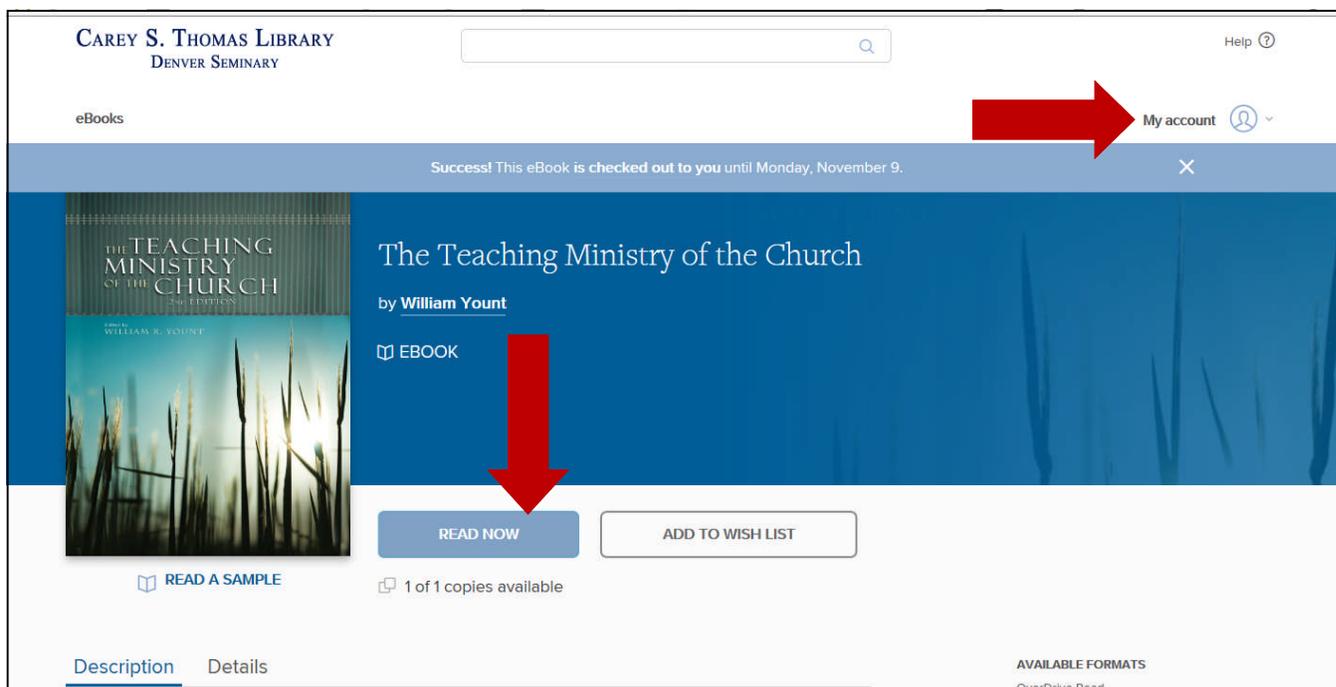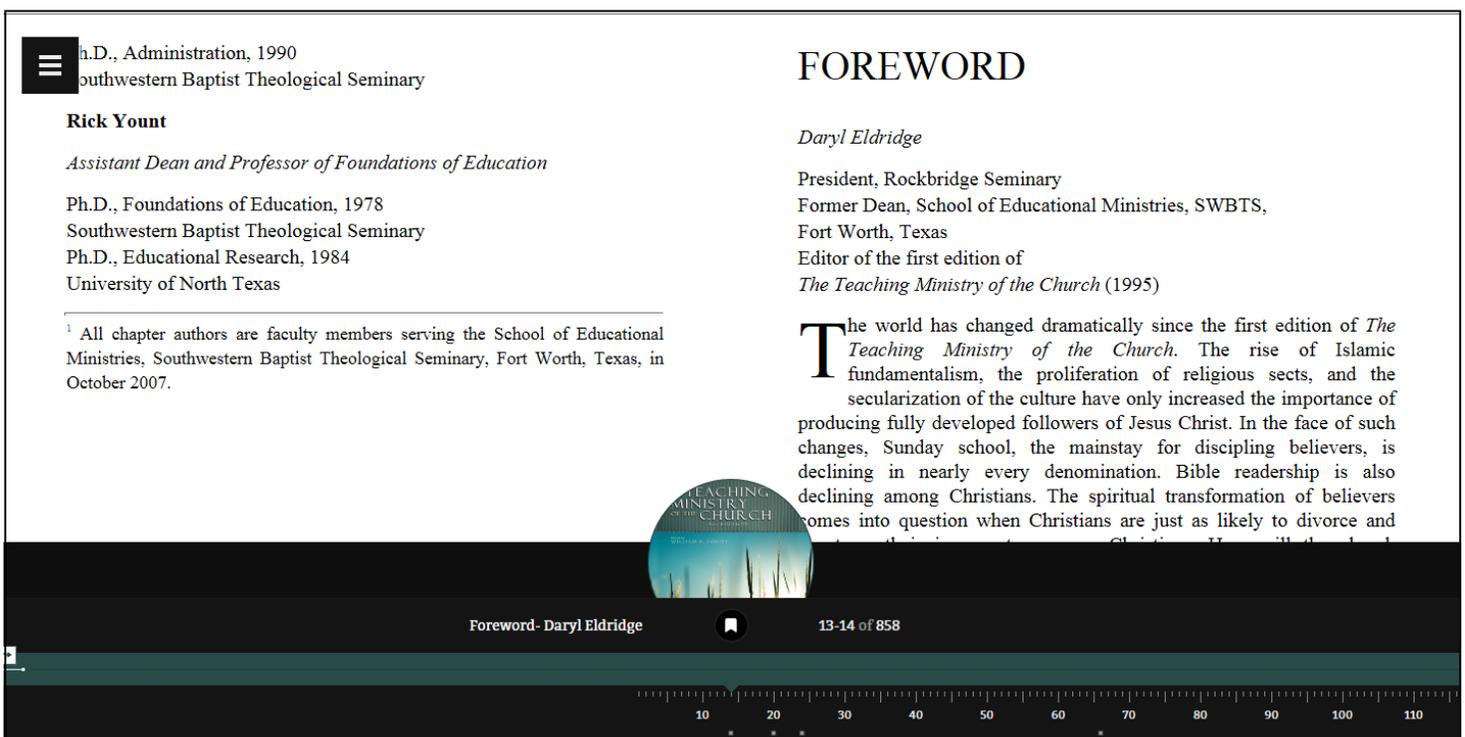
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The world has changed dramatically since the first edition of *The Teaching Ministry of the Church*. The rise of Islamic fundamentalism, the proliferation of religious sects, and the secularization of the culture have only increased the importance of producing fully developed followers of Jesus Christ. In the face of such changes, Sunday school, the mainstay for discipling believers, is declining in nearly every denomination. Bible readership is also declining among Christians. The spiritual transformation of believers comes into question when Christians are just as likely to divorce and

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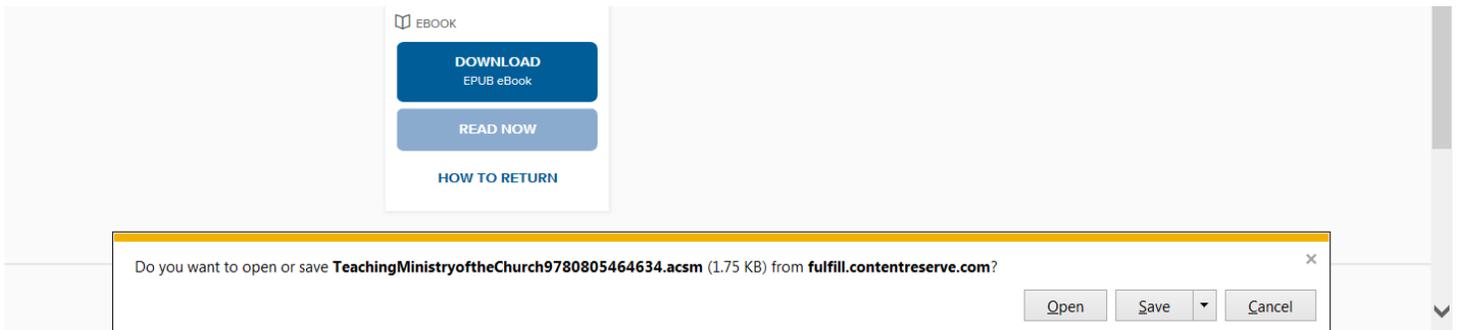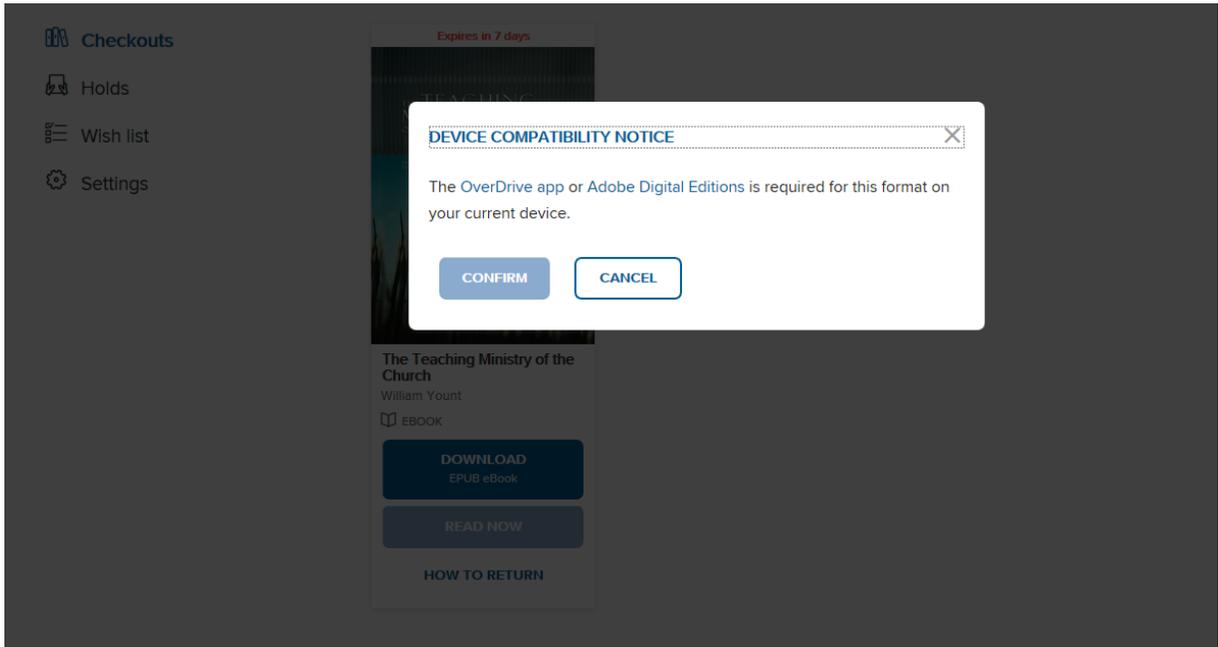
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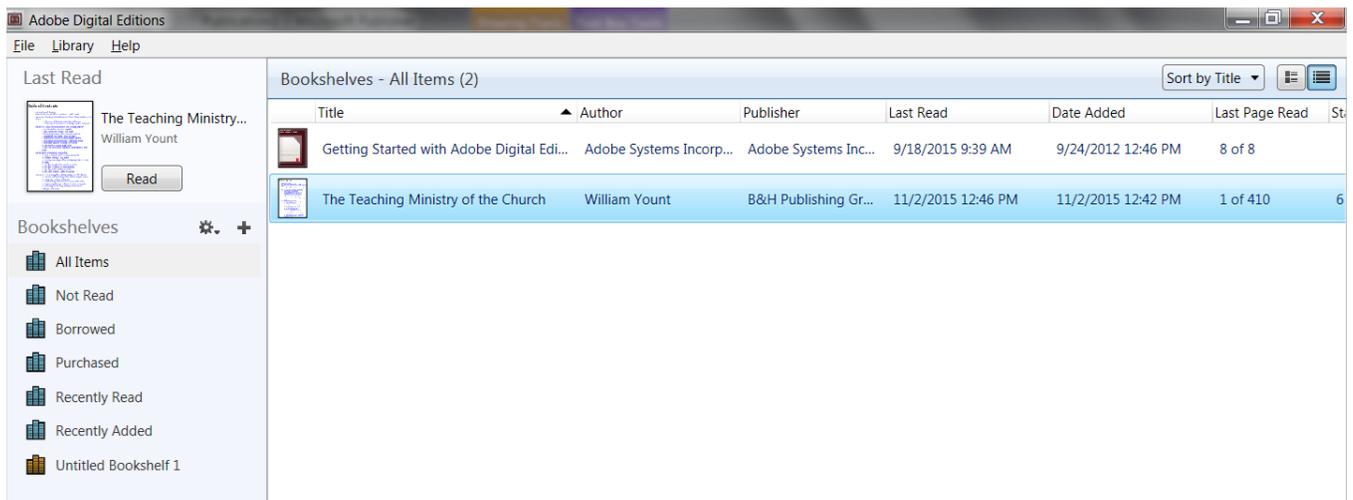
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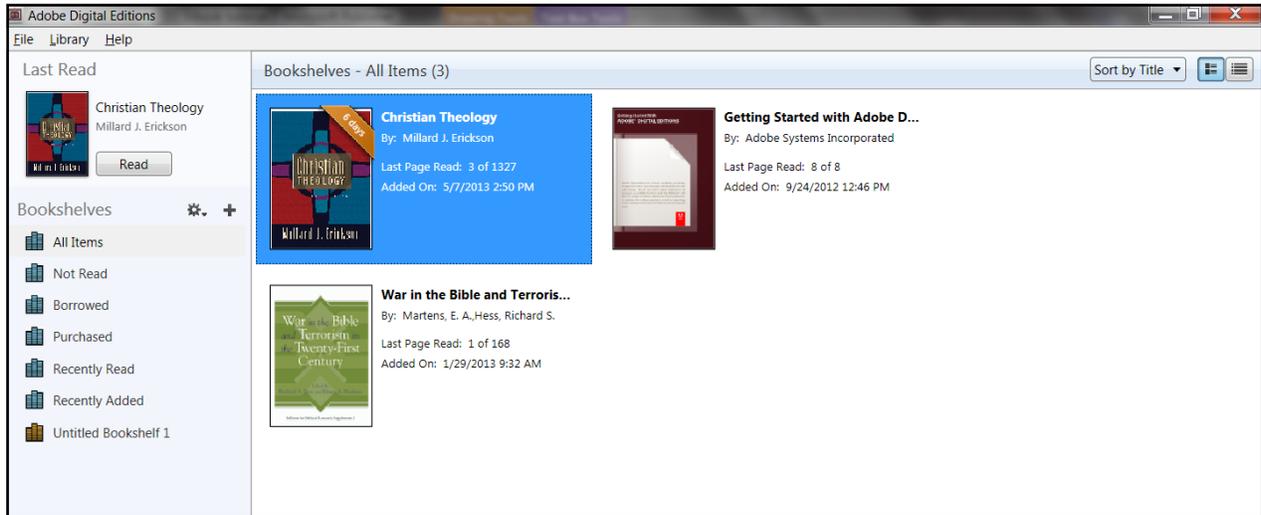
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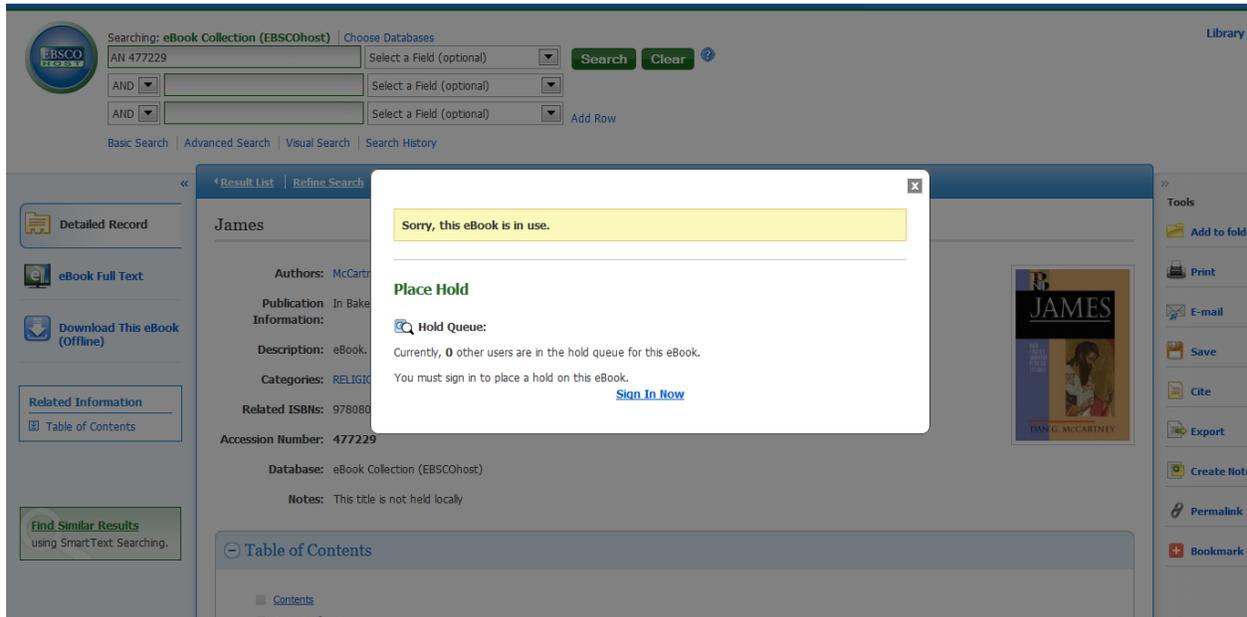
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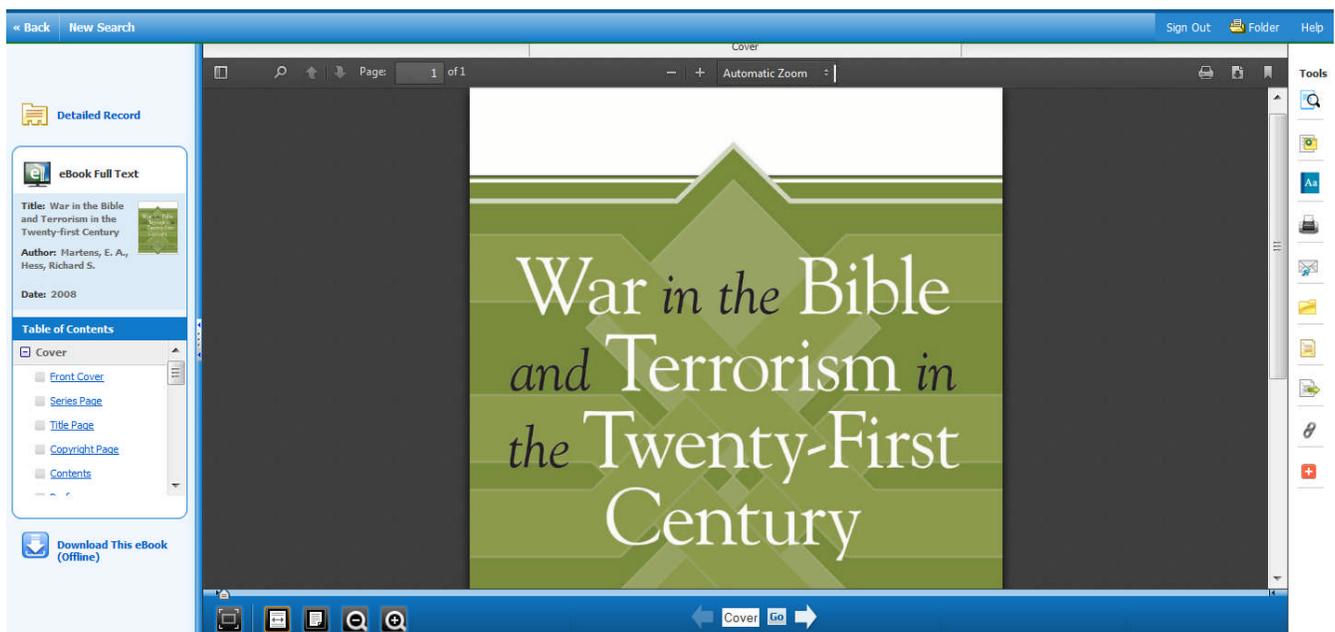
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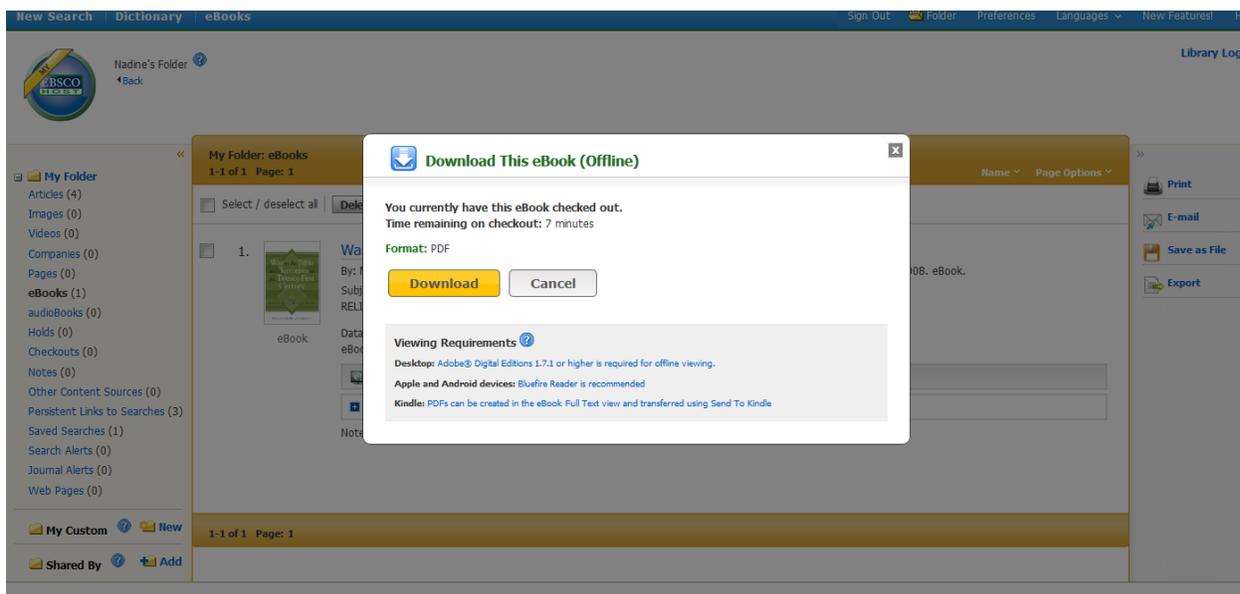
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