

## Check It Out Column for April 25-May 2

Ebooks are Awesome!

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Being an avid reader, I usually take home several books at a time. However, carting home a heavy load of books gets old after a while. Plus, I have to find a place to put them where they won't get mislaid. I found a solution! EBooks.

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What was really cool was the way the Table of Contents showed up in the left pane with the "book" in the right pane. Turning pages was easy. Above the pages pane were the buttons to go to the previous or next page or even a specific one. This was easier than using a regular book!

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I had so much fun exploring the features of this service, that I lost track of time. This is a wonderful service and definitely worth trying out yourself.