# Making the Most from iBooks

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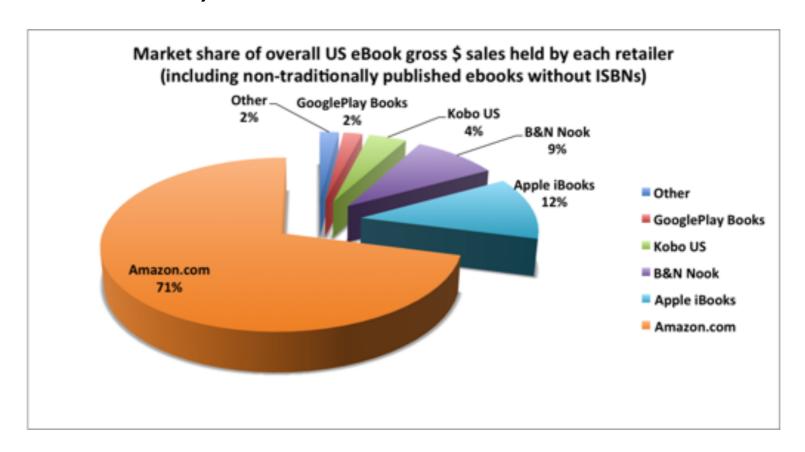


# What We'll Cover:

- Apple as an eBook retailer
- iBooks App and Apple devices
- How to get your book on iBooks
- iTunes Producer software for uploading content
- iTunes Connect publisher dashboards
- Questions!

# Apple as an eBook Retailer

- iBooks retails ebooks in 51 countries
- iBooks is considered the #2 retailer of US ebooks (in gross \$ sales)



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# iBooks App and Apple Devices

- The iBooks app is the default bookstore and reading app on all iPhones, iPads and all Mac computers
- In Q4 2016, Apple sold:
  - over 40 million iPhones
  - over 9 million iPads
  - over 4.5 million Mac computers
  - = 50+ million new devices that run iBooks in 3 months

## How Do You Get to iBooks?

**Consider: Time vs Money vs Control** 

Distribute via an "aggregator" such as:

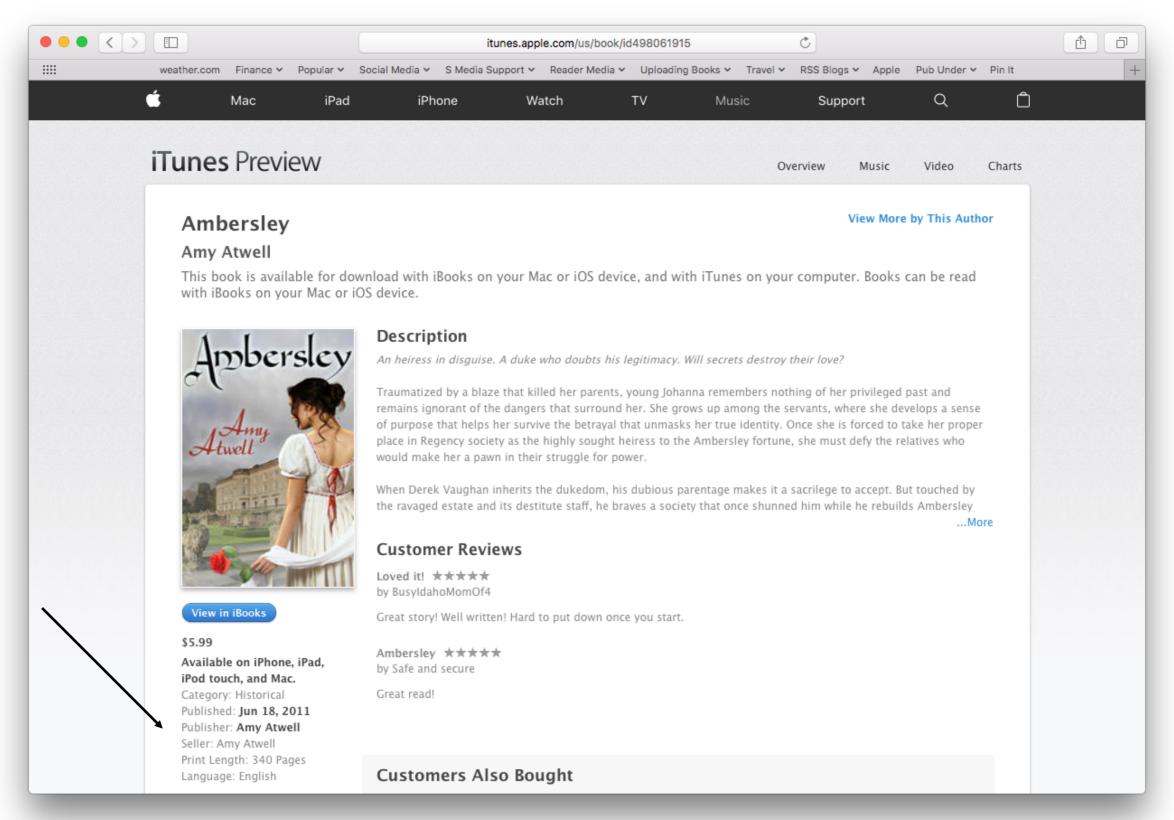


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- Create a publisher dashboard on iTunes Connect

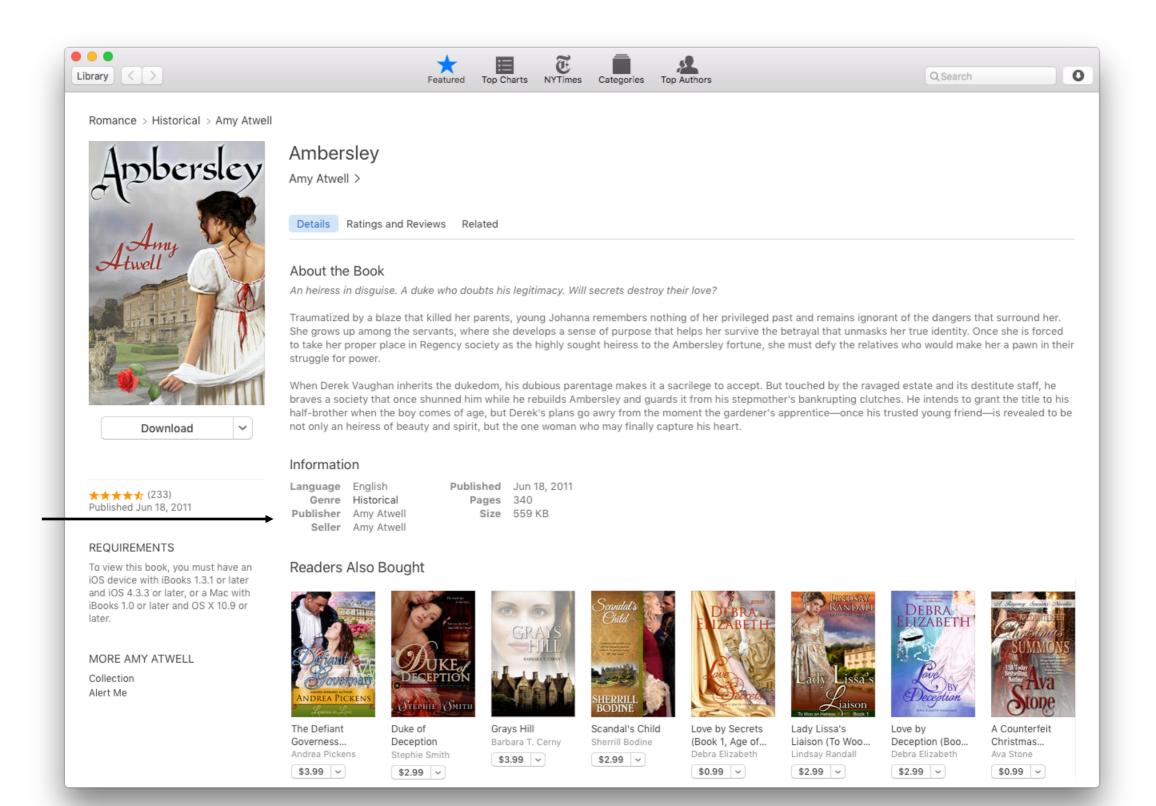
# iBooks: Not Scary, Just Different

- iBooks App is "closed" store environment not website
- iBooks accepts only valid, compliant ePub files
- · iBooks identifies author, publisher, and the seller
  - The content provider is the seller, iBooks keeps a commission
  - Apple does not issue 1099-Misc for "royalties"

#### iBooks on the Internet

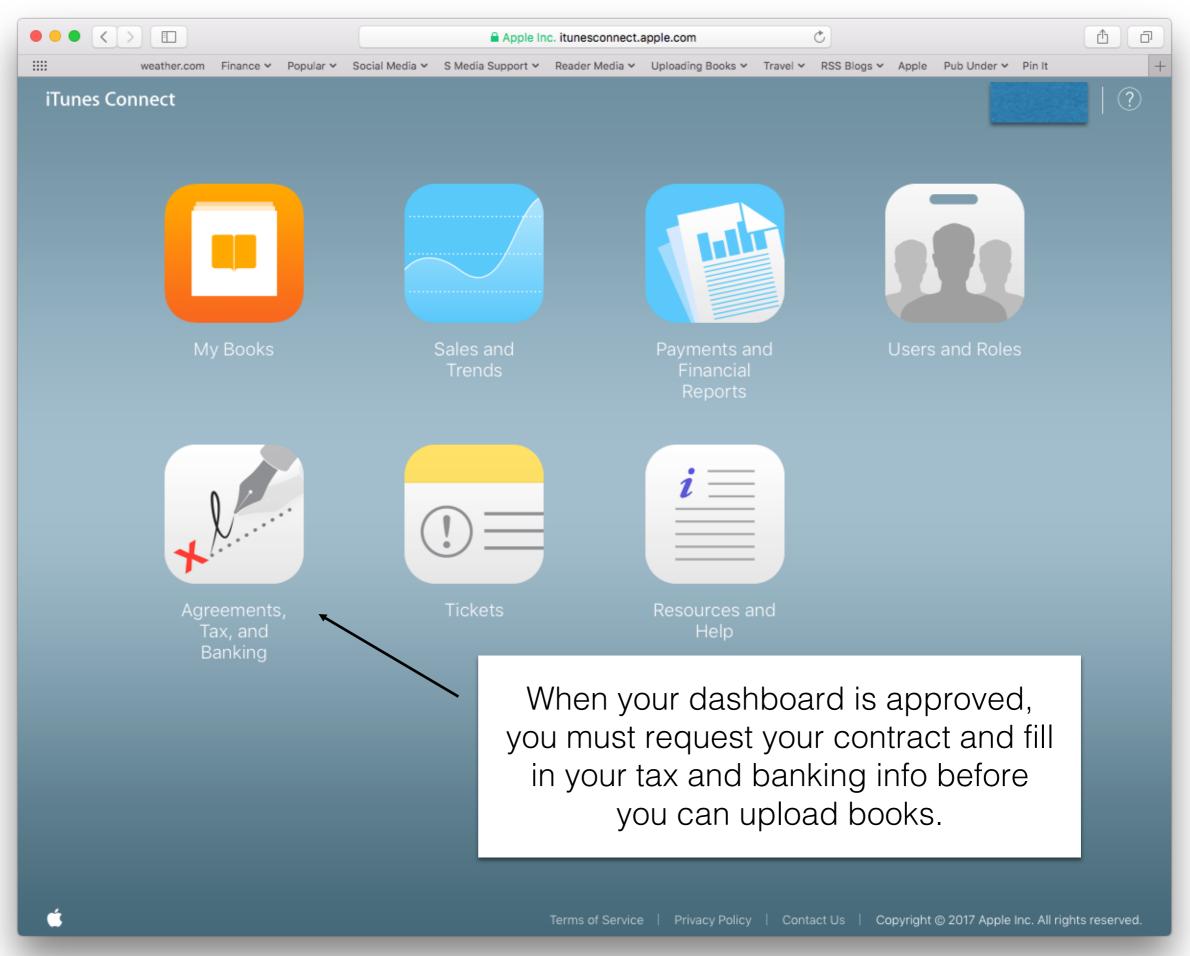


#### iBooks Store



## Creating an iTunes Connect Account

- Starts with an Apple ID https://appleid.apple.com
  - You have one if you own an iPhone, iPad or use iTunes, iCloud
  - Email addy, real name, address, credit card information
- Apply: https://itunes.com/sellyourbook
  - Be sure to choose PAID account and not FREE
  - Enter your Legal Entity Name
  - This becomes The Seller field on iBooks
  - Start with your real name or LLC can be changed later
  - Must match your tax and banking information
  - Approval takes only a few days



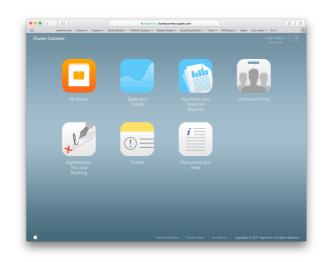
# Uploading and Managing



#### iTunes Producer

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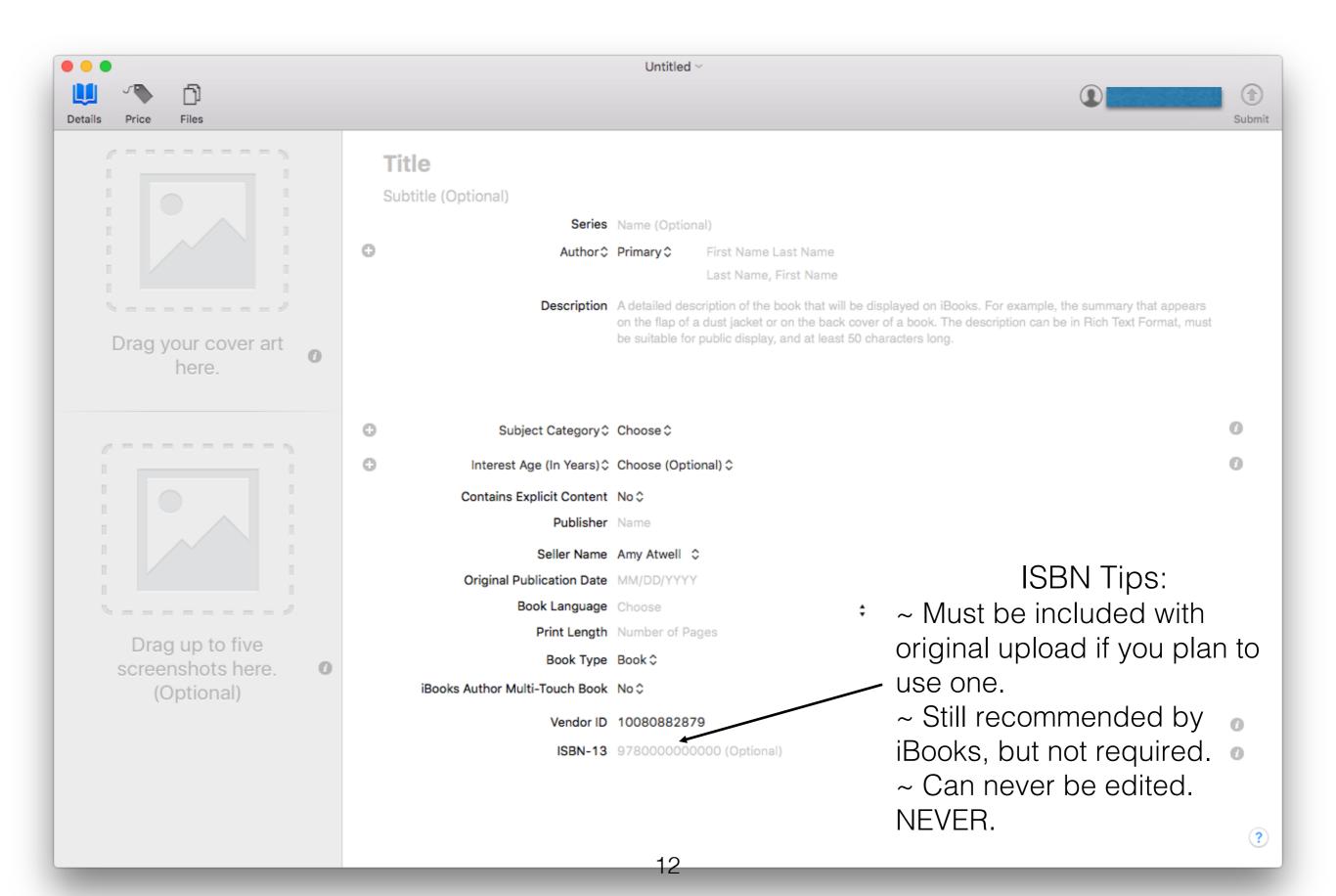
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- ~ Series info



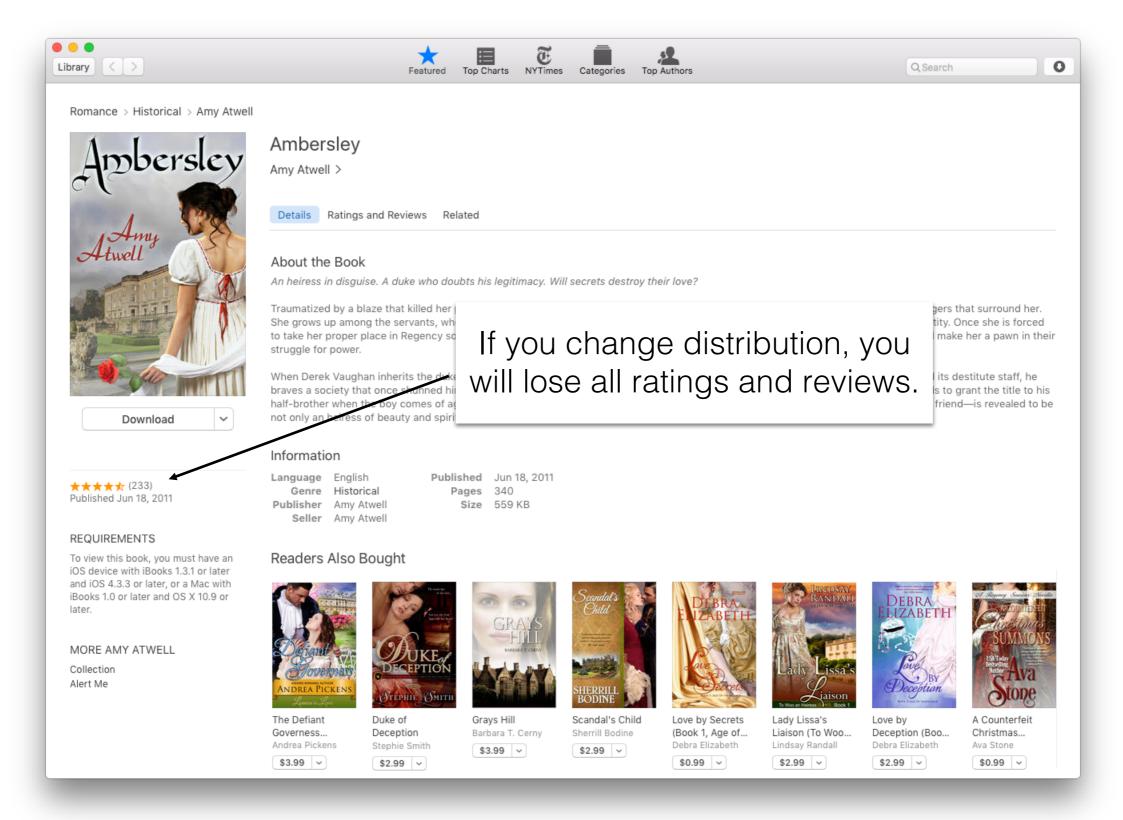
#### **iTunes Connect**

**Any Computer** 

- ~ apply for account
- ~ update description
- ~ update price/availability
- ~ monitor sales and pmts

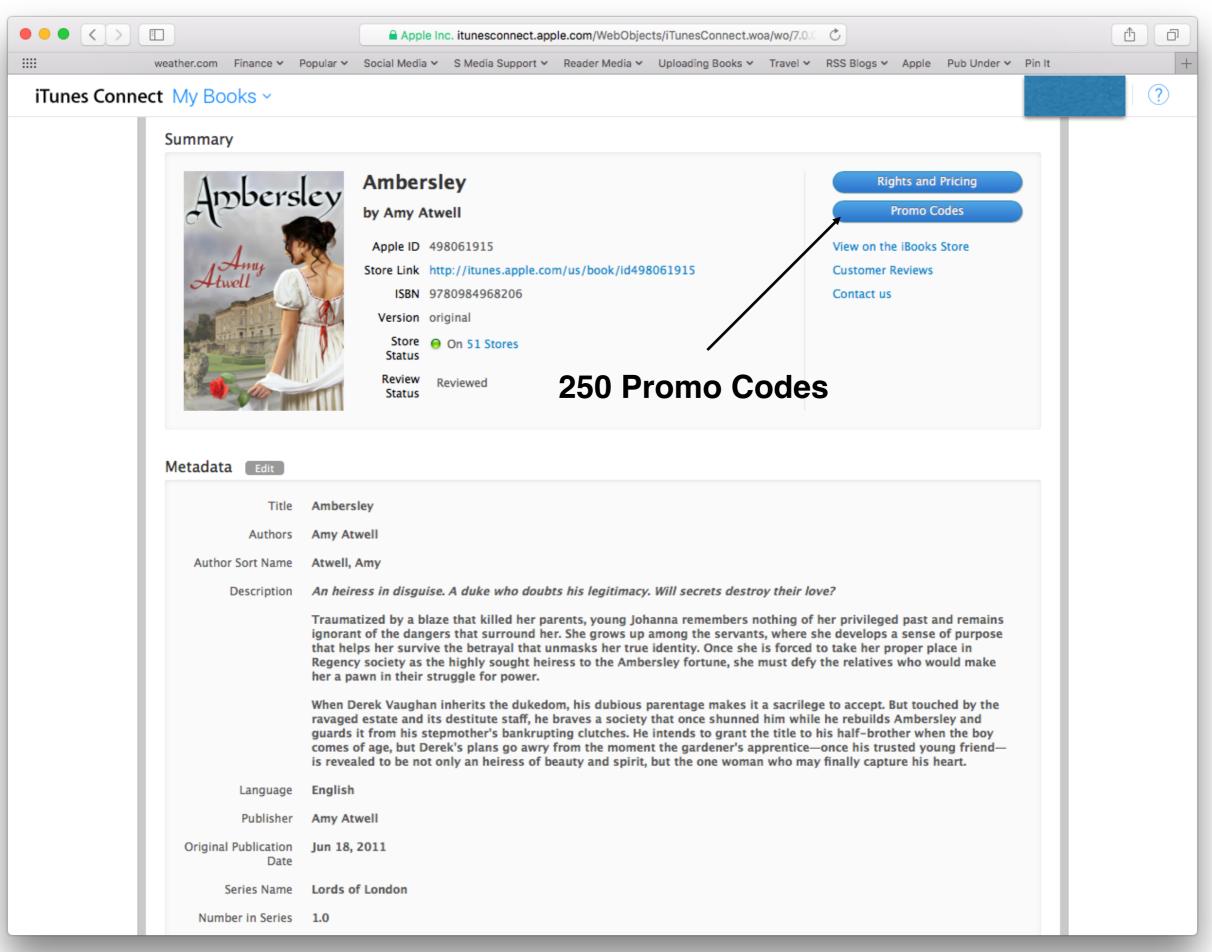


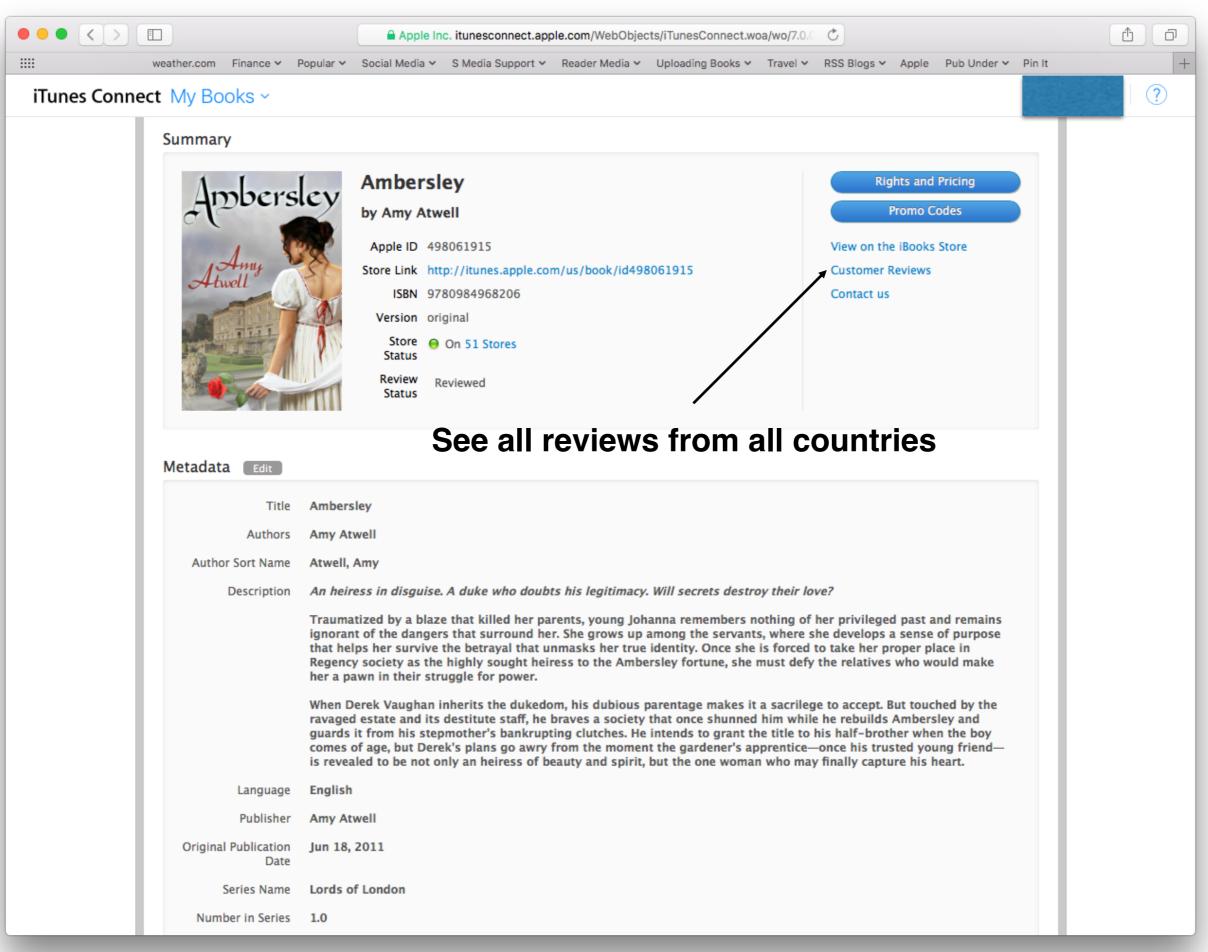
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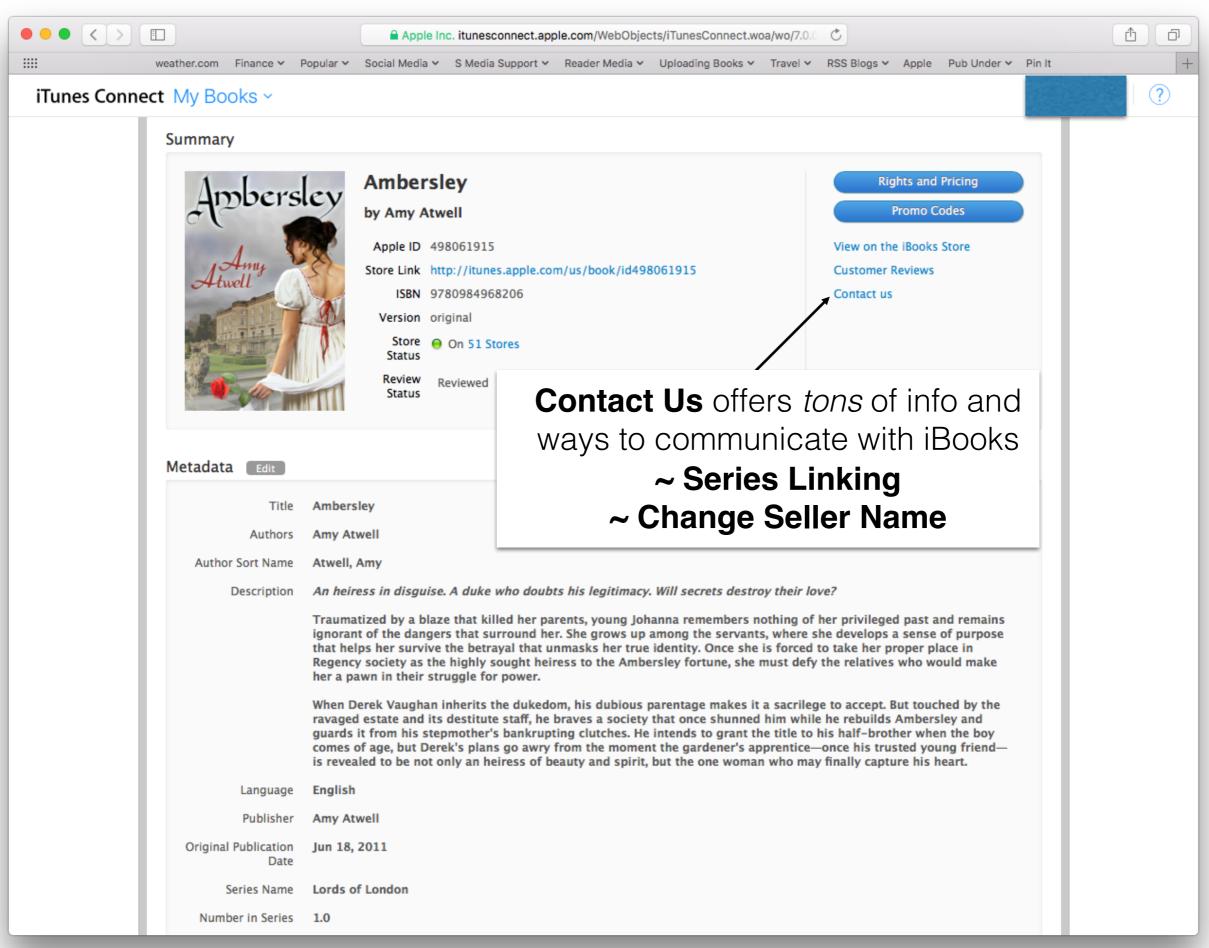


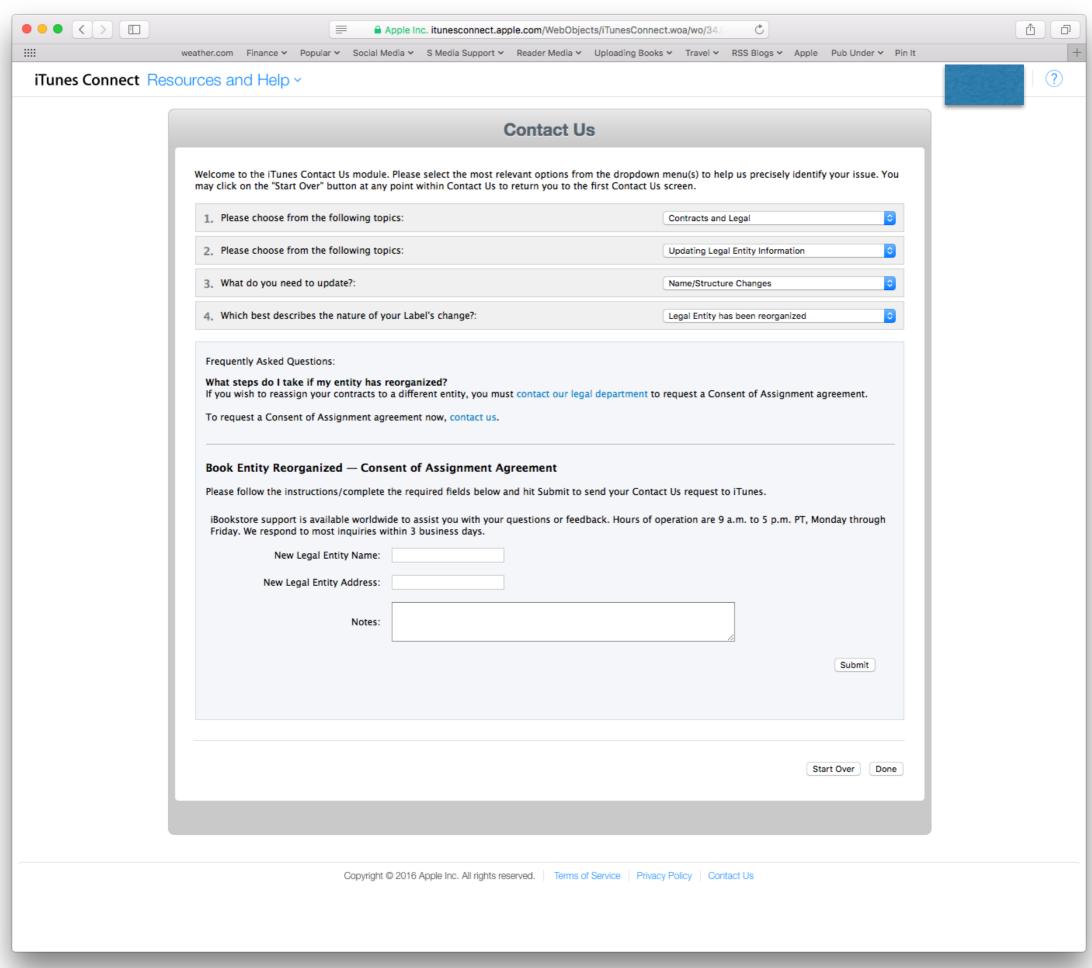
# Pros of Going Direct

- You earn 70% of list price on ALL price points
- You can upload asset-less pre-orders up to 364 days in advance of release date
- Create a specific ePub file with iBooks and iTunes links
- iBooks accepts ePub2 and ePub3 file formats, Multi-Touch books, embedded audio and video
- iBooks gives you 250 Promotion Codes per book; these can be used as soon as the book file is uploaded, even during pre-order

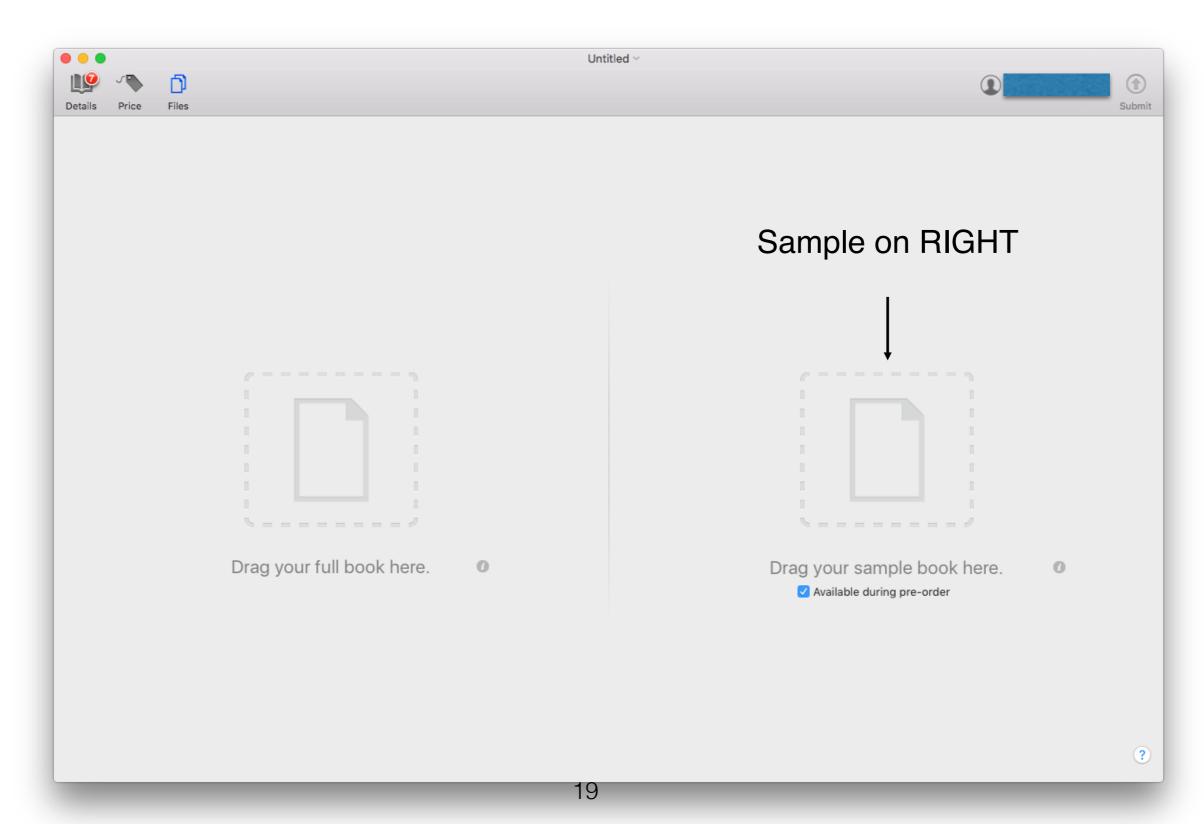








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#### What it looks like to the reader...



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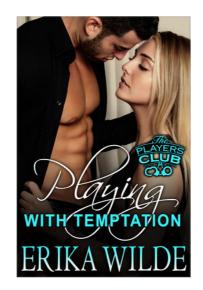
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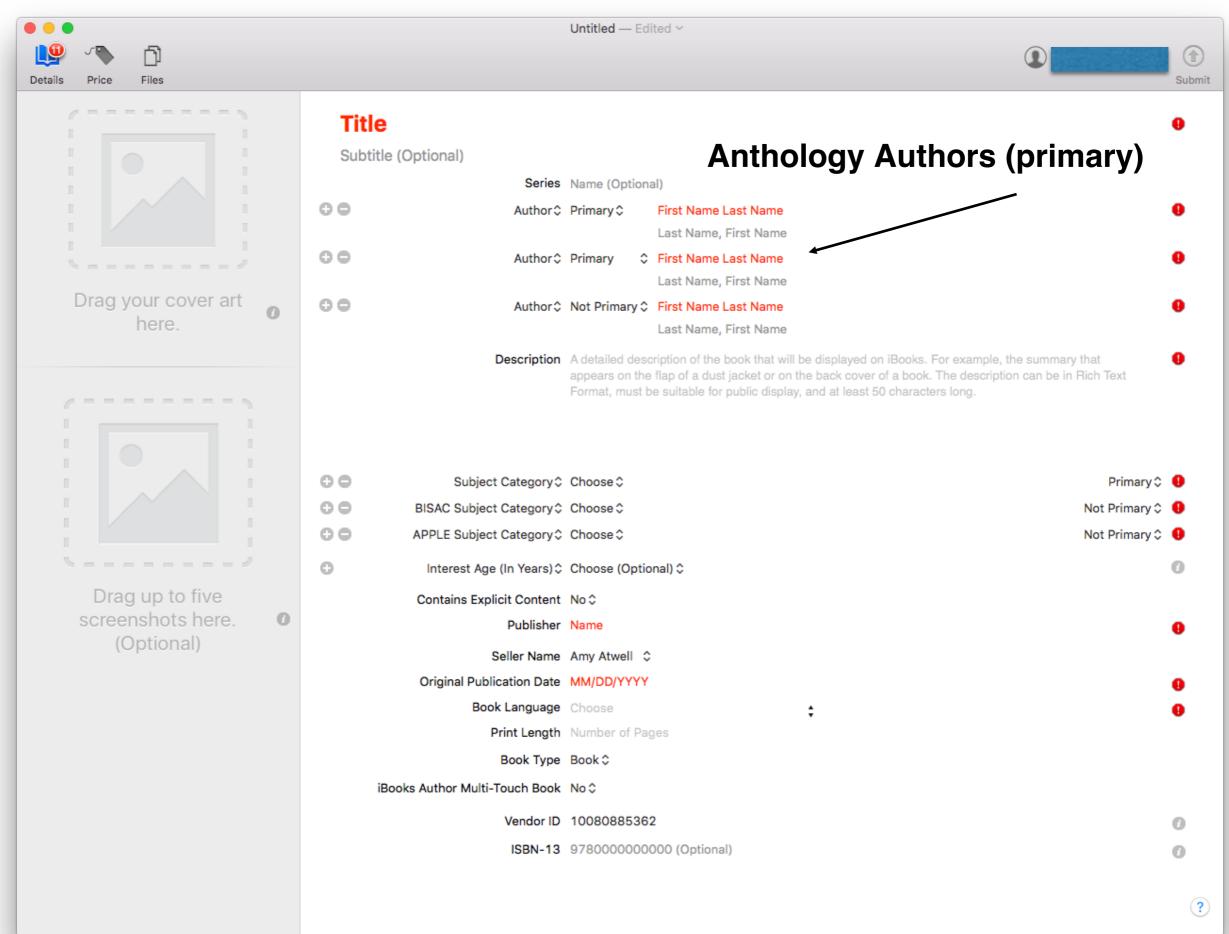
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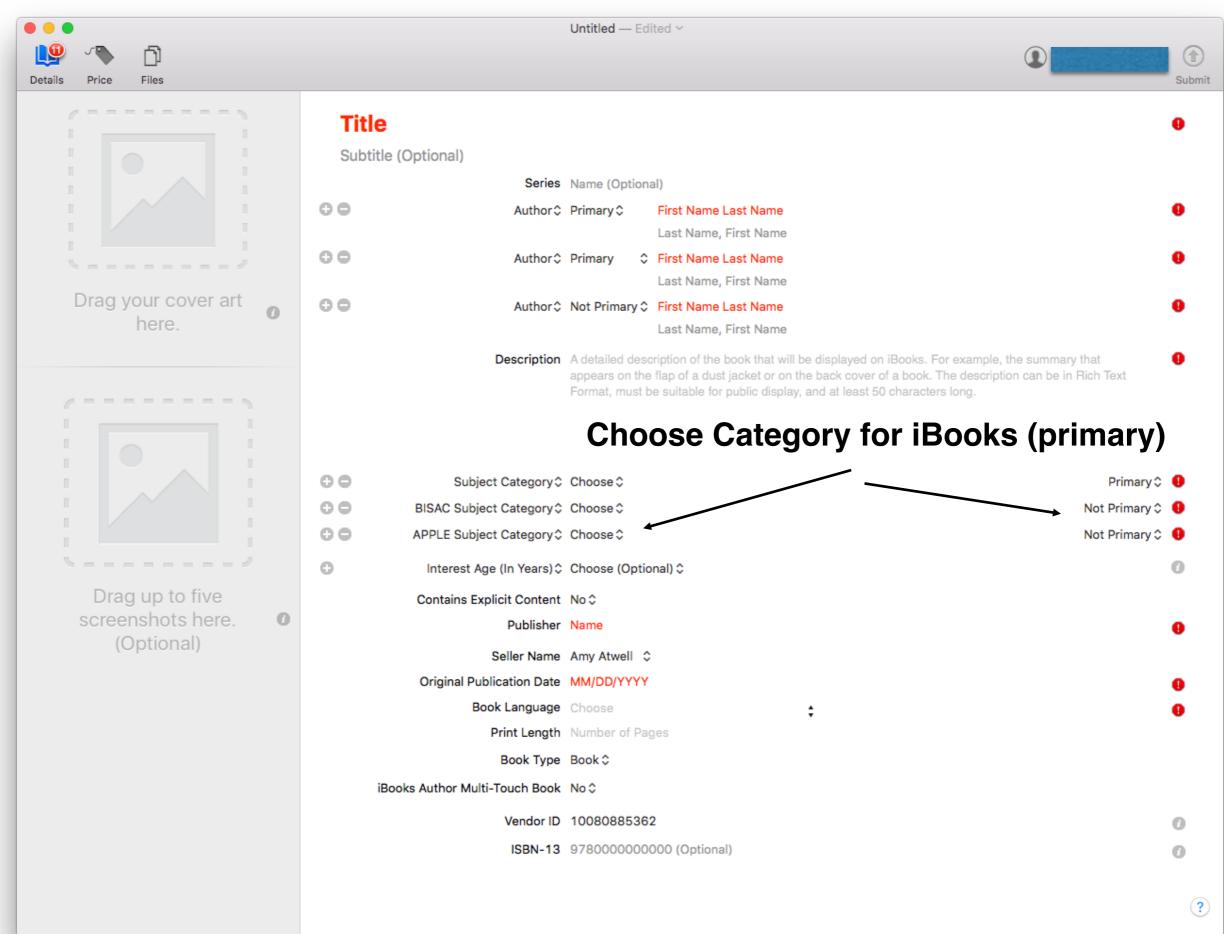
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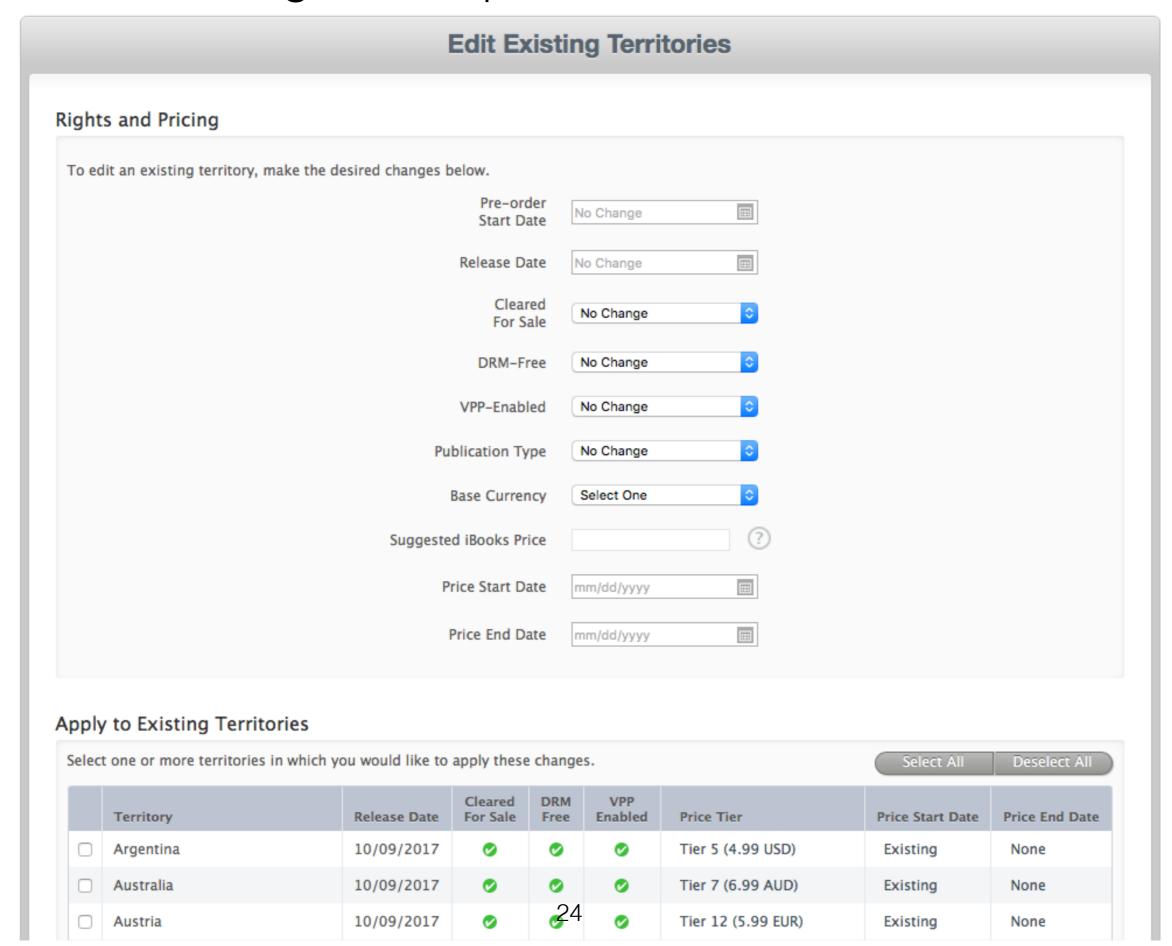




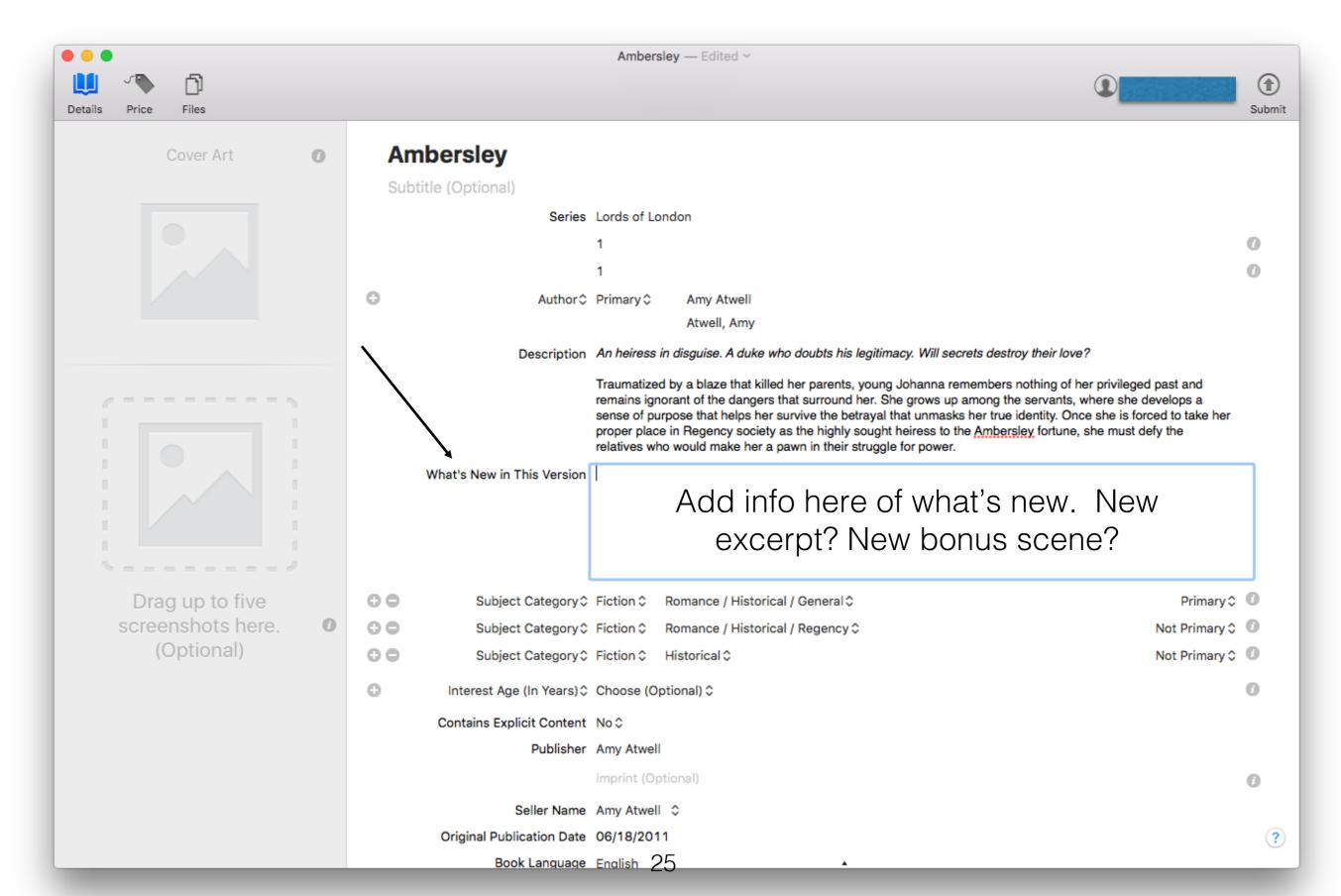
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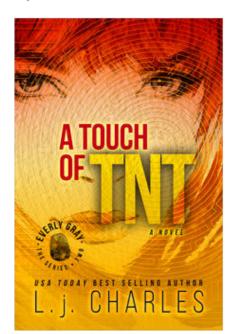




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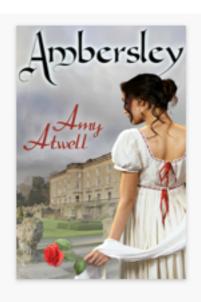
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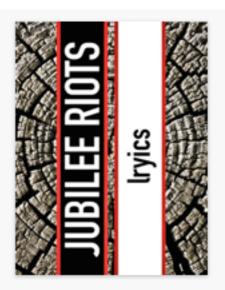


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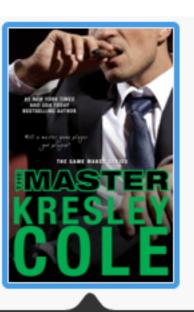
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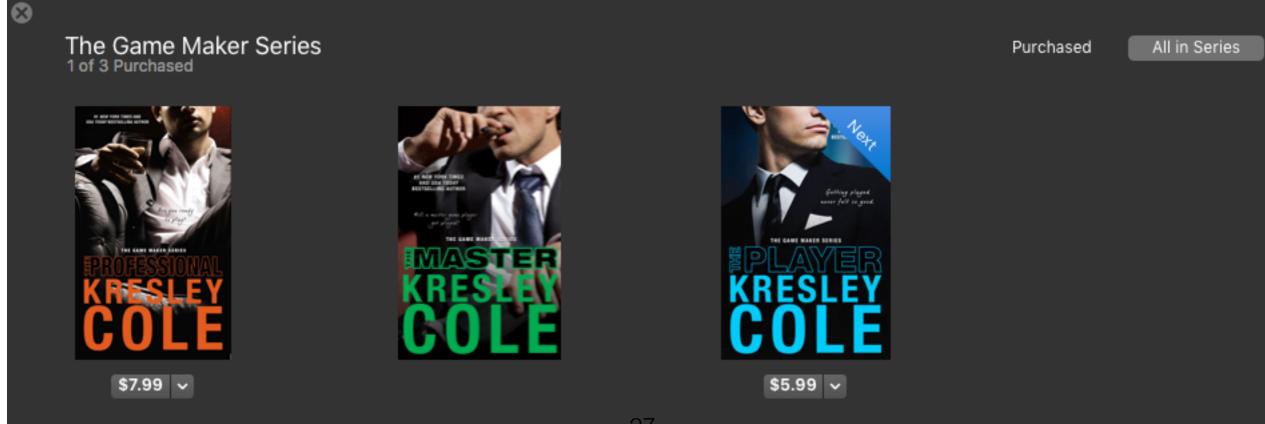
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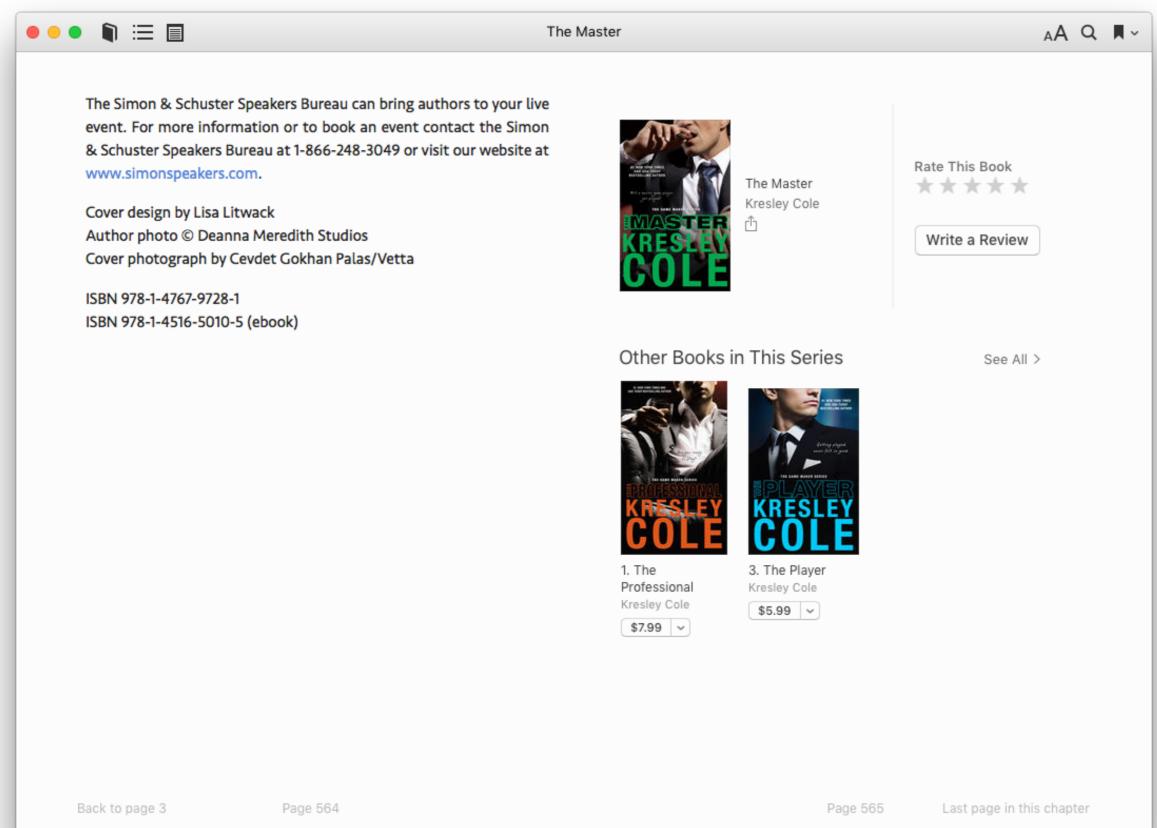








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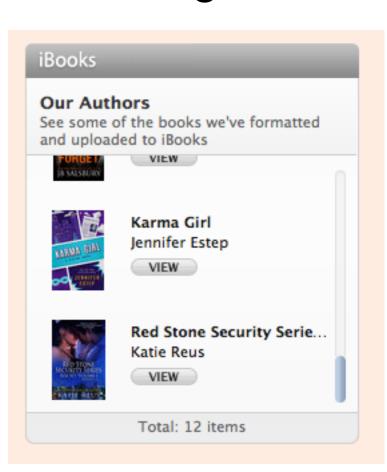


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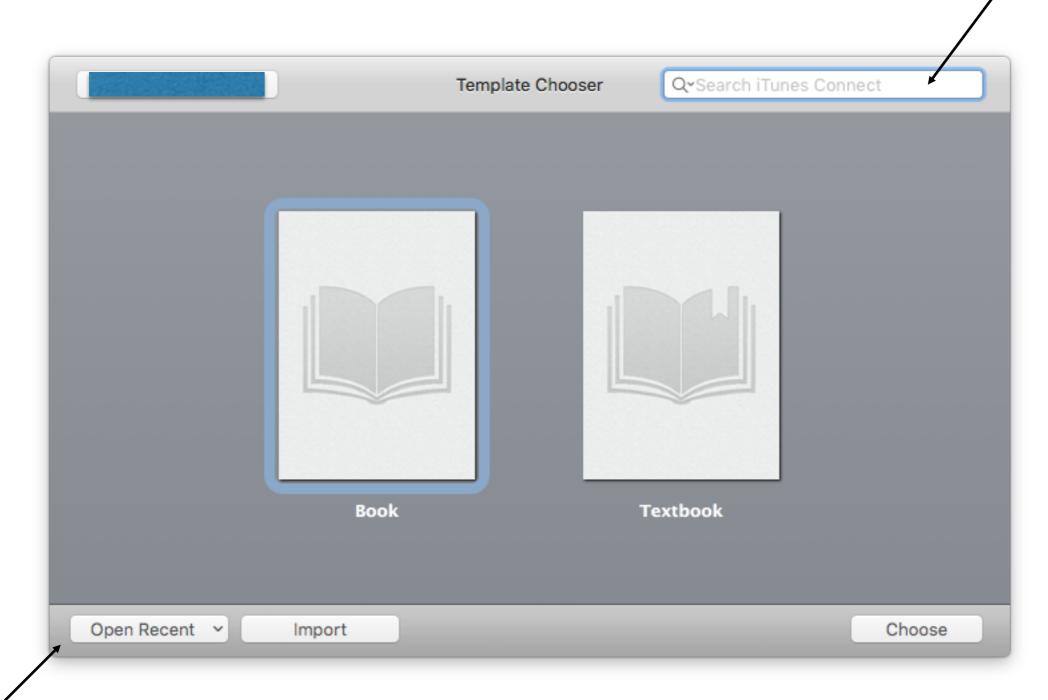
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