

# GSA LIBRARY

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ASKEWS E-BOOKS: ACCESSIBILITY SCORECARD		
Functionalities		
Read	Online	Offline
		Y
Print	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A small number of DRM-free titles can be printed in their entirety</li> <li>• DRM-protected titles have a standard 10% print limit, though some publishers may have imposed a stricter limit</li> </ul>	
Annotate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated into the embedded online reader</li> </ul>	
Compatibilities		
Online Reading	EPUB	Adobe
	Y	Y
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Titles are provided in either EPUB or Adobe</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPUB files are designed for accessibility and are composed of HTML text that can be used with screen readers and accessibility tools</li> <li>• Adobe files are less accessible, and may provide some challenges to screen readers and accessibility tools, though an ASCII layer can be activated</li> </ul>					
Offline Reading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most titles are DRM-protected when downloaded and require Adobe Digital Editions. Some screen readers will work with ADE, though some will not</li> <li>• GSA IT does not support ADE, and the download function has therefore been deactivated</li> <li>• Full-text of a small number of titles are DRM-free when downloaded and can be used with any compatible program, including screen readers and accessibility tools</li> </ul>					
Screen Readers	JAWS	NVDA	TalkBack	VoiceOver	Read & Write Gold	ClaroRead
	Y	Y			Y	Y
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The embedded online reader includes a fully integrated text-to-speech reader, and in most instances this will provide the most satisfactory experience</li> <li>• The external screen readers marked Y above have been specifically tested, but non-tested readers may also work</li> <li>• EPUB or DRM-Free files should be accessible with most external readers</li> </ul>					

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adobe files are less accessible, and may provide some challenges to screen readers and accessibility tools</li> </ul>
Image Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As alt tags are supplied by publishers, some files may not be fully compliant</li> </ul>
Keyboard Shortcut Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supported. Shortcuts listed at <a href="https://www.vlebooks.com/Vleweb/Help/AccessibilityGuidance">https://www.vlebooks.com/Vleweb/Help/AccessibilityGuidance</a></li> </ul>
<b>Customisation: Website/Platform</b>	
Contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customisable via 'Edit Accessibility Settings' on the left side of each screen. Settings are retained for any subsequent visits to the platform</li> </ul>
Font	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customisable via 'Edit Accessibility Settings' on the left side of each screen. Settings are retained for any subsequent visits to the platform</li> </ul>
Background Colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customisable via 'Edit Accessibility Settings' on the left side of each screen. Settings are retained for any subsequent visits to the platform</li> </ul>
<b>Customisation: Embedded Reader</b>	
Background Colour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customisable with 8 colours</li> </ul>

Contrast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncustomisable. Users would require browser plugin such as Chrome's 'High Contrast'</li> </ul>
Layout	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Page rotation and single page/double page available</li> </ul>
Magnification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 levels available</li> </ul>
Font	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uncustomisable</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements</b>	
Browser	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet Explorer: 8 or above</li> <li>• Firefox: 4 or above</li> <li>• Chrome: 12 or above</li> <li>• Safari: 5 or above</li> </ul>
OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac</li> <li>• PC</li> </ul>
Mobile OS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iOS: 5.0 or above</li> <li>• Android: 4.0 or above</li> </ul>
App	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• iOS</li> <li>• Android</li> </ul>

<b>Policy Compliance</b>	
Accessibility Statement	<a href="https://www.vlebooks.com/Vleweb/Home/AccessibilityGuidance">https://www.vlebooks.com/Vleweb/Home/AccessibilityGuidance</a>
Web Content Accessibility Guidelines	2.1 Level AA
Support	<a href="mailto:accessibility@vlebooks.com">accessibility@vlebooks.com</a>
Remediated Request	Where an e-book does not include sufficient accessibility support, EBSCO will provide a DRM-free copy to the librarian within 5 days upon request at the address above