

Citing e-Legal Deposit (eLD) material which lacks page numbers

This guide is intended to provide assistance to library staff who may have citation enquiries from readers faced with eLD books which lack page numbers. eLD books are also known as NPLD (Non Print Legal Deposit) books. It is not intended to take precedence over any guidance provided by academic tutors / supervisors who may have a recommended style they want people to follow.

Why do we need this guide?

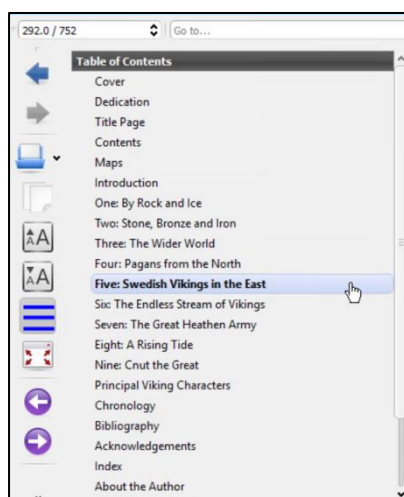
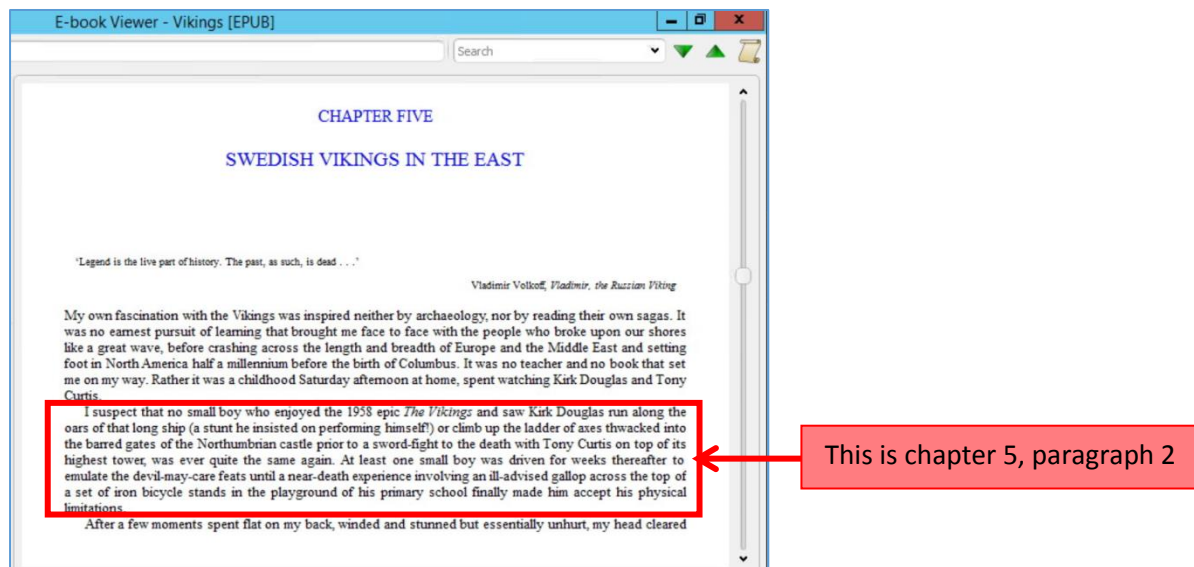
Citation styles in printed publications normally use page numbers to direct readers to a section of text. All ebooks purchased by the Bodleian Libraries currently provide pagination matching the printed book in PDF format. However, many of the eLD books are coming through without page numbering in EPUB format accessed via Calibre software. This requires a new method for citation.

(1) Citing eLD books in EPUB format

The recommendation is to use chapter and paragraph to create the reference, e.g.:

Oliver, N. (2013) *Vikings*. Chapter 5: Swedish Vikings in the east, para. 2
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In some cases the chapter and paragraph may be easy to identify, e.g.:



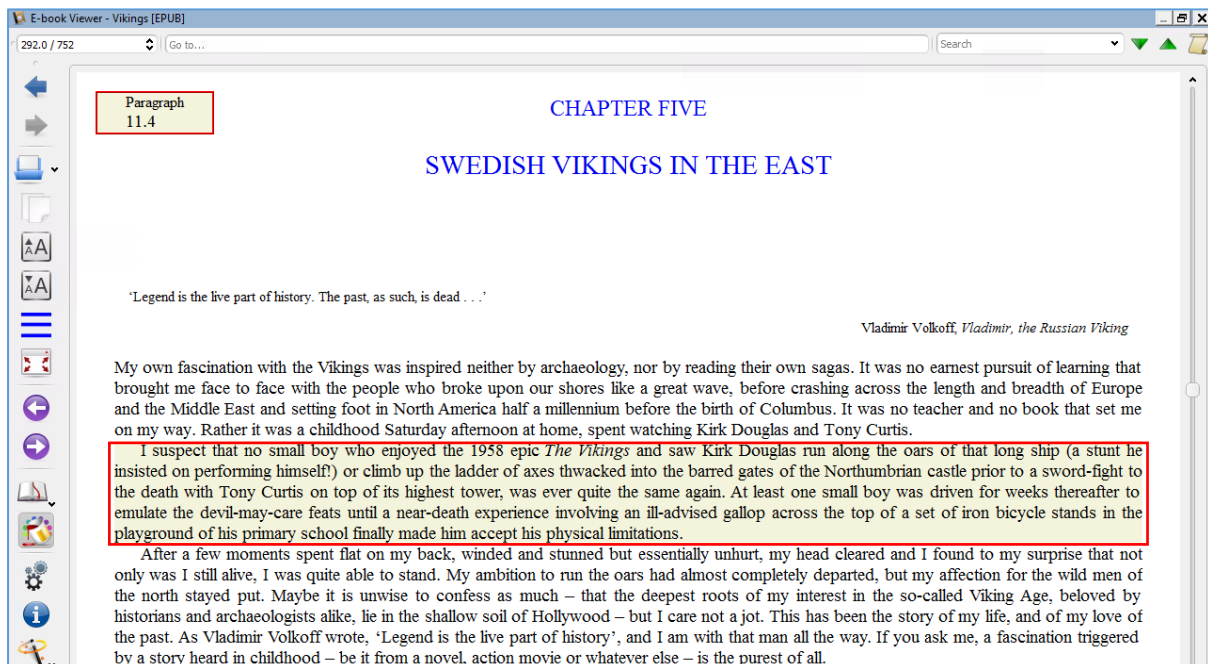
The menu to the left of the screen has a Table of Contents icon which can aid identification of the chapter within the ebook.

The paragraph number can be counted on the screen. (This is easier in some cases than others!)



In the Calibre software, with the Reference mode on, when the user hovers over a paragraph the software provides a chapter and paragraph number – which initially seems very simple – *but note that these may need to be adjusted!*

Using the same example as above one gets chapter 11, paragraph 4:



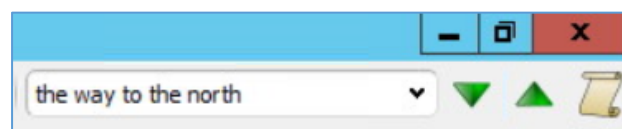
The 11 refers to a *section* of the book, which may include cover, title, contents, introduction etc before the chapters start. Similarly, everything except headings is classed as a paragraph, so in this example that includes the initial quote and then the reference, so the second paragraph is actually referred to as paragraph 4. Consequently the paragraph identified as 11.4 is actually chapter 5, paragraph 2.

(2) Finding text in an eLD book in EPUB format from a citation that refers to pages in the printed book

If an exact quotation is provided, e.g.:

... originally described as 'the way to the north' (Oliver, 2013, p. 118)

it can be searched for in the book using the search function at the top right of the screen:



Westland, referred to their language as the "Danish" tongue and on one level "Dane" seems to have been synonymous with "Scandinavian".

Most important is the likelihood that the warriors who struck at Lindisfarne hailed from the west coast of Norway. For it was into the west, to Shetland, the British Isles, the Faroes, Iceland, Greenland and North America, that the Norwegian Vikings – arguably the most intrepid of all the Scandinavian pioneers – would eventually penetrate. The land from which they had set sail was by no means a unified nation. Instead it was a collection of territories, home to separate, often warring tribes: Hordaland, as mentioned by Woolf, and others like Agder, More, Rogaland, Trøndelag. Even the name 'Norway' was first of all a geographical rather than a political concept, meaning 'the north way' or, more precisely, 'the way to the north'. Rather than a term understood by the people living there – between Skagerrak and Tromsø – it was used by those occupying southern Scandinavia to refer to the long coastline stretching away from their own territories towards the very limits of human occupation.

The crossing from the west coast of Norway to the Shetland Islands would have taken little more than 24 hours in good weather. From there it was a short hop south to the Orkney Islands and then onwards, across the Pentland Firth, to Caithness. Once ensconced either in the Northern Isles or on the Scottish mainland, the Vikings were ideally placed

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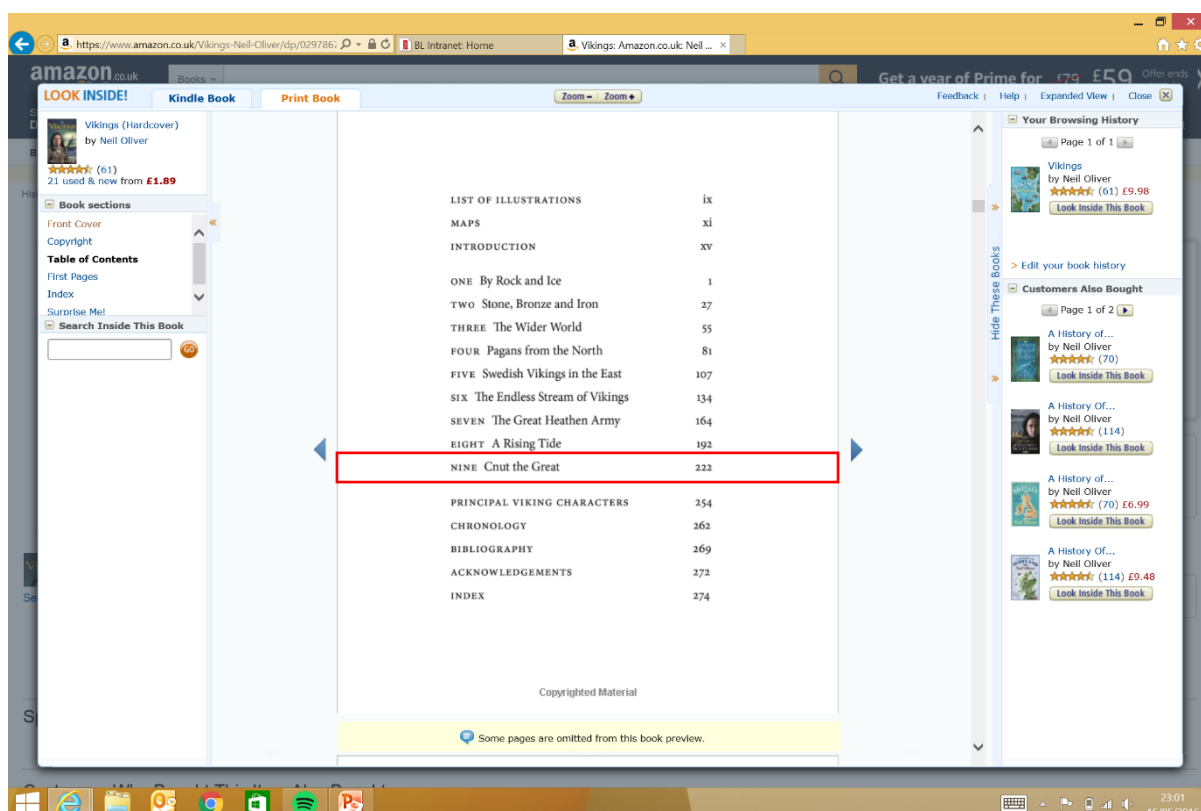
... originally described as 'the way to the north' (Oliver, 2013, **chapter 5, para. 44**)

Some quotations, however, are paraphrased in the text, e.g.:

Two days after Canute died Gorm also died and Harald became King (Oliver, 2013, p 223).

In this case the exact phrase used is not in the text of the ebook anywhere, so it may be difficult to search for it. Check the index (if present) at the back of the ebook as this may provide assistance. If you are unable to find the citation in the ebook you may need to use a printed copy. Alternatively check if Google or Amazon have a copy of the book with a table of contents and see what chapter that page is in.

Taking the example above and using a table of contents from Amazon, we can see that page 223 is near the beginning of chapter nine. So we would look at the start of chapter 9 in the ebook to find the corresponding text.



Isn't this rather a hassle?

The main argument for using the EPUB format for eLD books is that it is a good format for preservation. However, there are concerns about the ease of use of eLD books in EPUB format by readers when citing, due to the lack of page numbers. The Bodleian Libraries have raised these concerns with the national Legal Deposit Implementation Group and they are revisiting the decision to use EPUB format for eLD books. (July 2016)