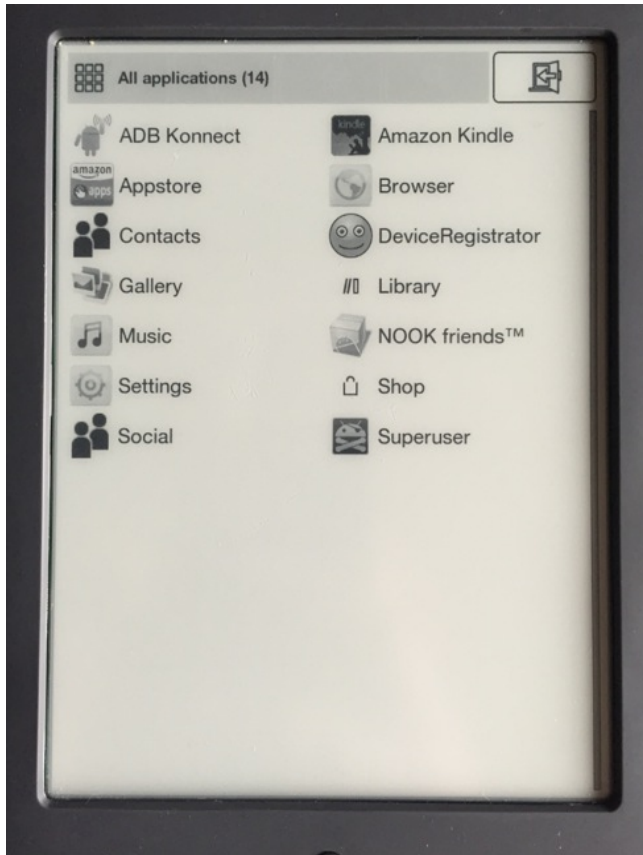


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I recently dusted off the Nook Simple Touch and decided to try some of the root options, mostly to get the Kindle app working. I was amazed at the volume of YouTube videos and XDA Forum threads as well as root options available. Obviously the Simple Touch isn't the hottest device to hack anymore, so it's hard to find out what's really the best to start with all of the options and versions. **Bottom Line?** Update your nook to 1.2.1 version B&N firmware and root with the most recent version of RootManager.

If you're unfamiliar with the process of "rooting" or installing a new ROM on an Android device the process is pretty straightforward. You download an installer image to put on an SD card that you start your device with. That installer tool on your SD card does all the magic. Generally, if you follow the steps for any tool exactly you'll be successful.

I started with *TouchNooter* [[Check out the XDA Forum](#)] but regardless of the Nook firmware version I started with (tried 1.0.0 and 1.1) the experience didn't work quite right. It went into a reboot loop after TouchNooter and then after it reset itself, I had the apps, but no root. I wasn't a fan of the launcher application installed by default since it left a launcher option on the right side of the screen that sometimes got in the way. After looking at a couple of other options with mixed reviews I decided to try NookManager. okManager [

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] has a nice wizard interface with options anchored to the four physical buttons on the device. It guides you through restoring the device to factory settings (actually worked after other things didn't) and is very easy to setup. I skipped the steps to backup since I had no content on the device and I also skipped the steps on formatting the SD card since I wasn't interested in using it for storage. After reboot I was back into the Nook with an option to pick the alternate option (save the option by hitting checkbox first). The interface installed was a lot easier to work with for me than TouchNooter.

I also found a modified Kindle app [[link](#)] that was tweaked to make the off-white background completely white and the black a true black (for e-Ink screens). I'd recommend downloading the file and installing it. If you're not familiar with ADB you can

[read more here](#)

on installing it and connecting to your device. Before you try it, be sure to launch the ADBConnect application on the nook first.

There are quite a few resources that list old application files you might try installing and find useful (Google Play books, Webster, Bible, Opera Mini) [[Try this one for starters](#)].

The most common reason for rooting the NST is likely to add other reading applications the B&N doesn't allow by default. If you're interested in those options give NookManager a try. Make sure to follow B&N instructions to update your nook to 1.2 first [[Click here and select link for "Get 1.2.1 Today"](#)]

Side Note: If you're on a Mac the easiest way to create the NookManager SD disk is to use the [ApplePi Baker](#)