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You still want a nook, not an iPad... or do you? I think the iPad is an incredibly appealing device. With five iPhones in my house I can assure you the "drool factor" is high! Get rid of the laptop, the nook, and go with an iPad right?

The iPad can do almost everything. The iBook application provides a very nice backlit reading experience. Now you can even use the new B&N app for the iPad. Send twitter messages, do email, watch movies, the sky is the limit! No worries about if B&N will open up the nook for apps on its slow 6" e-Ink screen - you'll have 10" of Apple-screen-goodness with hundreds of thousands of apps ready to go! **Ok, anyone want to buy MY nook??**

Ok, wait a second. Do I see myself easily taking the iPad everywhere with me like my nook? Could I hold a device that weighs twice as much as a nook for a 2-hour reading session? Do I want another device I have to plug in every night? After staring at a computer all day do I want to look at another backlit screen? Do I want to be interrupted by tweets, news, email, and more while I read books? Wait a second... **Why did I buy a nook?**

Why I bought a nook

I bought a nook because I love books and wanted to be able to read more easily (larger font) and have my books always around. I wanted something I could charge once a week and know it was always "ready to go". The nook is almost too big and heavy for me, but it's good enough. I

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like the fact when I steal away to read on my nook nobody bugs me (except my kids). So maybe there are two different devices for different users. I put this list together to help my wife decide whether to cancel her nook order or not.

How to Choose

You want a device that...

- Could replace a laptop or netbook
- Has tons of great apps
- Large multimedia screen
- Can do multimedia in style
- Has e-reader software, but not the primary function
- Want to view PDF docs full size with zoom in/out and no "reflow"
- Syncs with Apple content you already own and works with your Mac perfectly
- Use multiple bookstore applications ON ONE device (B&N, Kobo, etc already announced iPad apps)
- Plays games!

Get an iPad - it's AWESOME!

You want a device that....

- Has great book deals and supports open book formats
- Very portable, easy to hold
- Primarily a book reader, but can run some apps
- Can be charged weekly instead of daily
- Cheap (cheapest iPad configuration is 2x and no 3G)
- Free 3G for buying books and shopping all Google books
- Screen that's easy on the eyes
- Fits in your purse or backpack easily.

Get a nook! It is a great e-Reader now that most the bugs have been worked out!

My iPad Trial

I love many things about the iPad - there are two reasons I didn't buy one. First, it's too big. It's not as small as I'd like it diagonally or in thickness. Second, it's too heavy. I simply can't imagine holding it and using it for longer than 30 minutes without my hand getting tired. It's over twice the weight of the nook and more to hold in the hands. I expect I'll get the 2011 version that is thinner and about one pound in weight :) (Sure go ahead and start that rumor!) **It's Ok**

to Drool

So let the iPad wow you - but think about if you want an e-Reader or a kick-butt

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portable tablet computer. So what are you going to do? {jcomments on}