

Bound and Borrowed Privacy Policy

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Bound and Borrowed ("the app," "we," "us") is a personal book-library and lending tracker for iPhone and iPad. This policy explains what the app does and does not do with your information. In short: your library lives on your device and syncs privately through your own iCloud account. The only feature that sends anything off your device is Reader's Companion, an optional subscription described in section 6.

1. Who We Are

The app is developed by GadgetHeads LLC. You can reach us at support@gadgetheads.biz.

2. Information We Do Not Collect

- We do not require an in-app account. There is no sign-up, login, or password.
- We do not collect your name, email, contacts, or location.
- We do not use third-party advertising or tracking, and we do not sell or share your information.
- We do not operate servers that store your library. The one exception is Reader's Companion, an optional subscription: when you request a guide, that book's title and author are sent to a server we operate. See section 6.

3. Data You Create (Stored on Your Device and Synced via iCloud)

The books, copies, formats, loan records, borrower names, notes, and other details you enter are stored on your device using Apple's on-device data storage. When your device is signed into iCloud, this information also syncs across your own Apple devices through your private iCloud database (Apple CloudKit), so your library stays up to date on each device. This data resides in your personal iCloud account, is tied to your Apple Account, and is not accessible to us. If you are not signed into iCloud, the app simply keeps everything local to that device. Apple's handling of iCloud data is governed by Apple's terms and privacy policy.

Note: cover images and file attachments are not synced through iCloud; only their references are. Cover images can be re-fetched on another device from within the app.

4. Book Metadata Lookups

When you add a book by ISBN, scan a barcode, or search for a title, the app sends the ISBN or search term to third-party book databases (Google Books and Open Library) to retrieve details such as title, author, and cover image. Only the ISBN or search term is sent, never your personal information or the rest of your library. Your use of those services is subject to their own privacy policies.

5. On-Device AI Summaries

The AI book-summary feature is generated entirely on your device using Apple's built-in on-device intelligence (Foundation Models). The book information used to create a summary is not sent to us or to any external server.

6. Reader's Companion (Optional Subscription)

Reader's Companion is an optional paid subscription that writes a study guide for a book you own. It is the only part of the app that sends anything about your library off your device, and it does so only when you subscribe and open a guide.

When you request a guide, the app sends the book's title and author, a rough indication of how far into the book you are, and a receipt from Apple proving you have an active subscription, to a server we operate. That server passes the title and author to Anthropic, which writes the guide. Anthropic's handling of that request is governed by its own terms and privacy policy.

We do not receive your name, email address, or Apple Account. The receipt gives us only an anonymous subscription identifier, which we use to count how many guides you have generated in a month so the monthly limit can be enforced. Generated guides are cached on our server so a popular book only has to be written once. That cache is keyed by the book's title and author and is not linked to you.

We do not send the rest of your library, your notes, your borrowers, or your contacts. If you do not subscribe, nothing about your library is ever sent to our servers.

7. Audiobook Screenshot Import

If you import audiobooks from a screenshot, the image is processed on your device using Apple's on-device text-recognition technology. Screenshots are not uploaded to us or to any third party.

8. Purchases

The one-time Pro upgrade and the Reader's Companion subscription are sold and processed by Apple through the App Store. We never see or receive your payment card, billing address, or Apple Account credentials. Apple provides us only anonymized, aggregate sales information. Purchases are handled under Apple's terms and privacy policy.

9. Diagnostics

If you have enabled Apple's "Share With App Developers" setting, Apple may share anonymized crash and performance data with us. This data is aggregated and does not identify you. You can turn this off in iOS Settings > Privacy & Security > Analytics & Improvements.

10. Children

The app is not directed at children under 13 and does not knowingly collect personal information from anyone.

11. Your Control Over Your Data

Your data lives on your device and in your personal iCloud account, so you are in control of it. You can edit or delete any entry at any time. Deleting the app removes its data from that device; you can manage or delete the app's iCloud data through iOS Settings > [your name] > iCloud.

12. Changes to This Policy

We may update this policy as the app evolves. Material changes will be reflected here with a new effective date.

13. Contact

Questions about this policy? Email support@gadgetheads.biz.