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CAN E-BOOKS BE CHEWED AND DIGESTED

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Lovers of print are simply confusing the plate for the food." -

Douglas Adams

Introduction:

Books play a crucial role in our life. They are not just made of words. They are filled with places to visit and people to meet. Reading books makes man wise enough to have a proper understanding of both the inner and outer world. Thanks to Johannes Gutenberg for the game-changing invention of the world's first printing press (1450). It opened the door of knowledge for the widespread communities all over the world. 'Project Gutenberg' (1971). was a paradigm shift in the history of book publication as it was a global effort to make books and documents in the public domain available electronically for free. The invention of the World Wide Web (1989) by Tim Berners-Lee played a significant role in the spread of digital information. The introduction of digital devices of reading like Amazon Kindle (2007) can be considered as a cherry on the cake. Thus, the journey of books from oral to the manuscript, from manuscript to print, and from print to electronic book (quite significant in the entire history of man.