

# How to use Librarything.com

The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface. At the top, there's a navigation bar with links to various external sites like Nutrition Data, CBeebies, Nanzan, The Guardian, BBC NEWS, Yahoo! JAPAN, Yahoo! Mail, Cyclingnews.com, Cricinfo, .Mac Login, Yahoo!, YouTube, and Wikipedia. The main header features the LibraryThing logo with 'BETA' and a tagline: 'What's on your bookshelf? Over thirty-five million books on members' bookshelves.' Below the header, there are navigation links: Home, Search, Zeitgeist, Talk, Groups, Local. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Home for your books:** A section with a stack of books on the left and text on the right: 'A home for your books. Enter what you're reading or your whole library. It's an easy, library-quality catalog. A community of 600,000 book lovers. LibraryThing connects you to people who read what you do.'
- Already a member?:** A sign-in box with fields for 'name' and 'password', a 'SIGN IN' button, and a 'Become a Member' link with a 'JOIN NOW' button. Below these are links for 'forgot / organizations / terms'.
- CHECK IT OUT:** A list of links: 'Take the tour.', 'Sign up. It's more fun than the tour.', and 'See what bloggers and the media say about LibraryThing.'
- WHAT'S GOOD?:** A list of bullet points: 'Join the world's largest book club.', 'Catalog your books from Amazon, the Library of Congress and 690 other world libraries. Import from anywhere.', 'Find people with eerily similar tastes.', and 'Find new books to read.'
- RECENT ACTIVITY:** A section showing recent user activity with book covers and text: 'markdeo reviewed: How to Sell More, in Less Time, With No Rejection : Using Common Sense Telephone Techniques, Volume 2 by Art Sobczak ★★★★★ (read review)', 'amycampbell reviewed: A Couple of Boys Have the Best Week Ever by Maria Frazee (read review)', 'millsge rated: Egyptian Cosmology: The Animated Universe - Second Edition by...', 'ogambear added, rated: Celtic Magic (Llewellyn's World Magic Series) by D.J. Conway ½', 'goliveira5d added, rated: Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance: An Inquiry Into Values (P.S.) by Robert M. Pirsig ★★★★★', 'victoriapeak rated, added: The valley of the horses by Jean M. Auel ★★★★★', and 'hibiscustea rated: The Tree of Hands by Ruth Rendell'.

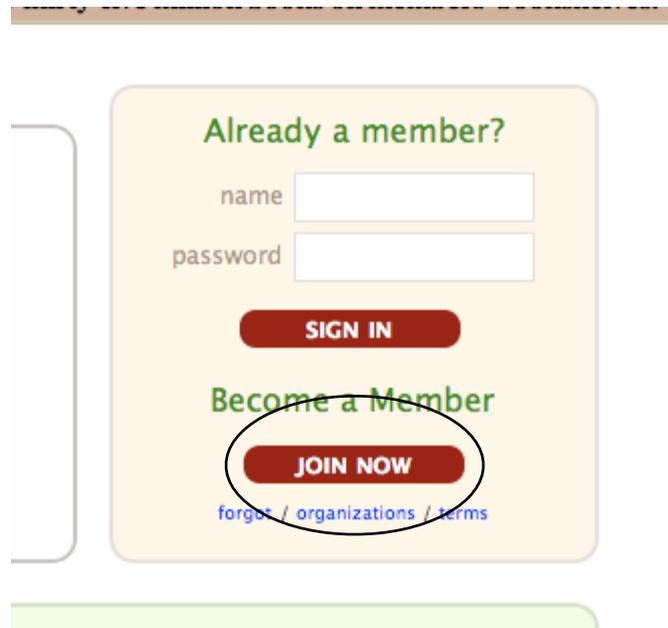
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## Introduction

Librarything.com is a website where you can show the books you have read. You make your own page on the site and you can record your books on this page. This guide shows how to use Librarything and explains what you have to do.

## Creating your page

1. Go to the homepage, [www.librarything.com](http://www.librarything.com)
2. On the right side click on [Join now](#) in the Already a member? box.

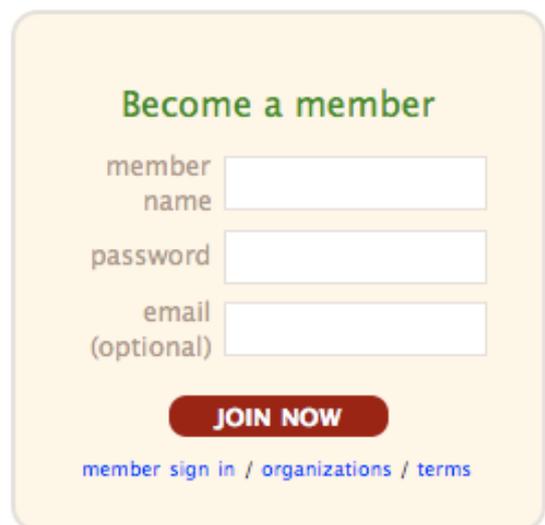


3. The box will now change to a Become a member box. You need to think of a member name and a password. Do not use your real name as your member name. Use a nickname or the name of your dog or anything you like. Do not enter anything yet.
4. Write your member name and password here.

Member name:

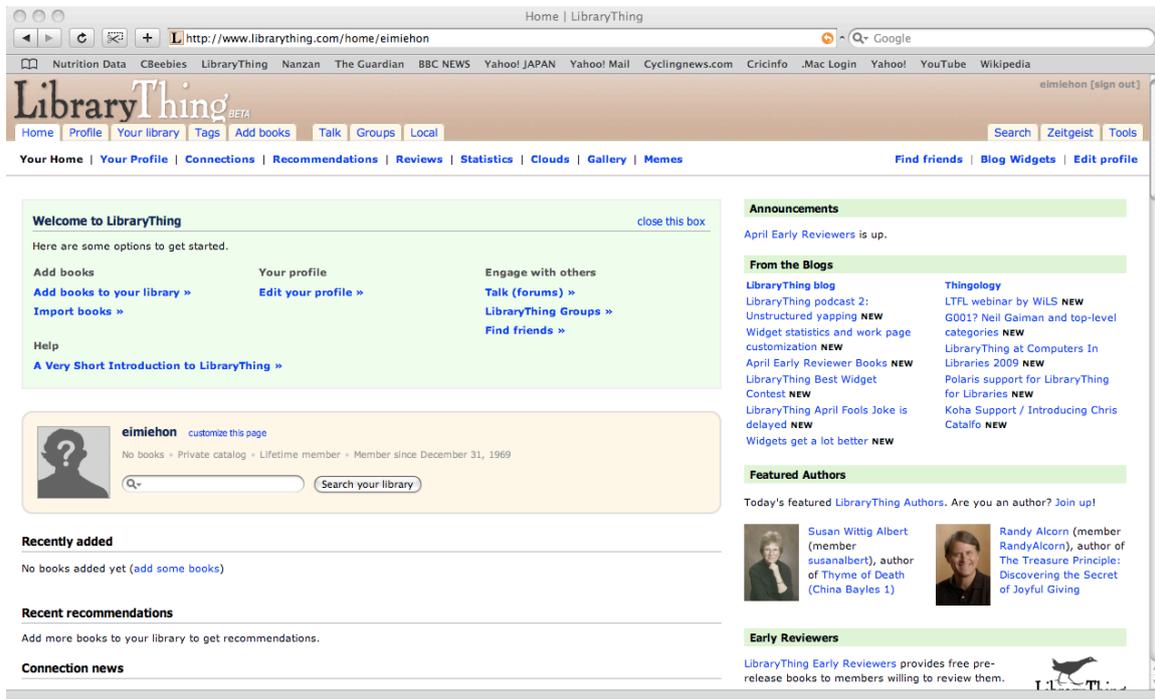
Password:

5. Now also write your member name and password in your textbook. If you forget your member name and password, it is a big problem.
6. Enter your member name and password. Type very carefully. Then click [Join now](#).



# Adding books to your library

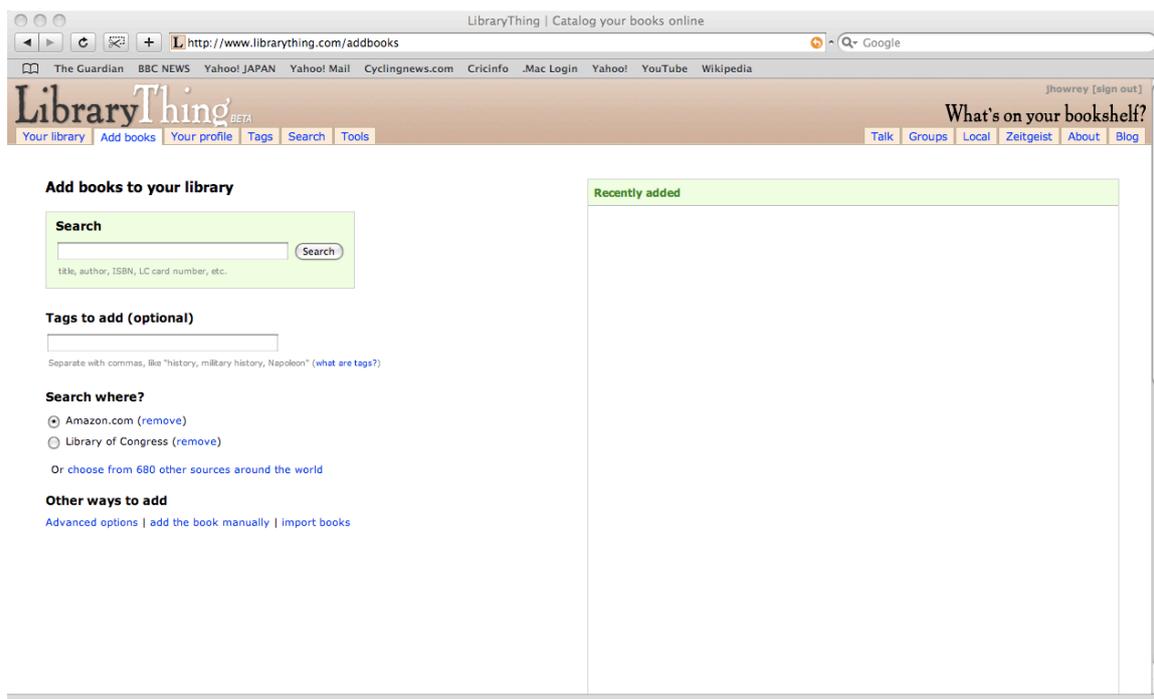
After you join, you will see this page.



At the top of this page there is a navigation bar like this.



1. Click on Add books. The page will now look like this.



2. Click in the search box. Type the title of the book and the name of the series. Only add books that you have finished reading.

### Add books to your library

**Search**

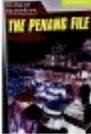
title, author, ISBN, LC card number, etc.

3. Click on Search and you will see your search results on the right side of the page.

[search elsewhere](#)

**Results from Amazon.co.uk (3 results)**

**Tip:** Click the link to add a book to your library.



[The Penang File Starter/Beginner Book with Audio CD Pack \(Cambridge English Readers\) by Richard MacAndrew \(2006\).](#)  
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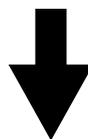
4. Find your book in the list and click on it. The Results box will now become a Recently added box. Then click on Show quick edit and the box will change again.

**Recently added**

The Penang File Starter/Beginner Book with Audio CD Pack (Cambridge English Read... by Richard MacAndrew edit book   
delete book 

5 other members; Tags: None

[▶ show quick edit](#)



**Recently added**

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delete book 

5 other members; Tags: None

▼ [hide quick edit](#)

Tags

Rating  **Review** None ([click to review](#))

5. Now rate the book. Click on one of the grey stars and the same number will turn green. Click a second time to give half stars.

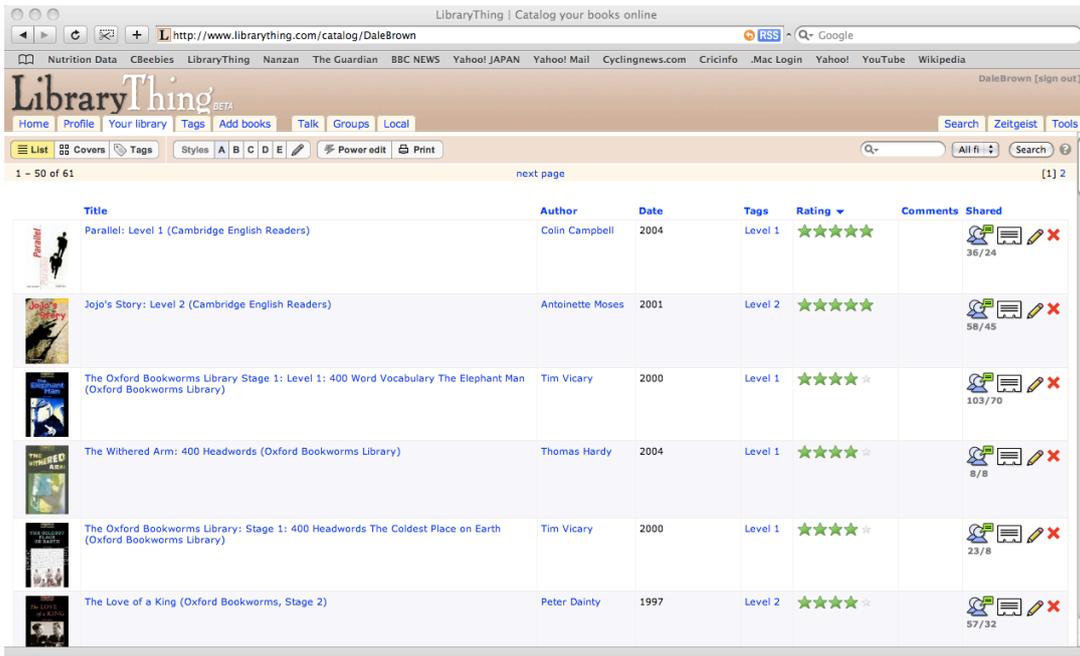


6. Now review the book. Click on [click to review](#) and a new window will appear. Type your review and click [Save review](#). In your review please write something about the story and something about your opinion of the story. Please do not tell people the end of the story.

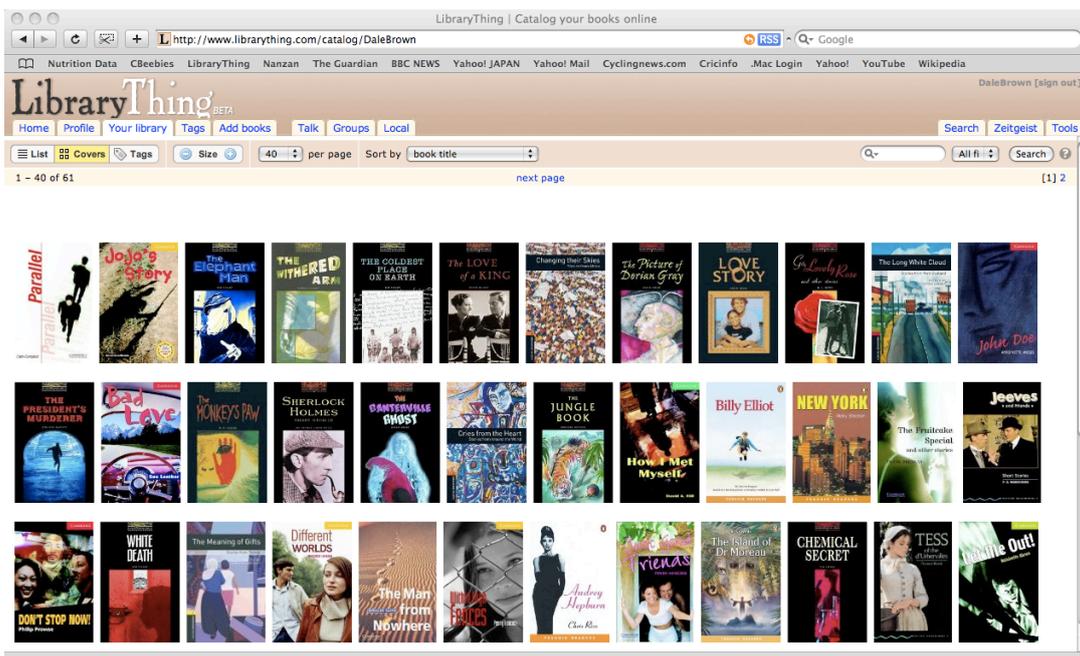
The screenshot shows the LibraryThing website interface. The main page is titled 'Add books to your library' and features a search bar with the text 'parallel cambridge'. Below the search bar are sections for 'Tags to add (optional)', 'Search where?' (with radio buttons for Amazon.com, Library of Congress, and Amazon.co.uk), and 'Other ways to add' (with links for 'Advanced options', 'add the book manually', and 'import books'). A modal window titled 'Edit your review' is open in the center, containing a large text input area and buttons for 'Save review' and 'Cancel'. The background shows a list of books with their titles and 'edit book'/'delete book' options.

# Viewing your library

1. In the top navigation bar click on Your library. This page shows the books you have entered.



2. Click on Covers to see this page in a different way. As you read more and more books, this page will look nicer and nicer.

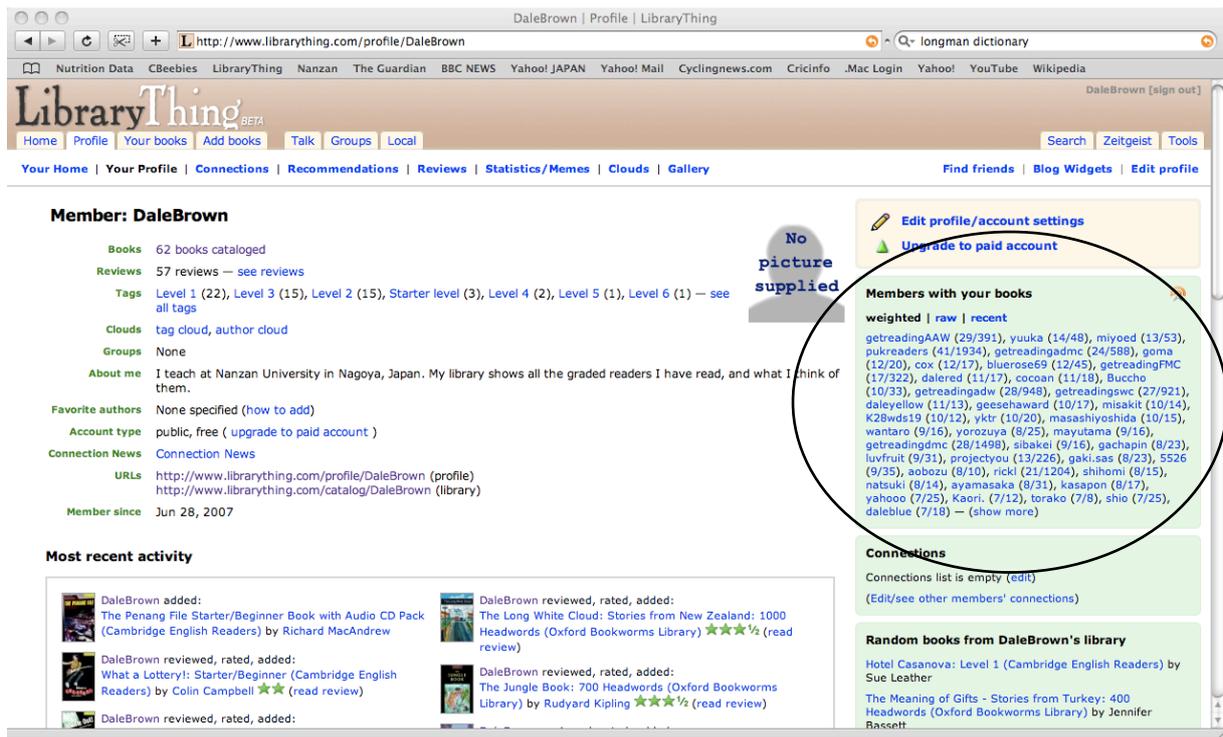


# Getting recommendations

Librarything is also a great way for you to find other books you might like. There are two ways you can do this.

## Members with your books

1. In the top navigation bar click on Profile. You will then see the page below. On the right side of this page there is a box called Members with your books. This is a list of other people who have read the same books as you.



2. Click on a member's name and you will see that person's profile page. Click X books cataloged to view their library or see reviews to view their reviews.



## Member: DaleBrown

**Books** 61 books cataloged

**Reviews** 57 reviews — [see reviews](#)

**Tags** [Level 1 \(22\)](#), [Level 3 \(15\)](#), [Level 2 \(15\)](#), [Starter](#), [all tags](#)

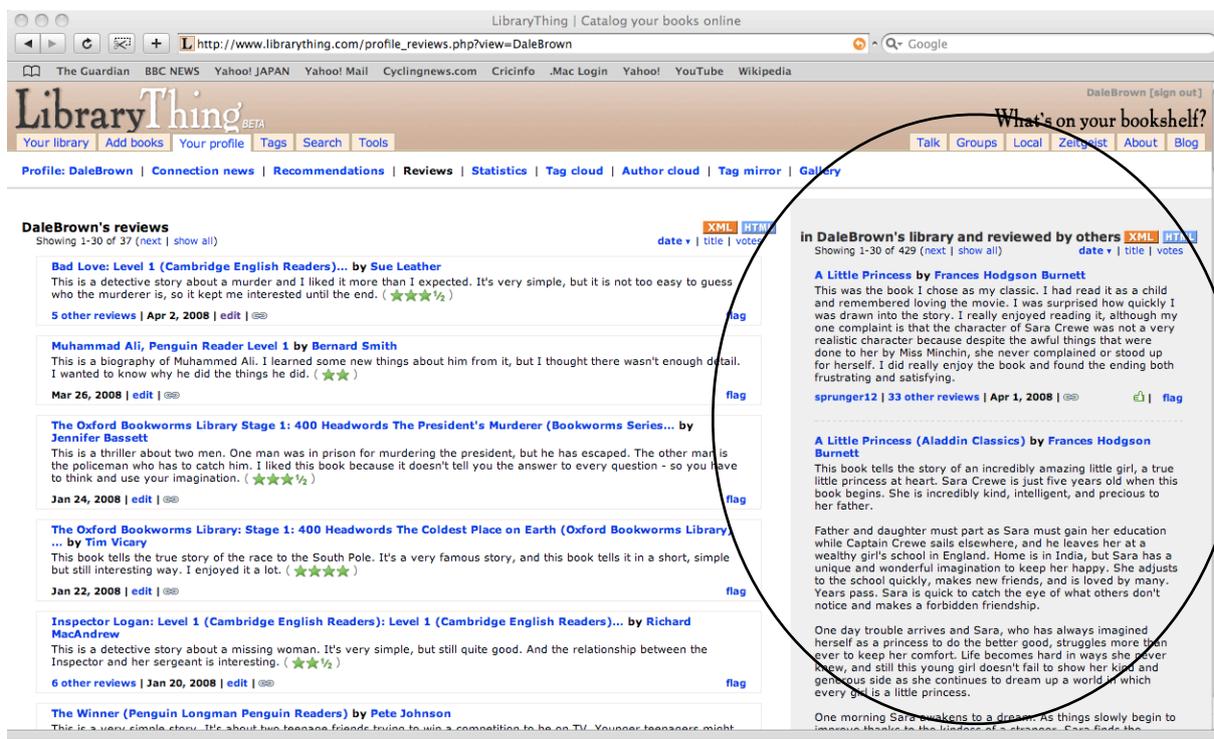
**Clouds** [tag cloud](#), [author cloud](#)

**Groups** None

**About me** I teach at Nanzan University in Nagoya, Japan them.

## In your library and reviewed by others

1. From your Profile page click [see reviews](#). You will now see your reviews page. This page shows all the reviews you have written on the left, and reviews of your books written by other people on the right.



The screenshot shows the LibraryThing profile page for DaleBrown. The page is divided into two main sections. On the left, under 'DaleBrown's reviews', there are several review entries for books like 'Bad Love: Level 1 (Cambridge English Readers)... by Sue Leather', 'Muhammad Ali, Penguin Reader Level 1 by Bernard Smith', 'The Oxford Bookworms Library Stage 1: 400 Headwords The President's Murderer (Bookworms Series... by Jennifer Bassett)', 'The Oxford Bookworms Library: Stage 1: 400 Headwords The Coldest Place on Earth (Oxford Bookworms Library... by Tim Vicary)', 'Inspector Logan: Level 1 (Cambridge English Readers): Level 1 (Cambridge English Readers)... by Richard MacAndrew', and 'The Winner (Penguin Longman Penguin Readers) by Pete Johnson'. On the right, under 'in DaleBrown's library and reviewed by others', there are reviews for 'A Little Princess by Frances Hodgson Burnett' and 'A Little Princess (Aladdin Classics) by Frances Hodgson Burnett'. A large black circle is drawn around the right-hand section, highlighting the reviews of books in DaleBrown's library.

2. Read the other people's reviews. If you find one that you agree with, click on the person's name to go to their profile page. You can then look at their library or their reviews in the normal way.

## Signing out

Before leaving Librarything or turning off the computer, make sure that you sign out. Just click [Sign out](#) in the top right-hand corner of any page.



## Finally

I hope you enjoy using Librarything. Please remember to add each book after you finish reading it and make sure you rate it and write a review. If you have any problems using Librarything or any questions about it, please let me know.