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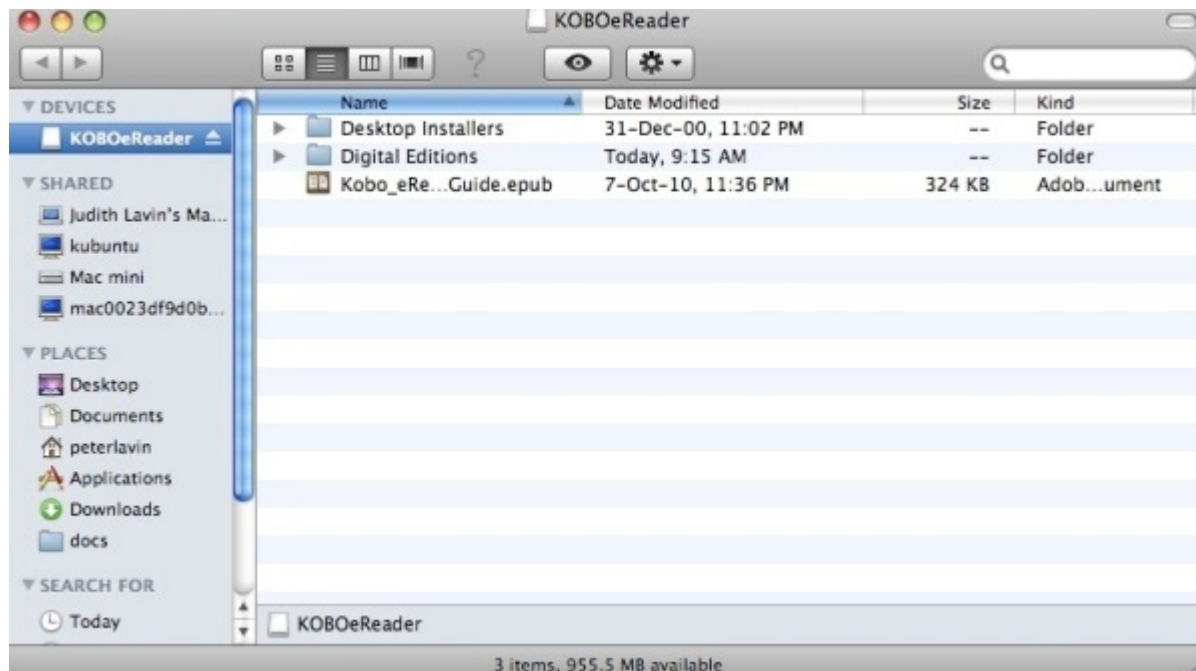
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Figure 2. The Kobo eReader icon



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Copying to Your Kobo

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in this new window open your downloads folder (usually name Downloads and found within your home directory) and find the file that you just downloaded—the one with the epub extension.

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This copies the file to your Kobo. You now need to disconnect your Kobo nicely.

Disconnecting

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