

I've been an Amazon Kindle fan for quite a while now and have just upgraded a Kindle Voyageur to a Kindle Scribe. I thought it might be interesting to test out the notetaking abilities of the Scribe by writing this blog on the Kindle Scribe itself, and testing how it converts my terrible handwriting into text and PDF! This blog might be a bit different as I'm not quite sure how to demonstrate that yet...

Let's start with a Kindle history lesson. I wasn't really an early adopter with this, as the first Kindle was launched in 2007 and the first one I owned was a Kindle Keyboard which wasn't released until 2010. That was a 3rd generation device, which is similar to my adoption of the iPhone which started at the 3GS model!

Like the iPhone, he had quite a few Kindles since that first 3rd gen Kindle keyboard, and the old ones often got handed down to family members, i.e. an excuse to upgrade!

The Kindle Keyboard was upgraded to a Kindle Touch in 2012 and that with a Kindle Voyage in 2015, the 7th Gen.

I've actually been using that Voyage for quite some time, as that's what my new Kindle Scribe has replaced. It's replaced the Kindle Paperwhite 3rd iteration or both gen device my partner was using (I think the Voyage is better even though it was slightly newer) and we have a Paperwhite 5th generation that my daughter uses with a Kindle Unlimited subscription.

So why did I buy the Scribe? Good question!

I quite liked the idea when it first came out in 2012, but it was quite expensive and I couldn't justify spending almost £400 on a Kindle. For context, the Kindle Voyage had been the most expensive one at about £160 (the Paperwhites were still around £80 and the keyboard perhaps £100 at the time). The Scribe was on offer for £279, but I discovered Amazon do a trade in offer where they give you a small gift card in exchange for an old device AND 20% off a new one. With that applied to the already discounted price, I picked up a 32GB Scribe with Premium Pen for £213.99! A bargain in sure you'll agree? But that's still more than any of the other Kindles. What makes the Scribe so special? More great questions!

The clue is in the name. The Scribe is the first Kindle that allows you to write or scribe on the

device, so comes with a pen and is almost twice as big as the Voyage or Paperwhite.

You can make up PDF files and some epub books, but the main reason I bought it was to make notes in meetings and then convert them to text or searchable PDF files. Now if you made it this far you will have seen how bad my handwriting is! I've had other devices that promised to do this and never really worked that well. Possibly down to my illegible writing, but also down to the technology working too well. I'll let you decide how well this works. I still don't know as I need to send this to my Mac and see how it's done. I'll finish up over there once I've assessed the results...