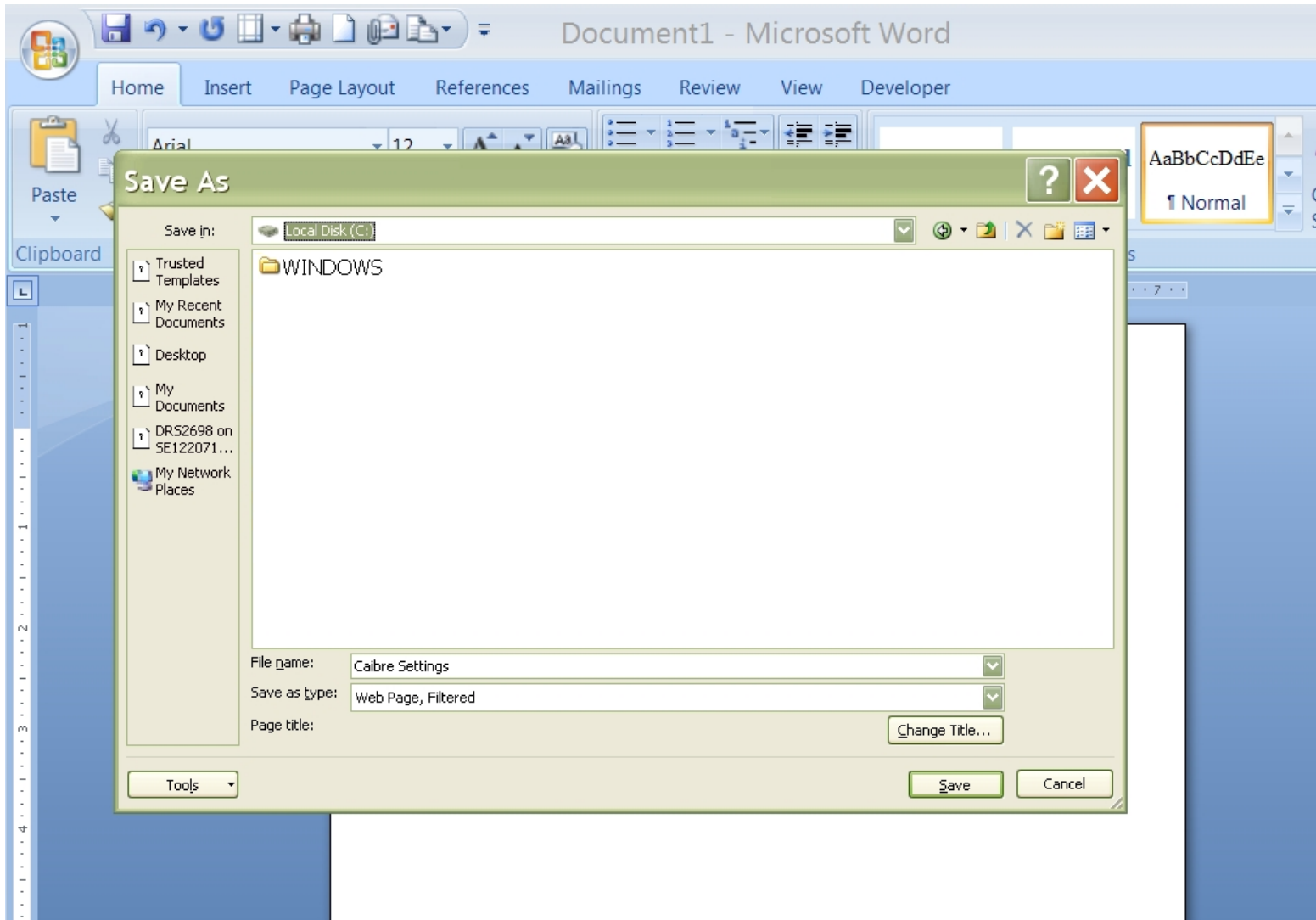


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Step 1: Build your manuscript however you like it, with your headings and fonts, then **Save** your document as **Web Page, Filtered**. Use double-spaced, Arial 12pt for body and 16pt for Chapter Headings. At the end of each chapter, go to Insert, then click on Page Break. Remember, the e-book doesn't much care about the extra work you put into a Word document. This preps it for a better conversion that is less subject to Word document formatting.



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Step 2: Go to calibre-ebook.com and download the free software.

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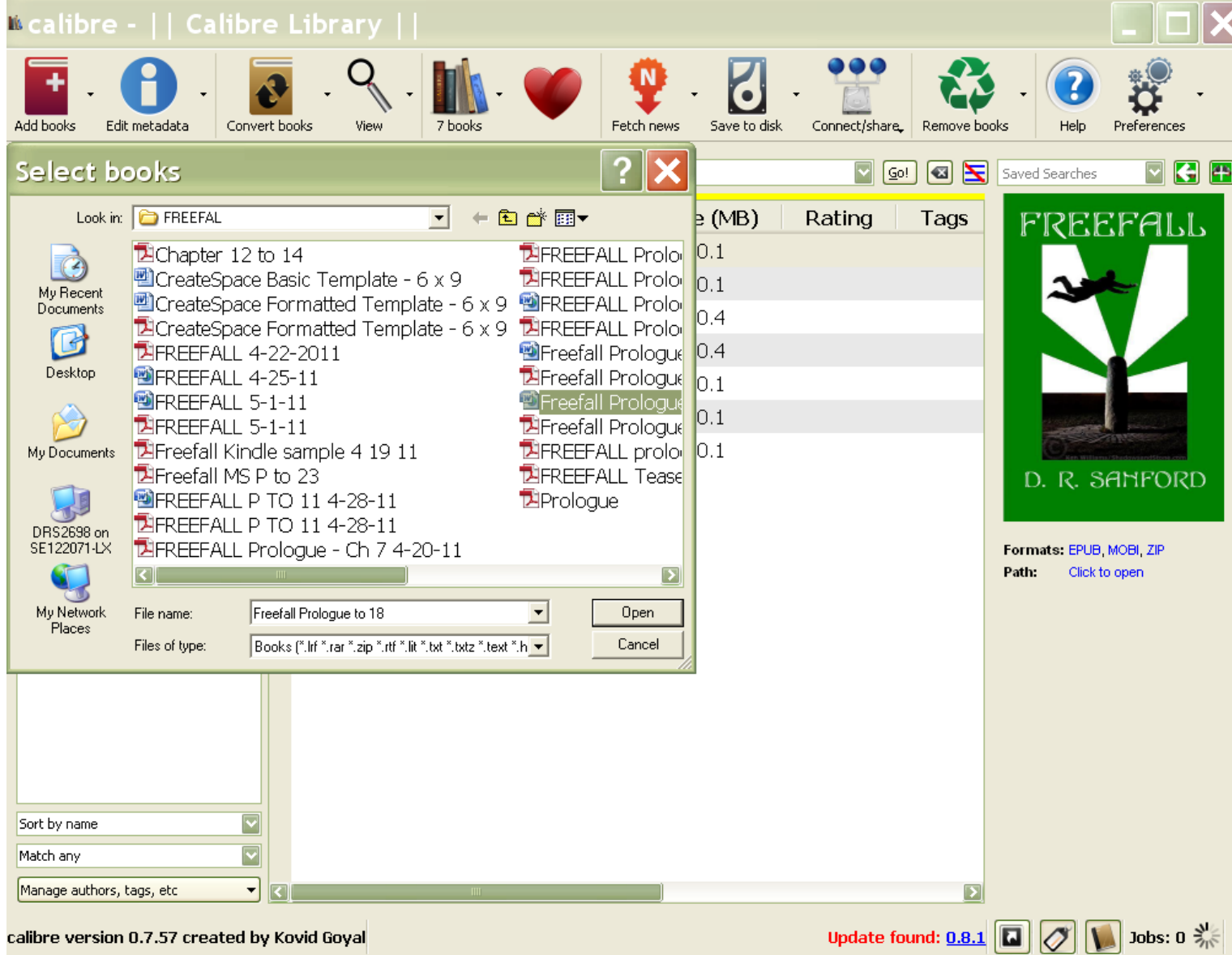
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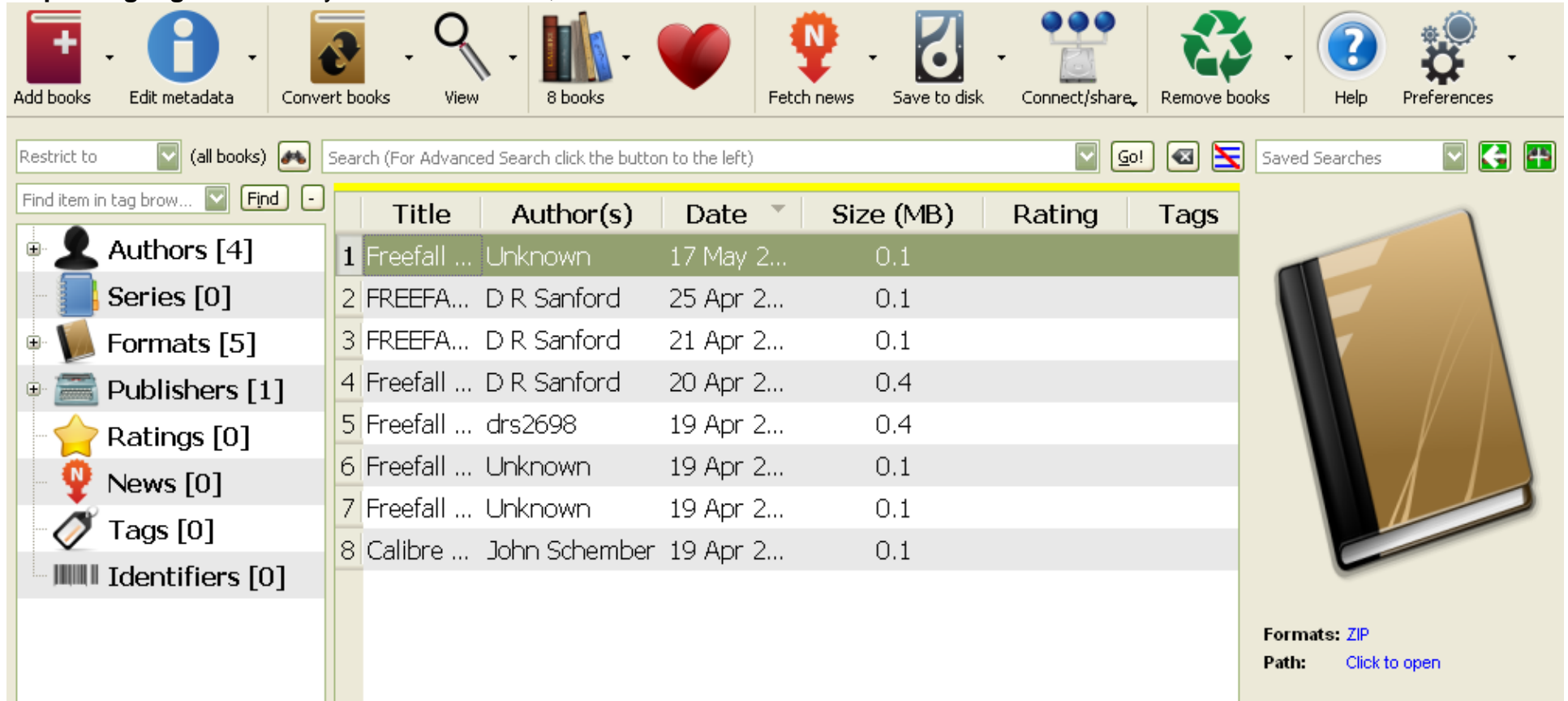
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Step 3: Install and run the software. Click on **Add books**, choose your **Web Page, Filtered** document from the folder you saved it in.



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Step 4: Highlight the book you want to convert, and click on **Convert books**.



The screenshot shows the Calibre software interface. At the top is a toolbar with various icons: Add books, Edit metadata, Convert books (highlighted), View, 8 books, Fetch news, Save to disk, Connect/share, Remove books, Help, and Preferences. Below the toolbar is a search bar with a dropdown menu set to '(all books)' and a search input field. To the left of the search bar is a 'Find item in tag browser' section with a 'Find' button. The tag browser lists: Authors [4], Series [0], Formats [5], Publishers [1], Ratings [0], News [0], Tags [0], and Identifiers [0]. The main area displays a table of books with columns: Title, Author(s), Date, Size (MB), Rating, and Tags. The first row is highlighted in green. To the right of the table is a large image of a book and a section for 'Formats: ZIP' and 'Path: Click to open'.

	Title	Author(s)	Date	Size (MB)	Rating	Tags
1	Freefall ...	Unknown	17 May 2...	0.1		
2	FREEFA...	D R Sanford	25 Apr 2...	0.1		
3	FREEFA...	D R Sanford	21 Apr 2...	0.1		
4	Freefall ...	D R Sanford	20 Apr 2...	0.4		
5	Freefall ...	drs2698	19 Apr 2...	0.4		
6	Freefall ...	Unknown	19 Apr 2...	0.1		
7	Freefall ...	Unknown	19 Apr 2...	0.1		
8	Calibre ...	John Schember	19 Apr 2...	0.1		

Formats: [ZIP](#)
Path: [Click to open](#)

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Step 5: The first page of the conversion process shows your book without any **Metadata**. Fill in the fields for **Title, Author**, etc... and **choose an image** from your computer if you are supplying cover art.

Convert Freefall Prologue to 18 ? X

Input format: ZIP ▼ Output format: MOBI ▼

Metadata

Look & Feel

Heuristic Processing


Page Setup


Structure Detection

Table of Contents

Search & Replace

Book Cover



Change cover image: 

Use cover from source file

Title: Freefall Prologue to 18

Author(s): Unknown ▼

Author Sort: Unknown

Publisher: ▼

Tags:

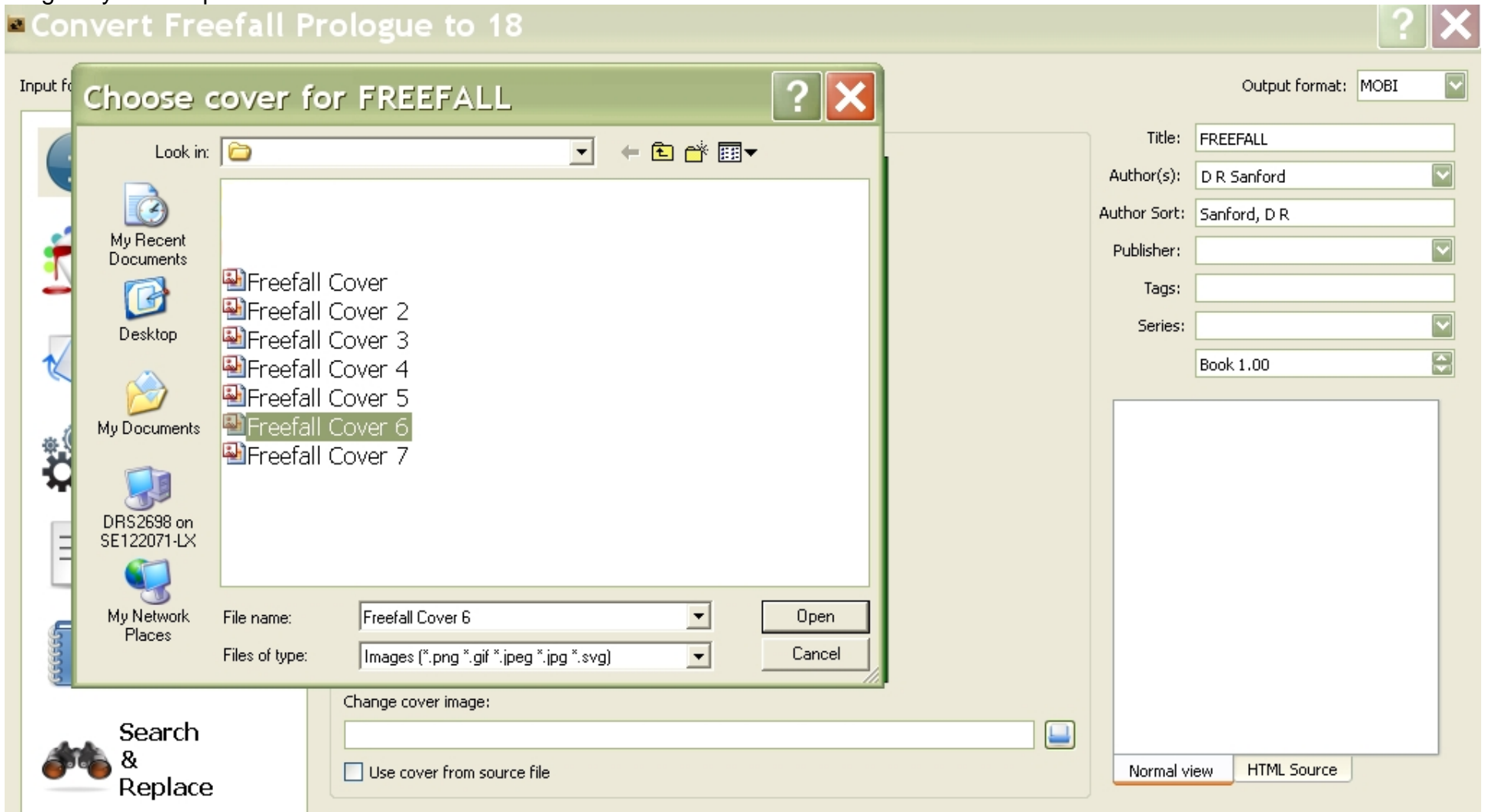
Series: ▼

Book 1.00 ▼

Normal view HTML Source

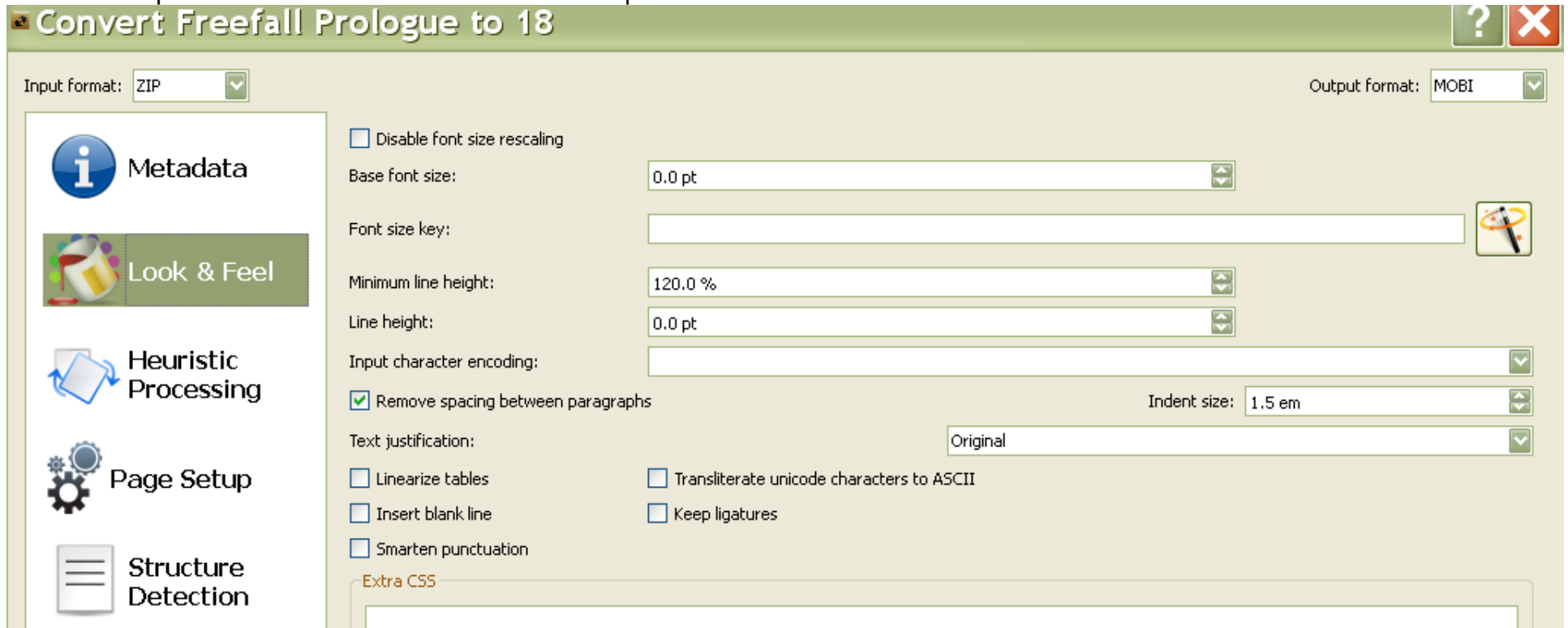
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Step 6: The image below shows the **Title** and **Author** fields completed. Clicking on **Change cover image** allows you to browse for the image in your computer.



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Step 7: Your **Metadata** is set. Now go to **Look & Feel**. I chose to **check** the **Remove spacing between paragraphs** box. It just solved some problem with the code that added extra space.



The screenshot shows the 'Convert Freefall Prologue to 18' dialog box in Calibre. The 'Look & Feel' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The 'Input format' is set to 'ZIP' and the 'Output format' is set to 'MOBI'. The 'Remove spacing between paragraphs' checkbox is checked. Other settings include 'Base font size' at 0.0 pt, 'Minimum line height' at 120.0 %, 'Line height' at 0.0 pt, 'Text justification' set to 'Original', and 'Indent size' set to 1.5 em. There are also options for 'Linearize tables', 'Transliterate unicode characters to ASCII', 'Insert blank line', 'Keep ligatures', and 'Smarten punctuation', all of which are currently unchecked. An 'Extra CSS' section is visible at the bottom.

Input format: ZIP Output format: MOBI

Look & Feel

Disable font size rescaling

Base font size: 0.0 pt

Font size key:

Minimum line height: 120.0 %

Line height: 0.0 pt

Input character encoding:

Remove spacing between paragraphs Indent size: 1.5 em

Text justification: Original

Linearize tables Transliterate unicode characters to ASCII

Insert blank line Keep ligatures

Smarten punctuation







Extra CSS

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Step 8: Now go to **Heuristic Processing**. What is that? No idea, but I had a few conversions that just were not working out very well. I checked **Enable heuristic processing** and saw improvements.

Convert Freefall Prologue to 18 ? X

Input format: ZIP ▼ Output format: MOBI ▼

-  Metadata
-  Look & Feel
-  **Heuristic Processing**
-  Page Setup
-  Structure Detection
-  Table of Contents

Heuristic processing means that calibre will scan your book for common patterns and fix them. As the name implies, this involves guesswork, which means that it could end up worsening the result of a conversion, if calibre guesses wrong. Therefore, it is disabled by default. Often, if a conversion does not turn out as you expect, turning on heuristics can improve matters. Read more about the various heuristic processing options in the [User Manual](#).

Enable heuristic processing

Heuristic Processing

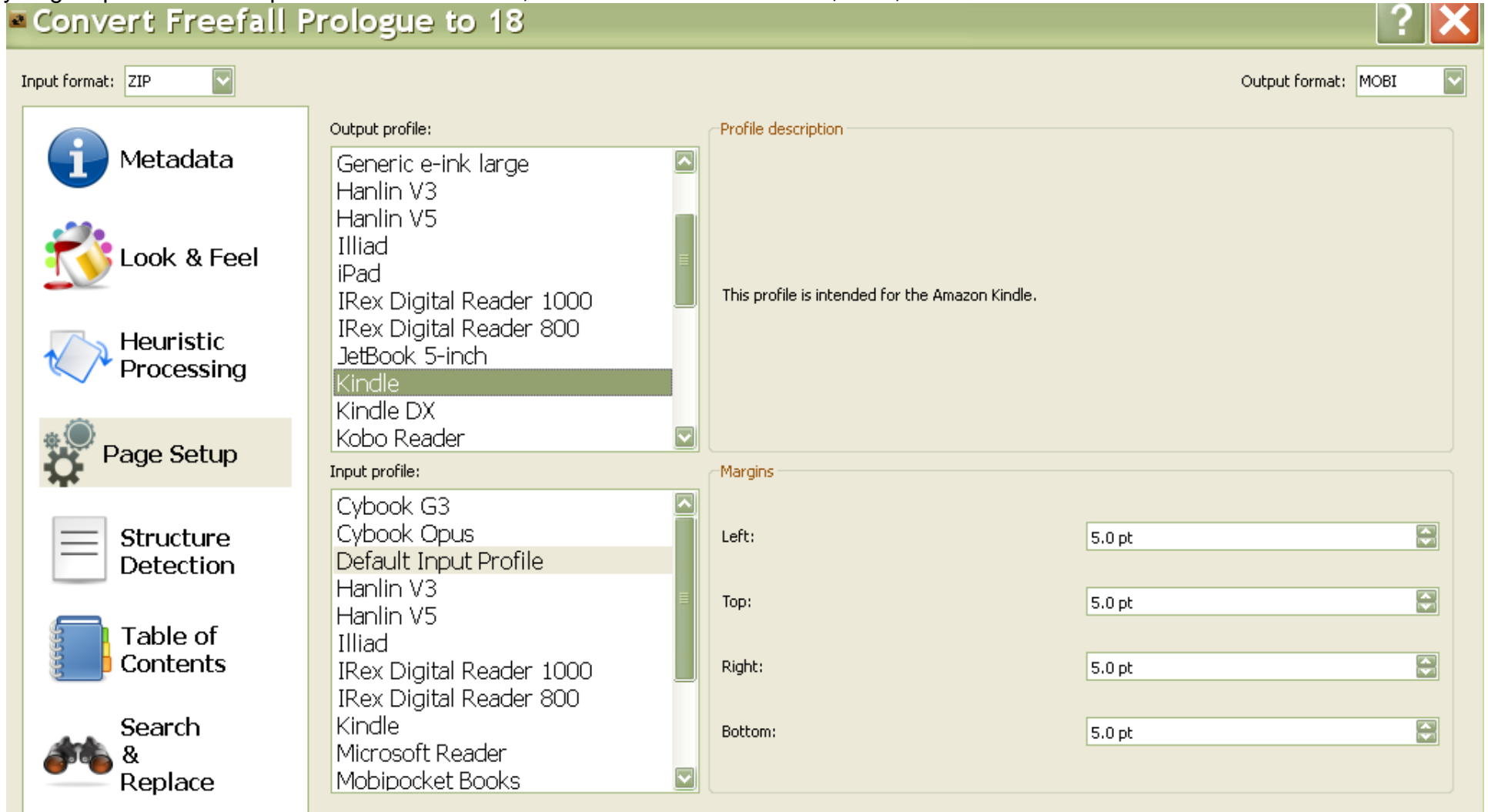
- Unwrap lines
Line un-wrap factor : 0.40 ▼
- Detect and markup unformatted chapter headings and sub headings
- Renumber sequences of <h1> or <h2> tags to prevent splitting
- Delete blank lines between paragraphs
- Ensure scene breaks are consistently formatted

Replace soft scene breaks: ▼

- Remove unnecessary hyphens
- Italicize common words and patterns
- Replace entity indents with CSS indents

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Step 9: Go to **Page Setup** and choose your **Output Profile** and **Input Profile**. Generally, it already knows your input. This is where you get specific with Output. **Kindle for Kindle**, Nook Color for most Nooks, iPad, etc...



The screenshot shows the 'Convert Freefall Prologue to 18' dialog box in Calibre. The 'Page Setup' tab is selected in the left sidebar. The 'Input format' is set to 'ZIP' and the 'Output format' is set to 'MOBI'. The 'Output profile' list includes 'Generic e-ink large', 'Hanlin V3', 'Hanlin V5', 'Illiad', 'iPad', 'IRex Digital Reader 1000', 'IRex Digital Reader 800', 'JetBook 5-inch', 'Kindle' (highlighted), 'Kindle DX', and 'Kobo Reader'. The 'Input profile' list includes 'Cybook G3', 'Cybook Opus', 'Default Input Profile' (highlighted), 'Hanlin V3', 'Hanlin V5', 'Illiad', 'IRex Digital Reader 1000', 'IRex Digital Reader 800', 'Kindle', 'Microsoft Reader', and 'Mobipocket Books'. The 'Profile description' text reads: 'This profile is intended for the Amazon Kindle.' The 'Margins' section shows 'Left: 5.0 pt', 'Top: 5.0 pt', 'Right: 5.0 pt', and 'Bottom: 5.0 pt'.

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Step 10: Structure Detection worked pretty well with the default.

Convert FREEFALL ? ✕

Input format: ZIP ▼ Output format: MOBI ▼

- Metadata
- Look & Feel
- Heuristic Processing
- Page Setup
- Structure Detection**

Detect chapters at (XPath expression):

```
//*[((name()='h1' or name()='h2') and re:test(., 'chapter|book|section|part|prologue|epilogue)s+', 'i')) or @class = 'chapter']
```

Chapter mark: pagebreak ▼

Remove first image Remove fake margins

Insert metadata as page at start of book

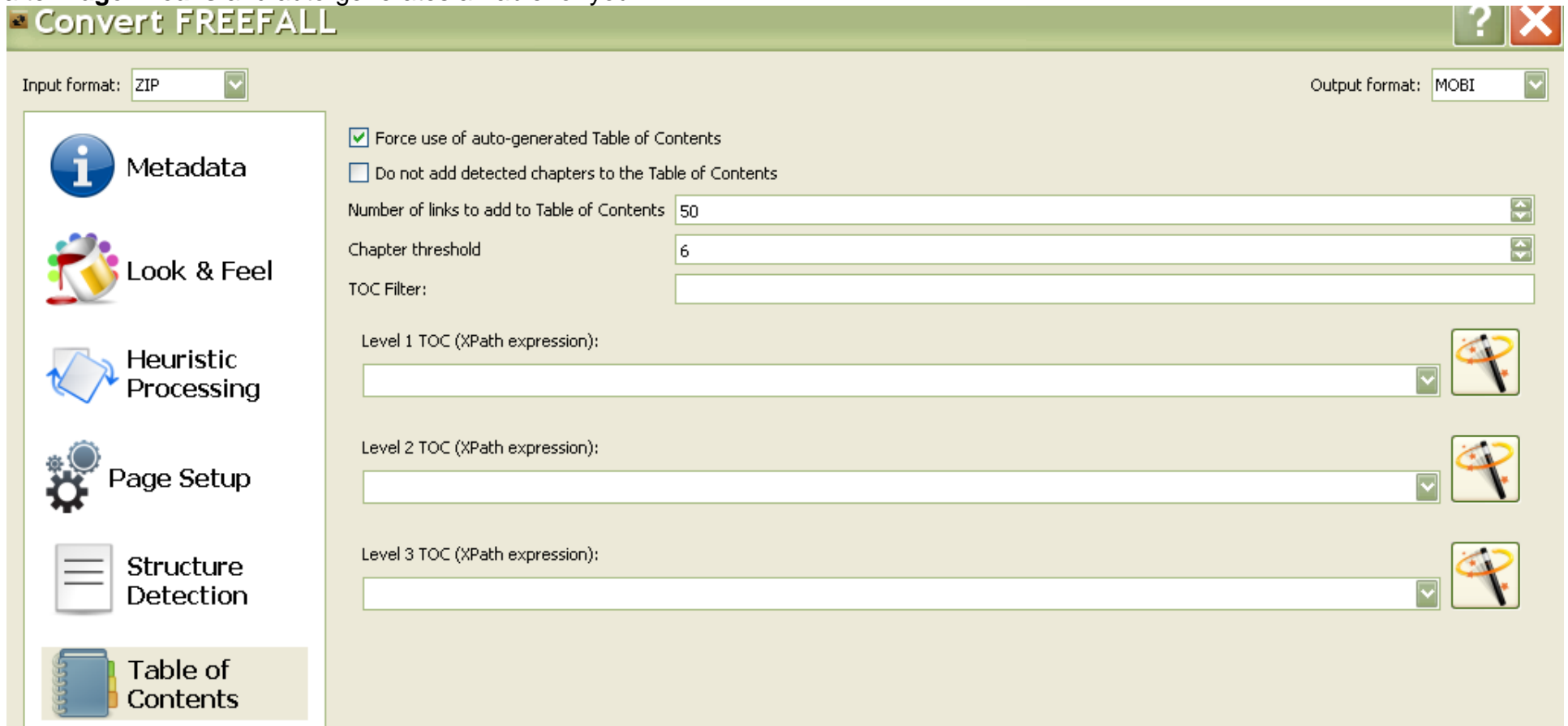
The header and footer removal options have been replaced by the Search & Replace options. Click the Search & Replace category in the bar to the left to use these options. Leave the replace field blank and enter your header/footer removal regexps into the search field.

Insert page breaks before (XPath expression):

```
//*[name()='h1' or name()='h2']
```

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Step 11: On **Table of Contents**, I checked the first box. I think the **Structure Detection** settings know that you have placed chapters after **Page Breaks** and auto-generates a Table for you.



The screenshot shows the 'Convert FREEFALL' dialog box in Calibre. The window title is 'Convert FREEFALL'. At the top right, there are help and close buttons. The 'Input format' is set to 'ZIP' and the 'Output format' is set to 'MOBI'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with icons for 'Metadata', 'Look & Feel', 'Heuristic Processing', 'Page Setup', 'Structure Detection', and 'Table of Contents'. The 'Table of Contents' option is selected and highlighted. The main area contains the following settings:

- Force use of auto-generated Table of Contents
- Do not add detected chapters to the Table of Contents
- Number of links to add to Table of Contents: 50
- Chapter threshold: 6
- TOC Filter: (empty text box)
- Level 1 TOC (XPath expression): (empty text box with a dropdown arrow and a search icon)
- Level 2 TOC (XPath expression): (empty text box with a dropdown arrow and a search icon)
- Level 3 TOC (XPath expression): (empty text box with a dropdown arrow and a search icon)

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Step 12: That should do it for your simple conversion. E-books really just need to know where the page breaks are. Font resizing is easily done on the Kindle. Go ahead and **press OK** on the bottom right.



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Now your converted book shows up on the right side. It even displays your cover art and the viewable files below the picture.

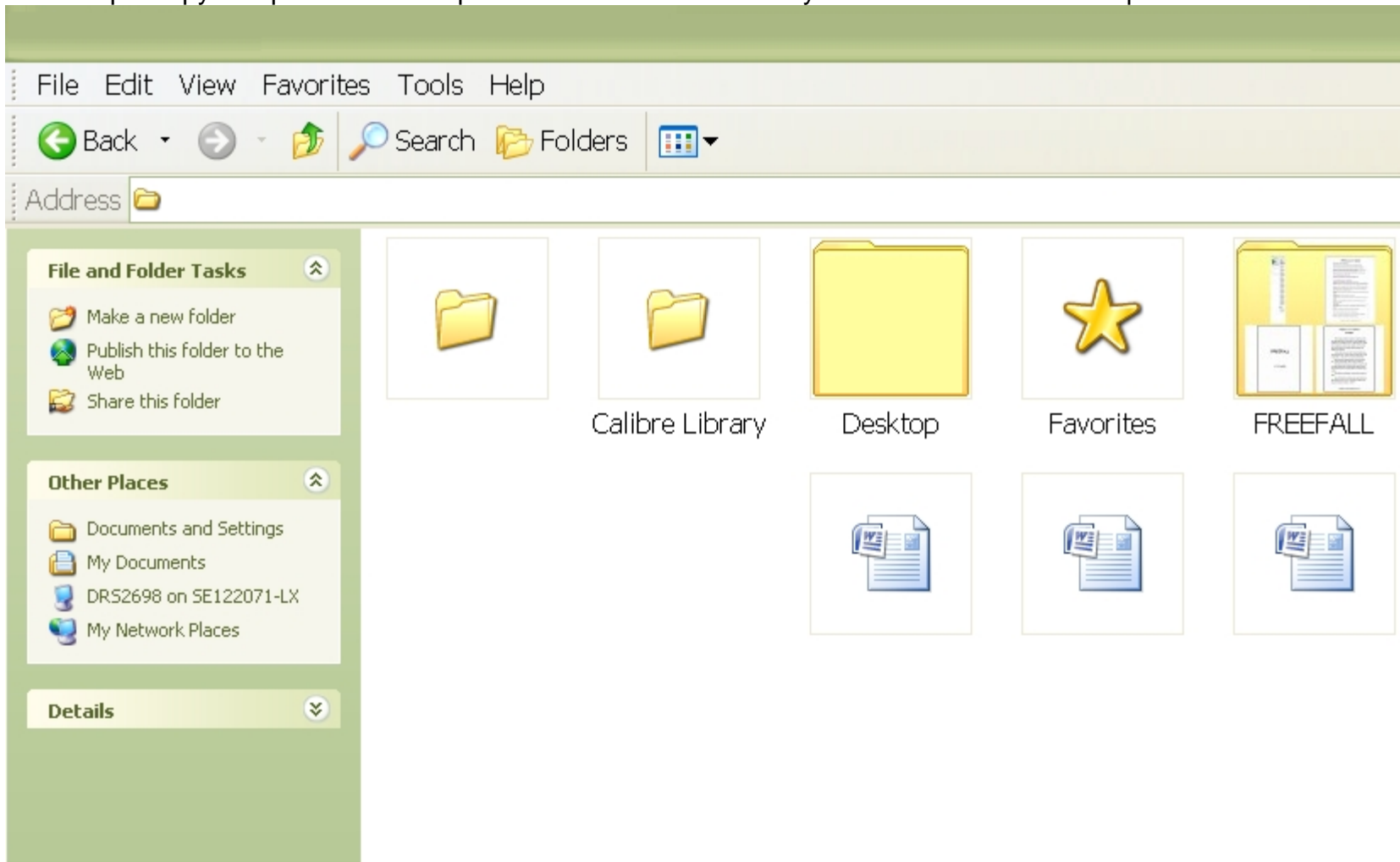
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To the right of the table is a detailed view of the selected book, 'FREEFALL' by D. R. SANFORD. It features a green cover with a silhouette of a person falling. Below the cover, it shows 'Formats: MOBI, ZIP' and 'Path: [Click to open](#)'.

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During Calibre setup, it asked you to choose a drive where it could place your **Calibre Library** folder. Your files will be stored there. I did a simple copy and paste from computer to Kindle and was ready to double-check the set up.



I hope this guide has been helpful. I found that trial and error worked best, along with the tutorials provided by Calibre.