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- 2) You will see a list of titles that are on your device under the heading **Your Content**. Look for the title that you want to return and / or delete from your Kindle. Tap the **Actions** button – “...” - to the left of the title.
- 3) Tap **Return This Book** and then tap **Yes** when you are asked whether you are sure that you want to return it. The book is removed from your list of Kindle contents.

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- 5) You can manage your holds by tapping **Account** and then **Holds**. Tap the down arrow beside the word **Options** beside the title to suspend or remove your hold, change your e-mail address, or decide whether the book is automatically checked out to you when it becomes available.
- 6) Create a **Wish List** of titles that you want to read, **Rate** books that you've read, or find books that are **Recommended for You** based on titles that you've borrowed. View these options by tapping **Account** and then **Lists**.
- 7) You can decide whether you want to view cover images when you browse, and whether you want to exclude books that may be graphic. To adjust these settings, go to **Account** and then tap **Settings**. Select the **Maturity Level** and **Cover Images** of the type of material that you want to see.
- 8) Another way to search for a title is to tap **Menu** at the top of the **ELibraryNJ** page. This will allow you for browse e-books and audiobooks by genre.