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Google Play

Google Play Safety Controls & settings guide

Google Play restrictions allow you to set the maturity level of apps and set a PIN code for purchases.

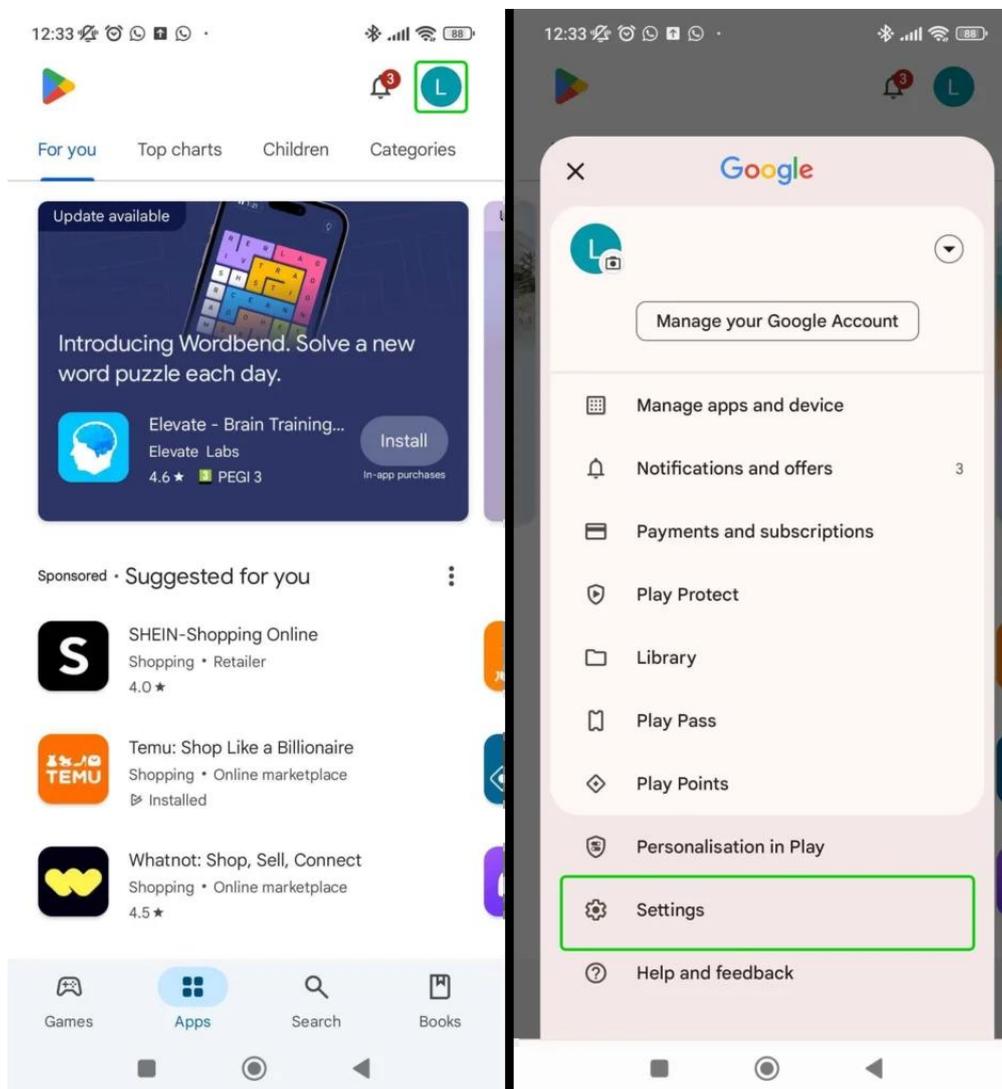
1 Enabling parental controls

To begin managing your child's experience with the Google Play app, you must enable parental controls.

To enable parental controls:

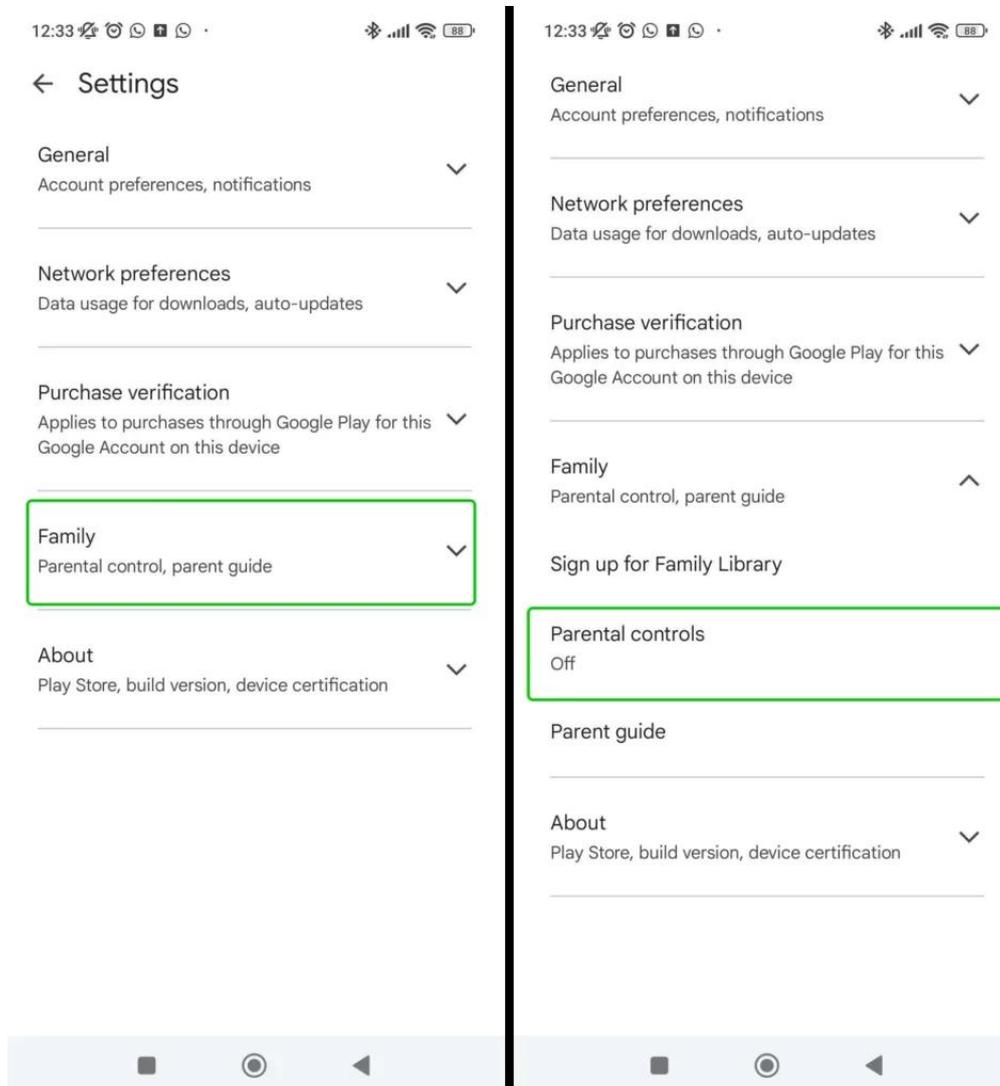
Step 1 – Click the **profile picture** in the top right of the screen.

Step 2 – On the menu, select **Settings**.



Step 3 – In **Settings**, click the **Family** section.

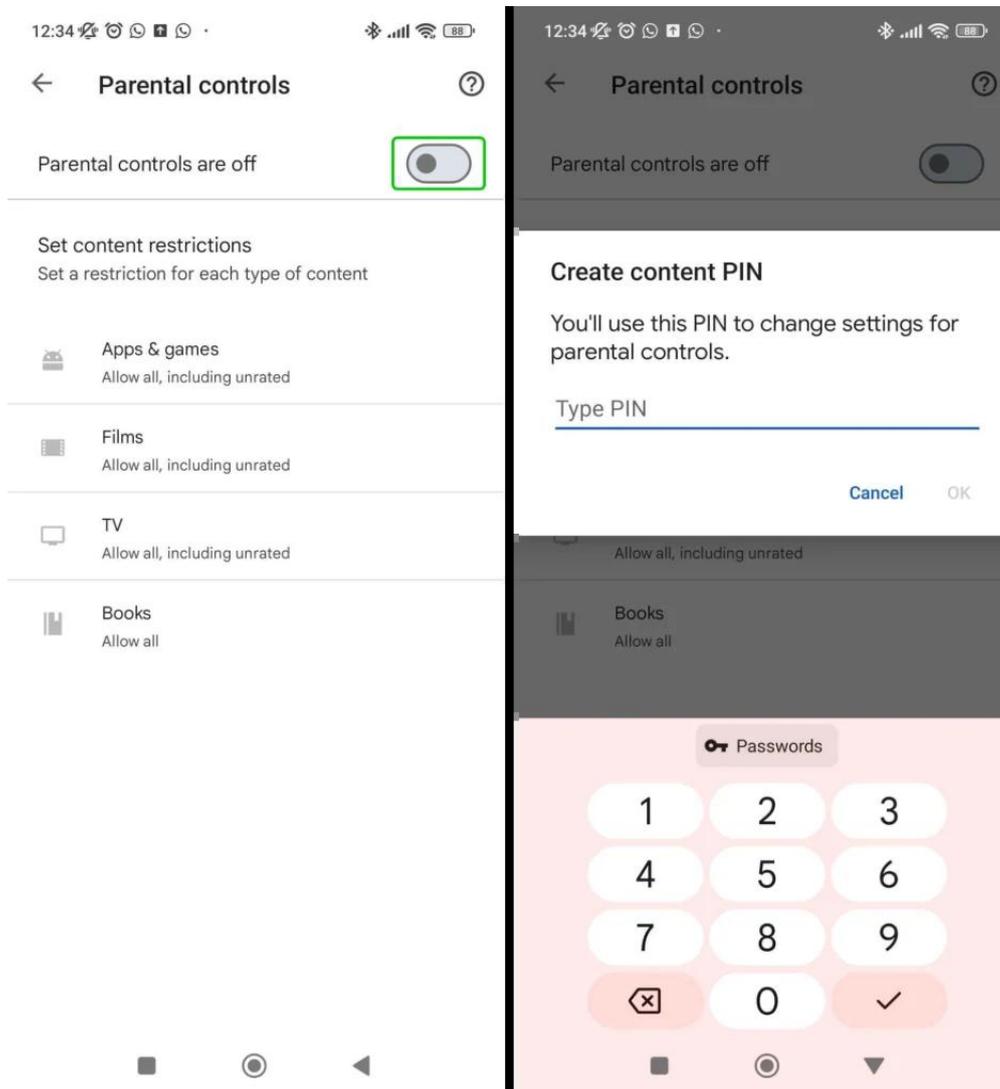
Step 4 – When the section opens up, select **Parental Controls**.



Step 5 – In the **Parental controls** menu, switch the **toggle on** next to **Parental controls are off**.

Step 6 – You will be prompted to create a **content PIN**, which will be required whenever you try and change parental controls settings in future. Input your PIN and click **OK** to confirm.

Parental controls are now enabled. You can begin making changes to what your child can access on Google Play.



2 Restricting Apps and games

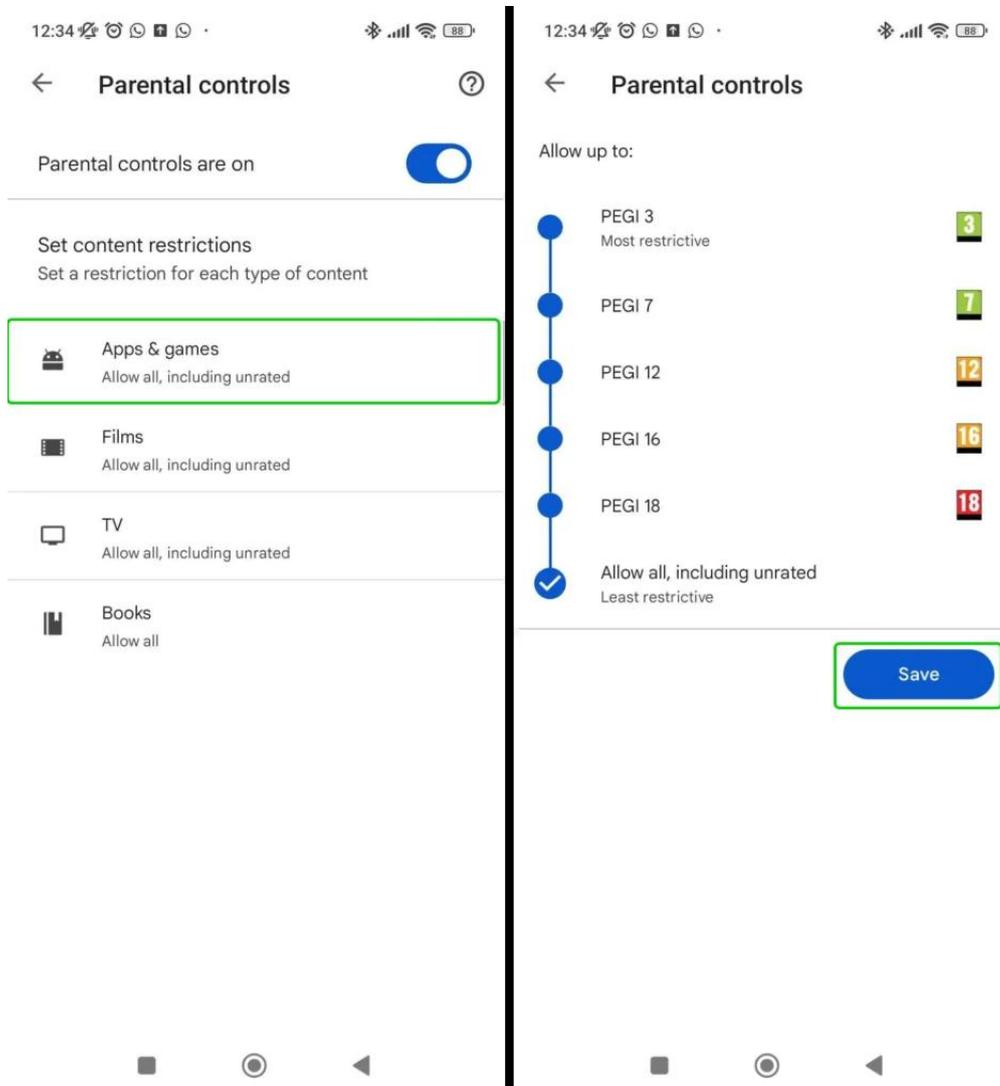
An age restriction can be placed on all Apps & games downloads based on their PEGI rating, meaning children can only download apps that are rated as age appropriate.

To set a restriction on Apps & games:

Step 1 – In the Parental controls settings, click **Apps & games**.

Step 2 – In the Apps & games menus, select the age rating that best matches your child's age, and then click **Save** to set the rating restriction.

Your child will now be age restricted when downloading apps and games.



3 Restricting Films and TV

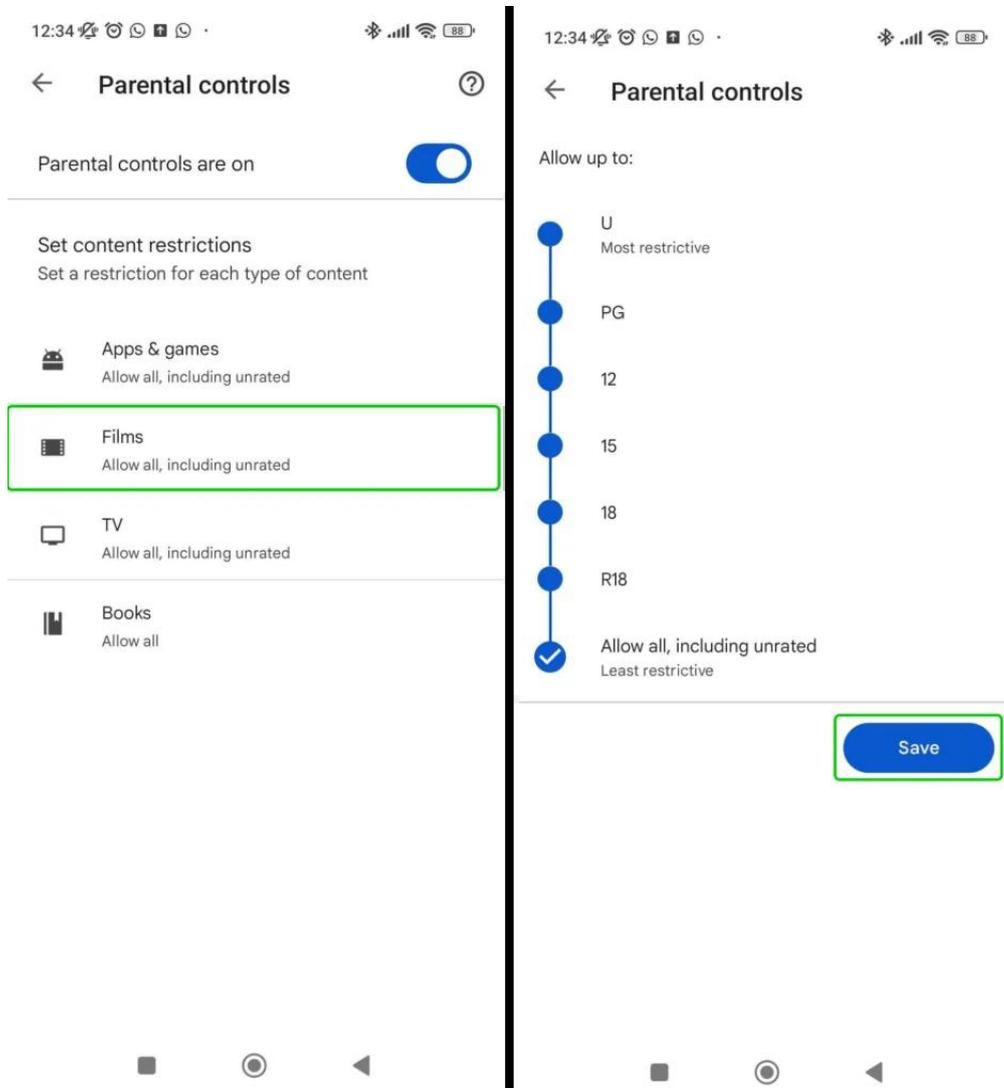
Age restrictions can be put on films and TV, to ensure that your child only watches content that is suitable for them.

To restrict films:

Step 1 – From the Parental controls screen, click **Films**.

Step 2 – Choose the age rating that best matches your child's age, and click **Save**

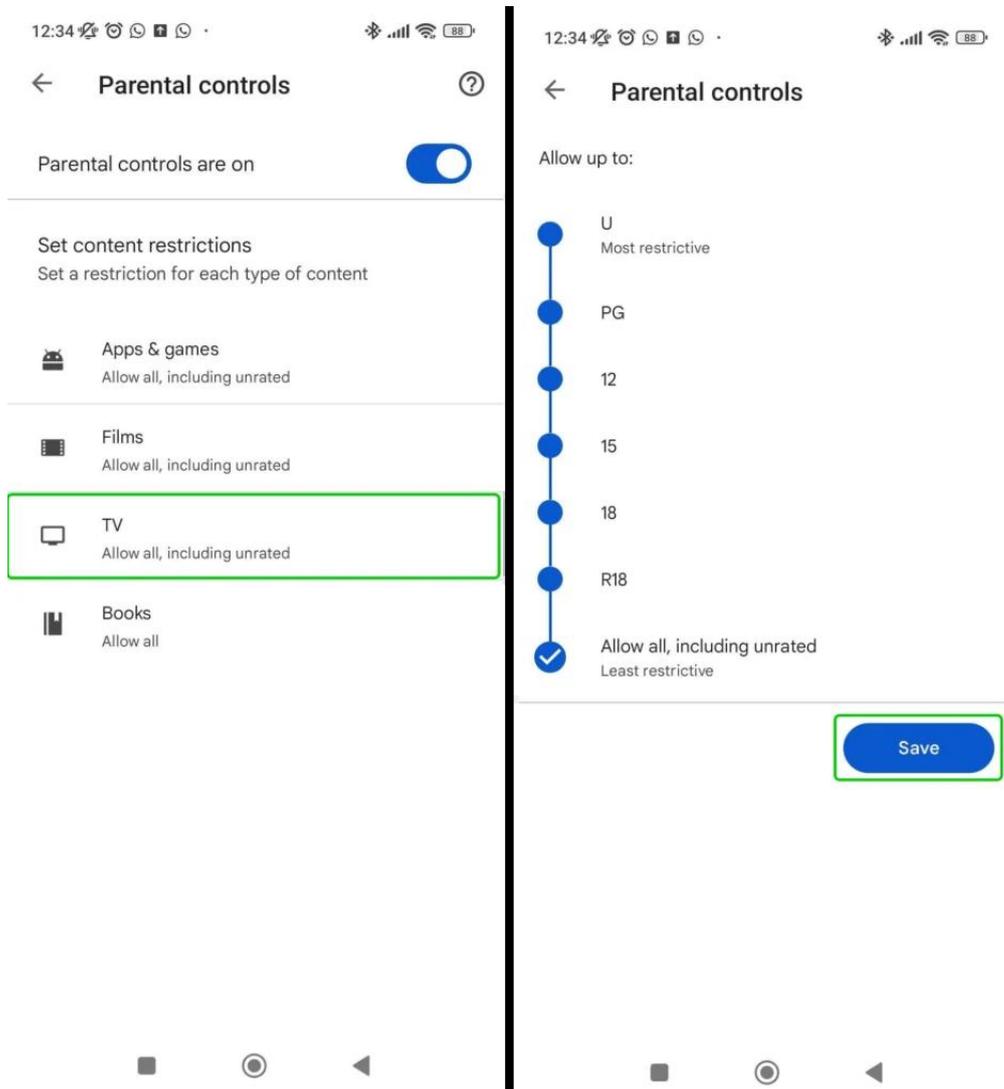
to confirm.



To restrict TV:

Step 1 – On the Parental controls menu, select TV.

Step 2 – Choose the age rating that best matches your child's age, and click **Save** to confirm.



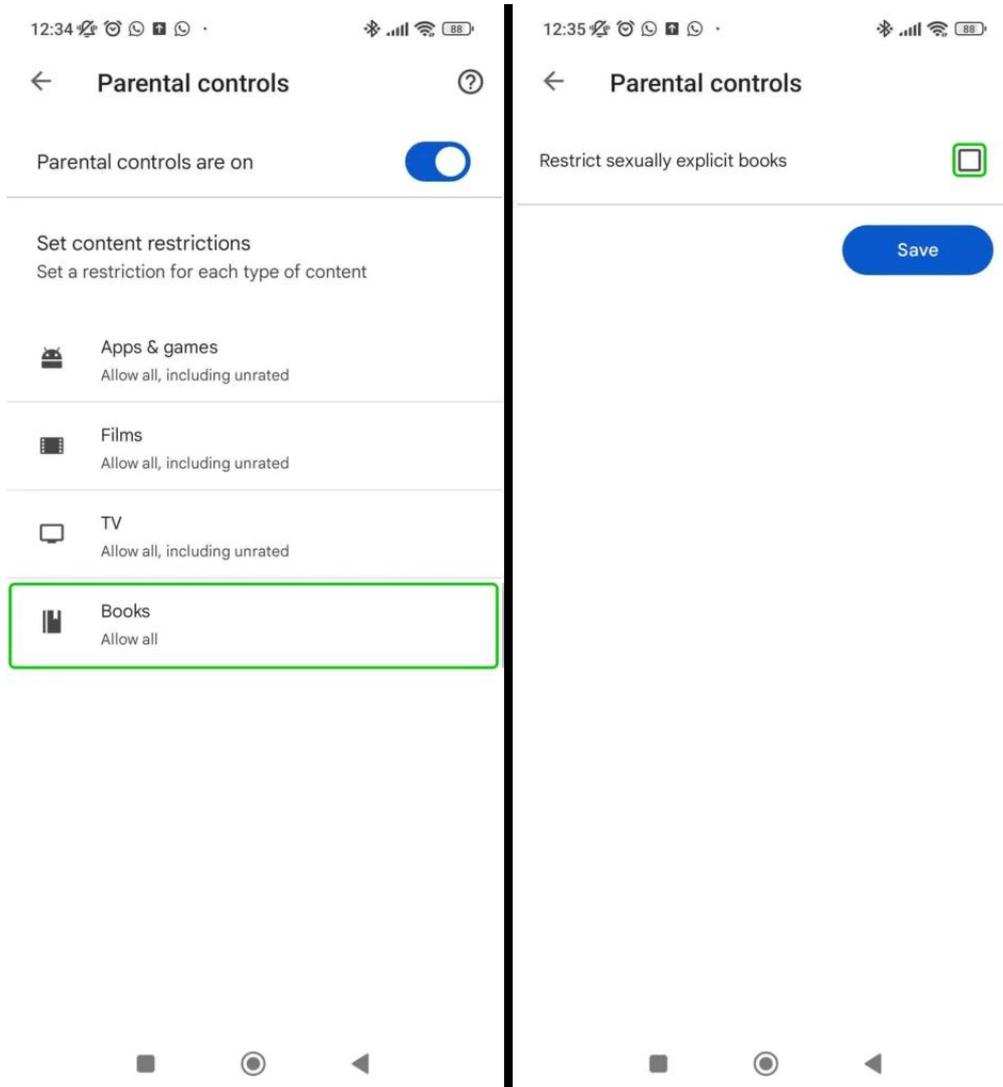
4 Restricting Books

Parental controls can be set on the books your child purchases from the Google Play store. These are not done through age ratings like for apps and films. Instead, there is just one option to restrict all sexually explicit books.

To restrict sexually explicit books:

Step 1 – On the Parental controls menu, click **Books**.

Step 2 – In the **Books** page, **check the box** next to **Restrict sexually explicit books** and then click **Save** to confirm your choice.



5 Managing spending

Spending on Google Play can not be managed through the app's settings. However, you can set spending restrictions within the Google Play Store via Google Family Link. To find out how to do this, read our [Google Family Link parental control guide](#).

If you let your child use Google Wallet, you must customise settings in the app directly. [See how here](#).