



## THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION

### Twenty Years of Data: UK Library Chart Toppers since 1993/94

#### UK's Most Borrowed Author over the last 20 years

Catherine Cookson

*(Her books have been borrowed over 40 million times between 1993 and 2013)*

#### UK's Most Borrowed Children's Author over the last 20 years

Jacqueline Wilson

*(Her books have been borrowed over 23 million times between 1993 and 2013)*

#### "The Multi-Millionaires"

Nine authors clocked up over 20 million loans between 1993 and 2013:

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| 1. Catherine Cookson | 6. Janet & Allan Ahlberg |
| 2. Danielle Steel    | 7. James Patterson       |
| 3. Jacqueline Wilson | 8. Dick Francis          |
| 4. Josephine Cox     | 9. Roald Dahl            |
| 5. R L Stine         |                          |

#### The Champion Lenders

2012-13	James Patterson	2002-03	Jacqueline Wilson
2011-12	James Patterson	2001-02	Catherine Cookson
2010-11	James Patterson	2000-01	Catherine Cookson
2009-10	James Patterson	1999-00	Catherine Cookson
2008-09	James Patterson	1998-99	Catherine Cookson
2007-08	James Patterson	1997-98	Catherine Cookson
2006-07	James Patterson	1996-97	Catherine Cookson
2005-06	Jacqueline Wilson	1995-96	Catherine Cookson
2004-05	Jacqueline Wilson	1994-95	Catherine Cookson
2003-04	Jacqueline Wilson	1993-94	Catherine Cookson

#### UK's Most Borrowed Author in a Single Year

Catherine Cookson

*(Her books were borrowed more than 5.1 million times in 1993-94)*

#### Author with Staying Power Over 20 Years

Danielle Steel

*(She has featured in the UK's Most Borrowed Adult Fiction Authors Top 20 every single year since 1993 and her books have been borrowed over 32 million times between 1993 and 2013)*

#### Children's authors with Staying Power Over 20 Years

Janet & Allan Ahlberg                      Road Dahl

Enid Blyton                                      Eric Hill

*(They have featured in the UK's Most Borrowed Children's Authors Top 20 every single year since 1993)*

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