

THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION

Twenty Years of Data: UK Library Chart Toppers since 1996/97

UK's most borrowed author over the last 20 years

Catherine Cookson

(Her books have been borrowed over 27 million times between 1996 and 2016)

UK's most borrowed children's author over the last 20 years

Jacqueline Wilson

(Her books have been borrowed over 25 million times between 1996 and 2016)

"The Multi-Millionaires"

Six authors clocked up over 20 million loans between 1996 and 2016:

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| 1. Catherine Cookson | 4. Jacqueline Wilson |
| 2. James Patterson | 5. Josephine Cox |
| 3. Danielle Steel | 6. R L Stine |

The Champion Lenders

2015-16	James Patterson	2005-06	Jacqueline Wilson
2014-15	James Patterson	2004-05	Jacqueline Wilson
2013-14	James Patterson	2003-04	Jacqueline Wilson
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

UK's Most Borrowed Author in a Single Year

Catherine Cookson

(Her books were borrowed almost 4.3 million times in 1997-98)

Author with Staying Power Over 20 Years

Danielle Steel

(She has featured in the UK's Most Borrowed Adult Fiction Authors Top 10 every single year since 1996 and her books have been borrowed over 26 million times between 1996 and 2016)

Children's authors with Staying Power Over 20 Years

Enid Blyton

Eric Hill

Road Dahl

Mick Inkpen

(They have featured in the UK's Most Borrowed Children's Authors Top 20 every single year since 1996)

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