



THE PLR SCHEME 2000-01 - DID YOU KNOW?

- The PLR scheme has distributed almost £71 million to authors since its inception. In February 2002 £4.5 million will be paid out for book loans over the period July 2000 - June 2001.
- European authors will qualify for payment from the UK scheme for the first time this year. The Scheme has been extended beyond the UK to help encourage the spread of the PLR principle and to encourage the development of reciprocal arrangements with other PLR countries. The extended scheme opens PLR to British authors resident everywhere in the EC, as well as to other European writers whose books are borrowed from British libraries. In this first year of payments Irish authors are the principal beneficiaries.
- 12 authors clocked up 1 million or more loans during 2000-2001. Four of them are children's writers* :
 1. Catherine Cookson
 2. RL Stine (author of the "Goosebumps" series) *
 3. Danielle Steel
 4. Josephine Cox
 5. Dick Francis
 6. Jacqueline Wilson *
 7. Jack Higgins
 8. Janet & Allan Ahlberg *
 9. Agatha Christie
 10. Ruth Rendell
 11. Patricia Cornwell
 12. Lucy Daniels (author of the "Animal Ark" series) *
- Number One adult fiction author remains Catherine Cookson.
- Number One adult fiction title was *The Thursday Friend* by Catherine Cookson.
- Number One children's fiction author was RL Stine.
- Number One children's fiction title was JK Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*.
- The Classics Top Ten: children's author, AA Milne is at number one, ahead of JRR Tolkien, Beatrix Potter, Daphne du Maurier and Charles Dickens.
- Number One non-fiction title was Frank McCourt's *'Tis*.
- Top Ten non-fiction: when not reading fiction, the PLR data reveals that our most common preoccupations include our relationships, cooking, celebrity autobiographies and 'armchair' travel.

The Top Ten non-fiction includes:

Men are From Mars, Women are From Venus by John Gray (6)
Three Delia Smith cookery books (11, 12 & 18)
Autobiographies by Michael Crawford (9), Trevor Rees-Jones (10), Alex Ferguson (13) and Terry Wogan (20).
Travel writer Bill Bryson has four titles in the top ten (3, 4, 5 & 8).

- If the following classic authors were still alive this is what they would have earned in 2000-2001

AA Milne	£6,000 (maximum)
JR Tolkien	£4,700
Beatrix Potter	£4,122
Jane Austen	£3,279
William Shakespeare	£3,031

- The following table shows the percentage of payments made by PLR to the different regions of the UK

Regional Breakdown of PLR Payments:

	Percentage
SOUTH EAST	25.03
LONDON	19.58
SOUTH WEST	15.13
EASTERN	12.01
SCOTLAND	5.64
NORTH WEST	5.43
YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE	5.28
EAST MIDLANDS	3.73
WEST MIDLANDS	2.76
WALES	2.51
NORTH EAST	2.26
NORTHERN IRELAND	0.64
TOTAL	100.00

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