

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES' CHART TOPPERS 2002 – 2003

### At Number One in the UK

- overall top lending author – Jacqueline Wilson
- top lending children's author - Jacqueline Wilson
- overall top lending title – John Grisham's *The Summons*
- top lending adult fiction title – John Grisham's *The Summons*
- top lending children's fiction title – J K Rowling's *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
- top lending classic author - J R R Tolkien  
(ahead of Georgette Heyer, A A Milne, and Beatrix Potter)
- top lending non-fiction title – Dave Pelzer's *The Lost Boy*  
(ahead of Pamela Stephenson, Bill Bryson, and Anne Robinson)

### Number One Lending Titles by Genre

- Cookery  
Delia Smith - *Delia's How to Cook Book 3*  
(ahead of Nigella Lawson and Jamie Oliver)
- Sport Biography  
Murray Walker – *My Autobiography: Unless I'm very much mistaken*
- Performing Arts - TV  
Richard Madeley & Judy Finnigan – *Richard and Judy: the autobiography*
- Performing Arts Biography  
Jonathan Margolis – *Michael Palin: a biography*
- Travel Book  
Bill Bryson – *Notes from a Big Country*
- Travel/Holiday Guide  
*The Rough Guide to Spain* – Mark Ellingham & John Fisher with Graham Kenyon & Jules Brown
- Historical Biography/Autobiography  
Jung Chang – *Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China*
- Adult Poetry  
*The Nation's Favourite Comic Poems* – foreword and edited by Griff Rhys Jones

### Public Libraries are as popular as ever with children and young people

4 children's writers\* are among the 8 authors who clocked up over 1 million loans in 2002-2003:

1. Jacqueline Wilson \*
2. Danielle Steel
3. Josephine Cox
4. Catherine Cookson
5. Mick Inkpen \*
6. R L Stine \*
7. Janet & Allan Ahlberg \*
8. Agatha Christie

## How much would the UK's top lending 'classic' writers have earned?

Four of our classic authors would have earned the maximum payment of £6,000 if they were still alive:

- J R R Tolkien
- A A Milne
- Georgette Heyer
- Beatrix Potter

## About Public Lending Right

- The PLR scheme has distributed over £83 million to authors since its inception. £6.4 million will be paid out in February 2004 for book loans over the period July 2002 - June 2003.
- European authors will qualify for payment from the UK scheme for the third time in 2004. 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 EU, as well as to other European writers whose books are borrowed from British libraries. In this third year of payments Irish authors are the principal beneficiaries.

## Where does the money go? Regional Breakdown of PLR Payments February 2003

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

	<b>Percentage</b>
SOUTH EAST	24.1
LONDON	19.7
SOUTH WEST	13.5
EASTERN	11.1
YORKSHIRE & HUMBERSIDE	5.5
SCOTLAND	5.3
NORTH WEST	5.1
EAST MIDLANDS	3.7
WEST MIDLANDS	3.5
WALES	2.4
NORTH EAST	2.0
NORTHERN IRELAND	0.6
EUROPE	3.5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

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