

THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION



UK Library Chart Toppers 2008/9

UK's Most Borrowed Author

James Patterson

UK's Most Borrowed Children's Author

Daisy Meadows

"The Millionaires"

Five authors clocked up over 1 million loans in 2008-2009:

1. James Patterson
2. Daisy Meadows
3. Jacqueline Wilson
4. Francesca Simon
5. Nora Roberts

UK's Most Borrowed Book

Sail by James Patterson

UK'S Most Borrowed Children's Fiction Book

Horrid Henry and the Football Fiend by Francesca Simon

UK's Most Borrowed "Classic" Authors

1. Enid Blyton
2. Roald Dahl
3. Agatha Christie
4. Georgette Heyer
5. PG Wodehouse
6. Daphne du Maurier
7. Beatrix Potter
8. Charles Dickens
9. Jane Austen
10. CS Lewis

All the above would have earned the maximum possible PLR payment of £6,600 for 2008/9, had they been alive.

UK's Most Borrowed Non-Fiction Books

1. *Delia's How to Cheat at Cooking* by Delia Smith
2. *Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart* by Tim Butcher
3. *At My Mother's Knee* by Paul O'Grady
4. *Spilling the Beans* by Clarissa Dickson Wright
5. *Dear Fatty* by Dawn French
6. *Semi-detached* by Griff Rhys Jones

UK's Most Borrowed Cookery Book

Delia's How to Cheat at Cooking by Delia Smith

UK's Most Borrowed Sports Biography

Coming back to me by Marcus Trescothick

UK's Most Borrowed Biography

At my Mother's Knee by Paul O'Grady

UK's Most Borrowed Travel Book

Blood River: A Journey to Africa's Broken Heart by Tim Butcher

UK's Most Borrowed Holiday Guide

France (Lonely Planet Country Guide) by Nicola Williams

UK's Most Borrowed Gardening Book

Grow Your Own Veg by Carol Klein

UK's Most Borrowed Poetry Book

The Ode Less Travelled: Unlocking The Poet Within by Stephen Fry

UK's Most Borrowed Popular Science Book

The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins

UK's Most Borrowed History Book

Nemesis: the Battle for Japan 1944-45 by Max Hastings

UK's Most Borrowed "Green" Book

It's Not Easy Being Green by Dick Strawbridge

Chart Positions of 10 Bestselling Authors

- 34. John Grisham
- 57. Terry Pratchett
- 68. Martina Cole
- 93. Stephen King
- 96. JK Rowling
- 118. Jeffrey Archer
- 221. Philip Pullman
- 246. Bill Bryson
- 254. Marian Keyes
- 351. Dan Brown

10 Less Familiar Names Among the Top 50 Most Borrowed Authors

- 11. Ian Whybrow
- 18. Fiona Watt
- 19. Anna Jacobs
- 25. Katie Flynn
- 29. MC Beaton
- 32. Jeanne Willis
- 36. Rose Impey
- 40. Roderick Hunt
- 41. Rosie Harris
- 46. Lyn Andrews

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