

# THE BORROWING HABITS OF THE NATION



## UK Library Chart Toppers 2011/12

### Most Borrowed Author

James Patterson

### Most Borrowed Children's Author

Daisy Meadows

### "The Millionaires"

Seven authors clocked up over 1 million loans in 2011-2012:

1. James Patterson
2. Daisy Meadows
3. Julia Donaldson
4. Nora Roberts
5. Francesca Simon
6. Jacqueline Wilson
7. M C Beaton

### 5 Authors "On The Up"

David Baldacci (18<sup>th</sup> from 34<sup>th</sup> last year)  
Giles Andreae (38<sup>th</sup> from 61<sup>st</sup> last year)  
Susan Lewis (43<sup>rd</sup> from 64<sup>th</sup> last year)  
Peter Robinson (45<sup>th</sup> from 58<sup>th</sup> last year)  
Sue Graves (46<sup>th</sup> from 74<sup>th</sup> last year)

### Most Borrowed Titles

1. *10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary* by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
2. *Worth Dying For* by Lee Child
3. *Miracle Cure* by Harlan Coben
4. *Private London* by James Patterson
5. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

### Authors With the Most Appearances in the Top 100 Most Borrowed Titles List

James Patterson (15)	Danielle Steel (4)
Michael Connelly (5)	Martina Cole (3)
David Baldacci (4)	Jeff Kinney (3)
Lee Child (4)	Stieg Larsson (3)
Harlan Coben (4)	Peter Robinson (3)

### Most Borrowed Non-Fiction Titles (Adult)

1. *At Home: An Informal History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson
2. *Madeleine* by Kate McCann
3. *Jamie's 30-Minute Meals* by Jamie Oliver
4. *The Official DSA Theory Test for Car Drivers* by Driving Standards Agency
5. *Stanley Gibbons Stamps of the World 2011: Simplified Catalogue*

### Most Borrowed Children's Titles

1. *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson (illus Axel Scheffler)
2. *Aliens Love Underpants!* by Claire Freedman & Ben Cort
3. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Last Straw* by Jeff Kinney
4. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules* by Jeff Kinney
5. *The Snail and the Whale* by Julia Donaldson (illus Axel Scheffler)

**Most Borrowed “Classic” Authors (last year’s positions in brackets)**

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| 1. Roald Dahl (1)      | 5. Charles Dickens (6) |
| 2. Enid Blyton (2)     | 6. PG Wodehouse (5)    |
| 3. Agatha Christie (3) | 7. Beatrix Potter (9)  |
| 4. Georgette Heyer (4) |                        |

All the above would have earned the maximum possible PLR payment of £6,600 for 2011/12, had they been alive.

**Most Borrowed Novels by Charles Dickens**

1. *A Tale of Two Cities*
2. *Great Expectations*
3. *Hard Times*
4. *Bleak House*
5. *Oliver Twist*

**Most Borrowed History Book**

*At Home: An Informal History of Private Life* by Bill Bryson

**Most Borrowed Biography**

*Madeleine* by Kate McCann

**Most Borrowed Travel & Holiday Book**

*Hope and Glory: the Days That Made Britain* by Stuart Maconie

**Most Borrowed Cookery Book**

*Jamie’s 30-Minute Meals* by Jamie Oliver

**Most Borrowed Television Book**

*The World of Downtown Abbey* by Jessica Fellowes

**Most Borrowed Holiday Guide**

*Italy* by Damien Simonis

**Most Borrowed Gardening Book**

*Grow Your Own Veg* by Carol Klein

**Most Borrowed Complementary Medicine Book**

*Beat Back Pain with the Alexander Technique* by Richard Craze

**Most Borrowed Mind, Body & Spirit Book**

*The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne

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