

20 MOST BORROWED BOOKS 2018/19 – WEST MIDLANDS

POSITION	TITLE	AUTHOR
1	The Midnight Line: (Jack Reacher 22)	Lee Child
2	NYPD Red	James Patterson
3	The Rooster Bar	John Grisham
4	Dead if you Don't	Peter James
5	Sleeping in the Ground	Peter Robinson
6	Munich	Robert Harris
7	I'll Keep You Safe	Peter May
8	Origin	Dan Brown
9	Night School: (Jack Reacher 21)	Lee Child
10	Surprise Me	Sophie Kinsella
11	Coming Home to Island House	Erica James
12	Two Kinds of Truth	Michael Connelly
13	The World's Worst Children	David Walliams
14	On a Beautiful Day	Lucy Diamond
15	A Secret Garden	Katie Fforde
16	Coming Home	Fern Britton
17	17 th Suspect	James Patterson
18	The Seagull	Ann Cleeves
19	End Game	David Baldacci
20	Doing a literature review in health and social care: a practical guide	Helen Aveyard

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