



## A DECADE OF DATA FROM PUBLIC LENDING RIGHT (PLR)

### TOP 10 MOST BORROWED AUTHORS 1996/7 – 2005/6

1. Catherine Cookson >25 million loans
2. Danielle Steel >18 million loans
3. R L Stine >18 million loans
4. Josephine Cox >15 million loans
5. Jacqueline Wilson >13 million loans
6. Janet & Allan Ahlberg >12 million loans
7. Dick Francis >12 million loans
8. Roald Dahl >10 million loans
9. Agatha Christie >10 million loans
10. Jack Higgins >10 million loans

### TOP 10 MOST BORROWED AUTHORS (Adult & Children's combined)

#### TODAY: 2005/6

1. Jacqueline Wilson
2. James Patterson
3. Josephine Cox
4. Danielle Steel
5. Ian Rankin
6. Janet & Allan Ahlberg
7. Mick Inkpen
8. Roald Dahl
9. John Grisham
10. Nora Roberts

#### 10 YEARS AGO: 1996/7

1. Catherine Cookson
2. R L Stine
3. Danielle Steel
4. Dick Francis
5. Janet & Allan Ahlberg
6. Roald Dahl
7. Ruth Rendell
8. Ann M Martin
9. Agatha Christie
10. Enid Blyton

### TOP 10 MOST BORROWED ADULT FICTION TITLES

#### TODAY: 2005/6

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Dan Brown                        | The Da Vinci Code        |
| 2. Maeve Binchy                     | Nights of Rain and Stars |
| 3. Dan Brown                        | Digital Fortress         |
| 4. Patricia Cornwell                | Trace                    |
| 5. James Patterson & Howard Roughan | Honeymoon                |
| 6. James Patterson & Maxine Paetro  | 4 <sup>th</sup> of July  |
| 7. John Grisham                     | The Broker               |
| 8. Josephine Cox                    | The Journey              |
| 9. Ian Rankin                       | Fleshmarket Close        |
| 10. Josephine Cox                   | Live the Dream           |

#### 10 YEARS AGO: 1996/7

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Catherine Cookson | A Ruthless Need         |
| 2. Catherine Cookson | Justice is a Woman      |
| 3. Catherine Cookson | The Year of the Virgins |
| 4. Catherine Cookson | The Obsession           |

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| 5. Catherine Cookson  | The Upstart        |
| 6. Catherine Cookson  | The Tinker's Girl  |
| 7. Catherine Cookson  | The Rag Nymph      |
| 8. Catherine Cookson  | The House of Women |
| 9. Dick Francis       | Come to Grief      |
| 10. Catherine Cookson | The Golden Straw   |

## **TOP 10 MOST BORROWED NON-FICTION TITLES**

### **TODAY: 2005/6**

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. Gillian McKeith          | You Are What You Eat                  |
| 2. Sheila Hancock           | The Two of Us: My Life with John Thaw |
| 3. Gillian McKeith          | You Are What You Eat Cookbook         |
| 4. Paul McKenna             | Change Your Life in Seven Days        |
| 5. Paul McKenna             | I Can Make You Thin                   |
| 6. Maura Murphy             | Don't Wake me at Doyles               |
| 7. Jamie Oliver             | Jamie's Dinners                       |
| 8. Bill Bryson              | A Short History of Nearly Everything  |
| 9. Dan Waddell              | Who Do You Think You Are?             |
| 10. Antony Worrall Thompson | Antony Worrall Thompson's GI Diet     |

### **10 YEARS AGO: 1996/7**

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|-----------------------------|---|
| 1. Andy McNab               | Immediate Action                                  |
| 2. Delia Smith              | Delia Smith's Winter Collection                   |
| 3. Jung Chang               | Wild Swans: Three Daughters of China              |
| 4. Simon James              | Eyewitness Guide: Ancient Rome                    |
| 5. Delia Smith              | Delia Smith's Summer Collection                   |
| 6. Stephen Hawking          | A Brief History of Time                           |
| 7. Driving Standard Agency  | The Complete Theory Test for Cars and Motorcycles |
| 8. Angela Wilkes            | The Children's Step-by-Step Cook Book             |
| 9. Driving Standards Agency | Driving Manual                                    |
| 10. Andy McNab              | Bravo Two Zero                                    |

## **MOST POPULAR ADULT NON-FICTION AUTHORS: 1996/7 – 2005/6**

(based on title appearances in the Non-Fiction titles Top 10s over the past 10 years)

### 17 appearances

Bill Bryson

### 14 appearances

Dave Pelzer

### 7 appearances

Delia Smith

### 6 appearances

Frank McCourt

The Driving Standards Agency

### 4 appearances

Andy McNab

### 3 appearances

Jung Chang

John Gray

Gillian McKeith

Miriam Stoppard

Alan Titchmarsh

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