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Top 20 Circulating Fiction & Nonfiction Books in 2003 Announced

Author James Patterson was a prolific author and a popular read in Cincinnati in 2003. Last year four of his books—*Four Blind Mice: A Novel*; *Jester*; *Lake House: A Novel*; and *Beach House: A Novel*—were in the top 20 most read new fiction books at the Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County. Readers checked out Patterson's books a total of 9,668 times. The number one fiction title for 2003 was Sue Grafton's *Q Is for Quarry*, which circulated 2,962 times. (Patterson's *Four Blind Mice* and *Jester* were number two and three, respectively.)

In nonfiction, Patricia Daniels Cornwell's *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper—Case Closed* remained the most popular book, checked out 817 times. The ever-popular Dr. Phil (McGraw) came in second for nonfiction with *Self Matters: Creating Your Life from the Inside Out* at 561.

“The Library's excellent selection of new fiction and non-fiction is always in great demand,” said Kimber L. Fender, the Library's Executive Director. “We seek to provide a wide selection of current reading materials with something for everyone. To help our readers keep up with new books from their favorite authors, we offer the Hot Authors service through our web page. Check it out at www.CincinnatiLibrary.org.”

Of increasing popularity are audio books on CD or cassette, in abridged and unabridged versions. Most fiction and selected nonfiction titles are available in both formats and can be checked out for two weeks, and renewed three times if there are no reserves.

Top 20 Circulating Fiction & Nonfiction Titles for 2003

Fiction:

- *Q Is for Quarry* by Sue Grafton (2,962) *
- *Four Blind Mice: A Novel* by James Patterson (2,846) *
- *The Jester* by James Patterson (2,758) *
- *The Lovely Bones: A Novel* by Alice Sebold (2,456) *
- *Prey* by Michael Crichton (2,194) *
- *Chesapeake Blue* by Nora Roberts (2,179) *
- *Dating Game* by Danielle Steel (2,151) AC
- *The Lake House: A Novel* by James Patterson (2,101)
- *Answered Prayers* by Danielle Steel (2,055) *
- *The Beach House: A Novel* by James Patterson (1,963)
- *By the Light of the Moon* by Dean R. Koontz (1,825)
- *Visions of Sugar Plums* by Janet Evanovich (1,773) *
- *Quentins* by Maeve Binchy (1,682) *
- *Blood Orchid* by Stuart Woods (1,596) *
- *Back Story* by Robert B. Parker (1,590) CD
- *Light in Shadow* by Jayne Ann Krentz (1,569) CD
- *The Crush* by Sandra Brown (1,508) *
- *The Cat Who Brought Down the House* by Lilian Jackson Braun (1,490) *
- *Naked Prey* by John Sandford (1,490) *
- *Whispers at Midnight* by Karen Robards (1,435)

Nonfiction:

- *Portrait of a Killer: Jack the Ripper—Case Closed* by Patricia Daniels Cornwell (817) *
- *Self Matters: Creating Your Life from the Inside Out* by Phillip C. McGraw (561) AC
- *Decorating Year-Round* by Vicki L. Ingham (editor) (532)
- *John Adams* by David G. McCullough (498) *
- *Tuesdays with Morrie: An Old Man, a Young Man, and Life's Greatest Lesson* by Mitch Albom (496) AC & VC
- *Slander: Liberal Lies about the American Right* by Ann H. Coulter (461)
- *My Losing Season* by Pat Conroy (459)
- *Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting by in America* by Barbara Ehrenreich (443)
- *The Laws of Money, the Lessons of Life: Keep What You Have* by Suze Orman (433)
- *Style on a Budget* by Better Homes and Gardens Books (407)
- *Shifra Stein's Day Trips from Cincinnati* by Shifra Stein (editor) (359)

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- *Stupid White Men—and Other Sorry Excuses for the State of the Nation!* By Michael Moore (358)
- *Dr. Atkins' Age-Defying Diet Revolution* by Robert C. Atkins with Sheila Buff (344)
- *The Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson (344)
- *Master the GED* by Arco/Thomson Learning (339)
- *What Should I Do with My Life?* by Po Bronson (320) **CD**
- *Lost Boy: A Foster Child's Search for the Love of a Family* by David J. Pelzer (310) **CD**
- *Dereliction of Duty: An Eyewitness Account of How Bill Clinton Compromised America's National Security* by Robert Patterson (308)

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