



Lists of books purchased by and borrowed from the Commons Library 2008 onwards

Since October 2013, the House of Commons Library has regularly published details of the books which have been most frequently borrowed from the Library, and which titles it has purchased specifically in response to requests from Members of Parliament. Some information relating to the most frequently borrowed books during the years 2008–2013 is also included.

The tables containing this information were prepared in response to freedom of information requests received by the Library.

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Books borrowed or purchased from 1 April to 30 September 2017

This document lists the books purchased by the Commons Library in response to requests from MPs or borrowed from the Library on at least four occasions during this period.

Date published: November 2017

Books purchased

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price £
13.04.17	A portrait of battling Bessie: life and work of Bessie Braddock, a Liverpool MP	D Ben Rees	5.03
20.04.17	Secret victory: the intelligence war that beat the IRA	William Matchett	10.88
15.06.17	Adults in the room: my battle with Europe's deep establishment	Yanis Varoufakis	16.80
21.06.17	When there's a woman in the room: women MPs shaping public policy	Boni Sones	5.71 (estimated price)
21.06.17	I was told to come alone: my journey behind the lines of Jihad	Souad Mekhennet	9.01 (estimated price)
19.07.17	The last wolf: the hidden springs of Englishness	Robert Winder	16.80
26.07.17	Devil's bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump and the storming of the presidency	Joshua Green	14.27
26.07.17	Dream hoarders: how the American upper middle class is leaving everyone else in the dust, why that is a problem, and what to do about it	Richard V Reeves	16.76
31.07.17	Climate change and the health of the nations: famines, fevers and the fate of populations	Anthony J McMichael	21.83
01.08.17	Optimism over despair: on capitalism, empire and social change	Noam Chomsky and CJ Polychroniou	5.04
01.08.17	The Fear and the Freedom: How the Second World War Changed Us	Keith Lowe	9.13 (estimated price)
09.08.17	One hot summer: Dickens, Darwin, Disraeli, and the Great Stink of 1858	Rosemary Ashton	21.00
05.09.17	Storm in the desert: Britain's intervention in Libya and the Arab Spring	Mark Muller Stuart	21.00
05.09.17	Carpe Diem regained: the vanishing art of seizing the day	Roman Krznaric	12.59
06.09.17	The Chickenshit club: why the Justice Department fails to prosecute executives	Jesse Eisinger	16.80
06.09.17	Parliament and diaspora in Europe	Michael S Laguerre	39.95
21.09.17	Radical technologies: the design of everyday life	Adam Greenfield	15.95
21.09.17	Saving capitalism: for the many, not the few	Robert Reich	7.55

28.09.17	Justice for laughing boy: Connor Sparrowhawk: a death by indifference	Sara Ryan and foreword by Helena Kennedy	10.91
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Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers and Rhodri Walters	24
The road to somewhere: the populist revolt and the future of politics	David Goodhart	8
Women who shaped politics: empowering stories of the women who have shifted the political landscape	Sophy Ridge	6
How to be an MP	Paul Flynn	6
With respect, minister: a view from inside Whitehall	Brian Unwin	5
Mr Barry's war: rebuilding the Houses of Parliament after the great fire of 1834	Caroline Shenton	5
Woolworth's: 100 years on the high street	Kathryn A Morrison	4
Refuge: transforming a broken refugee system	Alexander Betts and Paul Collier	4
Reclaiming hope: lessons learned in the Obama White House about the future of faith in America	Michael Wear	4
A political history of the Gambia, 1816–1994	Arnold Hughes and David Perfect	4
The Mansion House of Liberty: the untold story of Christian Britain	John Bradley	4
Invisible safety net	Janet M Currie	4
How to lose a referendum: the definitive story of why the UK voted for Brexit	Jason Farrell and Paul Goldsmith	4
Governance and development in Nigeria	Oyeleye Oyediran	4
The English Parliaments of Henry VII: 1485–1504	PR Cavill	4
Citizen Clem: a biography of Attlee	John Bew	4
The art of war	Sun Tzu	4
Antifragile	Nassim Nicholas Taleb	4
All out war: the full story of how Brexit sank Britain's political class	Tim Shipman	4

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Date published: May 2017

Books purchased

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
04.10.16	How then shall we live? Christian engagement with contemporary issues	Samuel Wells	£14.27
05.10.16	You can't eat peanuts in church and other little known laws	Barbara Seuling	£14.28
06.10.16	The UK regional-national economic problem: geography, globalisation and governance	Philip McCann	£79.80
11.10.16	Enough said: what's gone wrong with the language of politics	Mark Thompson	£21.00
11.10.16	The wealth of humans: work and its absence in the twenty-first century	Ryan Avent	£21.00
20.10.16	Tony Blair and the IRA: the 'On the runs' scandal	Austen Morgan	£8.68
27.10.16	The twelve apostles: Michael Collins, the squad and Ireland's fight for freedom	Tim Pat Coogan	£15.95
02.11.16	Joseph Chamberlain: international statesman, national leader, local icon	Ian Cawood and Chris Upton	£52.92
02.11.16	Graced life: the writings of John Hughes	John Hughes	£25.20
02.11.16	Mission-oriented finance for innovation: new ideas for investment-led growth	Mariana Mazzucato and Caetano CR Penna	£12.56
03.11.16	The fish rots from the head: developing effective board directors	Bob Garratt	£8.39
04.11.16	From Brussels with love	William Cash and Radomir Tylecote	£16.80
15.11.16	Operation Telic: the British campaign in Iraq 2003–2009	Tim Ripley	£14.99
16.11.16	Strangers in their own land: anger and mourning on the American right	Arlie Russell Hochschild	£20.99
21.11.16	Values: how to bring values to life in your business	Ed Mayo	£14.27
25.11.16	Geiriadur prifysgol Cymru – A dictionary of the Welsh language	Gareth A Bevan	£399.21
05.12.16	The great convergence: information technology and the new globalization	Richard Baldwin	£19.28
06.12.16	From Alliance to Union: Challenges Facing Gulf Cooperation Council States in the Twenty-First Century	Joseph A Kechichian	£29.40
07.12.16	Rethinking capitalism: economics and policy for sustainable and inclusive growth	Michael Jacobs and Mariana Mazzucato	£12.59
08.12.16	What is populism?	Jan-Werner Muller	£10.92

08.12.16	Homo deus: a brief history of tomorrow	Yuval Noah Harari	£21.00
08.12.16	The politics of resentment: rural consciousness in Wisconsin and the rise of Scott Walker	Katherine J Cramer	£17.64
14.12.16	Red Ellen: the life of Ellen Wilkinson, socialist, feminist, internationalist	Laura Beers	£16.80
16.12.16	All out war: the full story of how Brexit sank Britain's political class (second copy)	Tim Shipman	£21.00
16.12.16	The 100-year life: living and working in an age of longevity	Lynda Gratton and Andrew Scott	£15.95
09.01.17	This is your brain on parasites: how tiny creatures manipulate our behaviour and shape our society	Kathleen McAuliffe	£13.08
09.01.17	Now: the physics of time	Richard A Muller	£18.47
09.01.17	Martin Travers: his life and work	Michael Yelton	£55.00
19.01.17	Reclaiming hope: lessons learned in the Obama White House about the future of faith in America	Michael Wear	£15.95
20.01.17	The record reign	Hannah Scally and Andy Tongue	£247.80
24.01.17	The new politics of class: the political exclusion of the British working class	Geoffrey Evans and James Tilley	£25.20
24.01.17	Finnish lessons 2.0: what can the world learn from educational change in Finland?	Pasi Sahlberg	£21.95
30.01.17	Alternatives to state-socialism in Britain: other worlds of Labour in the twentieth century	Edited by Peter Ackers and Alastair J Reid	£56.27
08.02.17	Gwenallt: cofiant D. Gwenallt Jones 1899–1968	Alan Llwyd	£16.79
16.02.17	Shakespeare and politics: what a sixteenth-century playwright can tell us about twenty-first-century politics	Edited by Bruce E Altschuler and Michael A Genovese	£28.99
20.02.17	Language at the speed of sight: how we read, why so many can't, and what can be done about it	Mark Seidenberg	£16.79
20.02.17	Democratic sustainability in a new era of localism	John Stanton	£25.19
28.02.17	An era of darkness: the British Empire in India	Shashi Tharoor	£20.12
01.03.17	Value of Everything: Makers and takers in the global economy	Mariana Mazzucato	Not yet published
01.03.17	A tale of two navies: geopolitics, technology and strategy in the United States Navy and the Royal Navy, 1960–2015	Anthony R Wells	£29.82
01.03.17	At the edge of the Roman Empire: tours along the Limes in Southern Germany	Edited by Suzana Matesic and C Sebastian Sommer	£15.85
03.03.17	How the hell did this happen? The US election of 2016	PJ O'Rourke	£12.60
06.03.17	The road to somewhere: the populist revolt and the future of politics (two copies acquired)	David Goodhart	£16.80

06.03.17	A liberal and godly dean: the life of Edward Carpenter	Michael De-la-Noy	£8.40
07.03.17	Are trams socialist? Why Britain has no transparent policy	Christian Wolmar	£8.39
15.03.17	Soldiers and gentlemen: Australian battalion commanders in the Great War, 1914–1918	William Westerman	£37.79
15.03.17	Age of anger: a history of the present	Pankaj Mishra	£16.80
24.03.17	Redemption: from iron bars to ironman	John McAvoy with Mark Turley	£14.27
24.03.17	Drawdown: The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to roll back global warming	Paul Hawken	£8.39
27.03.17	Our common good: if the state provides less, who will provide more?	John Nickson	£16.80

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Mr Barry's war: rebuilding the Houses of Parliament after the great fire of 1834	Caroline Shenton	9
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers and Rhodri Walters	9
The health gap: the challenge of an unequal world	Michael Marmot	8
Citizen Clem: a biography of Attlee	John Bew	8
What is populism?	Jan-Werner Muller	7
Sapiens: a brief history of humankind	Yuval Noah Harari	7
A woman's work	Harriet Harman	6
Why the Tories won: the inside story of the 2015 election	Tim Ross	6
The twelve apostles: Michael Collins, the squad and Ireland's fight for freedom	Tim Pat Coogan	6
A line in the sand	James Barr	6
Hillbilly elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis	JD Vance	6
Erskine May's treatise on the law, privileges, proceedings and usage of Parliament	Thomas Erskine May	6
Speaking out: lessons in life and	Ed Balls	5

politics		
Power and plenty: trade, war and the world economy in the second millennium	Ronald Finlay	5
The new Tsar: the rise and reign of Vladimir Putin	Steven Lee Myers	5
The men's share? Masculinities, male support and women's suffrage in Britain 1890–1920	Angela V John and Claire Eustance	5
The marches: border walks with my father	Rory Stewart	5
Love in the time of cholera	Gabriel Garcia Marquez	5

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01.04.16	Why the Tories won: the inside story of the 2015 election	Tim Ross	£10.91
01.05.16	Transhumanist reader: classical and contemporary essays on the science, technology, and philosophy of the human future	Max More and Natasha Vita-More	£19.31
06.04.16	The well-being of children in the UK	Jonathan Bradshaw	No charge
13.04.16	Simply UK: a summary guide to the UK government finances 2015–16	Martin Wheatcroft	£4.20
13.04.16	Refugee crisis in Europe: desperate journeys	Buchi Nwadiuto	£7.11
14.04.16	The new odyssey: the story of Europe's refugee crisis	Patrick Kingsley	£12.59
03.05.16	Coalition: the inside story of the Conservative-Liberal Democrats coalition government	David Laws	£25.05 (second copy)
04.05.16	Islamist terrorism: the British connections	Robin Simcox et al	£50.00
04.05.16	Building the orange wave: the inside story behind the historic rise of Jack Layton and the NPP	Brad Lavigne	£23.10
06.05.16	The path: what Chinese philosophers can teach us about the good life	Michael Puett and Christine Gross-Loh	£17.97
12.05.16	The Welsh Academy English-Welsh dictionary	Bruce Griffiths and Dafydd Glyn Jones	£46.20
18.05.16	Utopia for realists: the case for universal basic income, open borders, and a 15 hour workweek	Ruter Bregman	£19.31
19.05.16	Roch winds: a treacherous guide to the state of Scotland	Cailean Gallagher et al	£7.55
23.05.16	Deterring cyber warfare: bolstering strategic stability in cyberspace	Brian M Mazanec and Bradley A Thayer	£42.30
02.06.16	Makers and takers: the rise of finance and the fall of American business	Rana Foroohar	£27.21
07.06.16	The fall of the priests and the rise of the lawyers	Philip R Wood	£21.00
07.06.16	Two cheers for minority government: the evolution of Canadian parliamentary democracy	Peter H Russell	£21.79
07.06.16	Lincoln and the politics of slavery: the other	Daniel W Crofts	£27.30

	thirteenth amendment and the struggle to save the union		
09.06.16	Hearts and minds: a blueprint for modern Labor	Chris Bowen	£17.58
23.06.16	You shall love the stranger as yourself: the bible, refugees, and asylum	Fleur S Houston	£26.87
13.07.16	Soul machine: the invention of the modern mind	George Makari	£20.99
14.07.16	No ordinary disruption: the four global forces breaking all the trends	Richard Dobbs et al	£15.95
22.07.16	Our Joe: Joseph Chamberlain's Conservative legacy	Nick Timothy	£7.99
01.08.16	The myth of meritocracy: why working-class kids get working-class jobs	James Bloodworth	£8.40
24.08.16	Long weekend: life in the English country house between the wars	Adrian Tinniswood	£21.00
25.08.16	Democracy for realists: why elections do not produce responsive governments	Christopher H Achen and Larry M Bartels	£19.28
30.08.16	Don't send him in tomorrow: shining a light on the marginalised, disenfranchised and forgotten children of today's schools	Jarlath O'Brien	£15.95
06.09.16	Future shapes of Anglicanism	Martyn Percy	Not yet received
06.09.16	Off the sidelines: speak up, be fearless, and change your world	Kirsten Gillibrand	£8.95
07.09.16	Call me Dave: the unauthorised biography of David Cameron (updated paperback edition)	Isabel Oakeshott and Michael Ashcroft	£9.23
09.09.16	United: thoughts on finding common ground and advancing the common good	Cory Booker	£14.22
14.09.16	Politics: between the extremes	Nick Clegg	£16.80 (second copy)
15.09.16	Hillbilly elegy: a memoir of a family and culture in crisis	JD Vance	£12.59
15.09.16	Crash, bang, wallop: the inside story of London's big bang and a financial revolution that changed the world	Iain Martin	£21.00
21.09.16	How civility works	Keith J Bybee	£8.82
29.09.16	International trade: theory evidence and policy	Paul R Krugman et al	£51.23
30.09.16	Voices from Chernobyl: the oral history of a nuclear disaster	Svetlana Alexievich and translated by Keith Gessen	£13.44

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Speaking out: lessons in life and politics	Ed Balls	8
Coalition: the inside story of the Conservative-Liberal Democrats coalition government	David Laws	8
The second machine age: work, progress and prosperity in a time of brilliant technologies	Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee	7
Parliament Ltd: a journey to the dark heart of British politics	Martin Williams	7
Can the welfare state survive?	Andrew Gamble	7
Capital in the twenty-first century	Thomas Piketty	6
This is London	Ben Judah	5
Politics: between the extremes	Nick Clegg	5
Joseph Chamberlain: a most radical imperialist	Travis L Crosby	5
How to be a parliamentary researcher	Robert Dale	5
How to be a government whip	Helen Jones	5
Why nations fail: the origins of power, prosperity, and poverty	Daron Acemoglu and James A Robinson	4
Them and us: changing Britain – why we need a fair society	Will Hutton	4
Student power! the radical days of the English universities	Esmee Sinead Hanna	4
The spirit level: why more equal societies almost always do better	Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett	4
The rise of the robots: technology and the threat of mass unemployment	Martin Ford	4
Parliament: the biography. Vol. 1: ancestral voices	Chris Bryant	4

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
01.10.15	Hitler's Enabler: Neville Chamberlain and the Origins of the Second World War	John Ruggiero	£38
01.10.15	Aftershock: The Untold Story of Surviving Peace	Matthew Green	£17.60
02.10.15	The Regional Railways Story: Sectorisation to Privatisation – Three Decades of Revival	Gordon Pettitt	£26.40
06.10.15	A Republic No More: Big Government and the Rise of American Political Corruption	Jay Cost	£18.47
07.10.15	Big World, Small Planet	Johan Rockstrom	£14.95
07.10.15	Socially Elected: How To Win Elections Using Social Media	Craig Agranoff	£24.00
15.10.15	The Payoff: Why Wall Street Always Wins	Jeff Connaughton	£16.71
20.10.15	The Public Wealth of Nations: How Management of Public Assets Can Boost or Bust Economic Growth	Dag Detter	£21.99
21.10.15	The Maisky Diaries: Red Ambassador to the Court of St James's, 1932–1943	Gabriel Gorodetsky	£22.00
28.10.15	Economics Rules: The Rights and Wrongs of the Dismal Science	Dani Rodrik	£14.95
28.10.15	Big Tent Politics	R Kenneth Carty	£20.23
29.10.15	Call me Dave	Michael Ashcroft	£17.60
30.10.15	British Economic Growth, 1270–1870	Stephen Broadberry	£21.99
04.11.15	The Cambridge Economic History of Modern Britain: Volume 1. Industrialisation, 1700–1870	Roderick Floud	£26.39
09.11.15	The Undersea Network	Nicole Starosielski	£15.83
10.11.15	Other People's Money: Masters of the Universe or Servants of the People?	John Kay	£14.95
16.11.15	All Under Heaven: China's Dreams of Order	Jeanne-Marie Gescher	£22.00
16.11.15	Right Side Up: The Fall of Paul Martin and the Rise of Stephen Harper's New Conservatism	Paul Wells	£5.77
09.12.15	The Welfare Trait: How State Benefits Affect Personality	Adam Perkins	£17.59
11.12.15	The Predistribution Agenda: Tackling Inequality and Supporting Sustainable Growth	Claudia Chwalisz	£13.19
21.12.15	The Future of the Professions: How Technology Will Transform the Work of Human Experts	Richard Susskind	£16.71

23.12.15	The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World	Michael Marmot	£17.60
05.01.16	End of Judaism: An Ethical Tradition Betrayed	Hajo G Meyer	£30.47
06.01.16	How the railway works	Dan Harvey	£17.60
07.01.16	Knowledge and Power: The Information Theory of Capitalism and How it is Revolutionizing Our World	George Gilder	£23.50
08.01.16	The Refusal of Work: The Theory and Practice of Resistance to Work	David Frayne	£14.95
11.01.16	Disconnected! Broken Links in Britain's Rail Policy	Chris Austin	£22.00
13.01.16	Academic Freedom in an Age of Conformity: Confronting the Fear of Knowledge	Joanna Williams	£17.59
25.01.16	The ISIS Apocalypse: The History, Strategy, and Doomsday Vision of the Islamic State	Williams McCants	£16.71
26.01.16	The Rise and Fall of American Growth: The U.S. Standard of Living since the Civil War	Robert J Gordon	£24.60
29.01.16	Islam and the Future of Tolerance: A Dialogue	Sam Harris	£12.28
01.02.16	The Alternative Manifesto: A 12-Step Programme to Remake Britain	Eamonn Butler	£3.65
03.02.16	The Road to Freedom: How to Win the Fight for Free Enterprise	Arthur C Brooks	£17.59
08.02.16	The Joy of Tax	Richard Murphy	£14.95
11.02.16	A sharing economy: How social wealth funds can reduce inequality and help balance the books	Stewart Lansley	£8.79
15.02.16	Inventing the Future: Postcapitalism and a World Without Work	Nick Srnicek	£11.43
17.02.16	Hammer of the Left The battle for the soul of the Labour Party	John Golding	£9.67
22.02.16	Fish Atlas of the Celtic Sea, North Sea and Baltic Sea: Based on International Research Vessel Data	Henk JL Heesen	£57.89
02.03.16	Independence or Union: Scotland's Past and Scotland's Present	TM Devine	£17.60
09.03.16	The Romanovs: 1613–1918	Simon Sebag Montefiore	£16.71
09.03.16	The Men Who Planned the War: A Study of the Staff of the British Army on the Western Front, 1914–1918	Paul Harris	£83.60
09.03.16	Concrete Economics	Stephen S Cohen	£16.71
10.03.16	Should Britain Leave the EU?: An Economic Analysis of a Troubled Relationship	Patrick Minford	£26.40
11.03.16	Code of practice for temporary electrical systems for entertainment and related purposes	BSI	£47.00
15.03.16	The Virtue of Selfishness	Ayn Rand	£4.29
29.03.16	How to Win a Marginal Seat My Year Fighting For My Political Life	Gavin Barwell	£10.91
29.03.16	Supranational Governance of Europe's Area of Freedom, Security and Justice	Christian Kaurert	£79.80

29.03.16	Social policy in a cold climate: policies and their consequences since the crisis	Ruth Lupton	£21.83
29.03.16	Industries of the future	Alex Ross	£16.80

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How to be a parliamentary researcher	Robert Dale	8
The great escape: health, wealth and the origins of inequality	Angus Deaton	8
The second machine age: work, progress and prosperity in a time of brilliant technologies	Erik Brynjolfsson	7
Mindfulness: a practical guide to finding peace in a frantic world	Mark Williams	7
The silent deep	Peter Hennessy	6
Years of Lyndon Johnson, 4: the passage of power	Robert A Caro	5
King John: England, Magna Carta and the making of a tyrant	Stephen Church	5
Free lunch: easily digestible economics	David Smith	5
Cameron at 10: the inside story 2010–2015	Anthony Seldon	5
The British general election 2015	Philip Cowley	5
Women in the House: a study of Women Members of Parliament	Elizabeth Vallance	4
Women at Westminster: an account of women in the British Parliament 1918–1966	Pamela Brookes	4
Why the Tories won: the inside story of the 2015 election	Tim Ross	4
The third man: life at the heart of New Labour	Peter Mandelson	4
The rise and fall of American growth: the U.S. standard of living since the Civil War	Robert J Gordon	4
The rebel countess: the life and times of Constance Markievicz	Anne Marreco	4
Postcapitalism: a guide to our future	Paul Mason	4
Parliament: the biography, volume 1	Chris Bryant	4

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
18.05.15	Winners and how they succeed	Alastair Campbell	£17.60
18.05.15	The Elephant in the Room: An Evidence Based Study of Government Waste, Error and Inefficiency	Eamonn Hamilton	£10.55
22.05.15	Our kids: the American dream in crisis	Robert D Putnam	£16.71
26.05.15	All day long: a portrait of Britain at work	Joanna Biggs	£13.19
02.06.15	An English Spring: memoirs	Cormac Murphy-O'Connor	£17.60
02.06.15	European human rights law 2nd edition	Keir Starmer	(Due for publication December 2015)
03.06.15	The coming jobs war	Jim Clifton	£14.95
03.06.15	Our kids: the American dream in crisis (2nd copy)	Robert D Putnam	£16.71
25.06.15	Hard times: inequality, recession, aftermath (revised and updated edition)	Tom Clark	£8.79
01.07.15	Climate change: a very short introduction (3rd edition)	Mark Maslin	£7.03
02.07.15	Lloyd George	Martin Pugh	£2.81
02.07.15	Getting out alive: news, sports and politics at the BBC	Roger Mosey	£17.60
08.07.15	Coming up short: working-class adulthood in an age of uncertainty	Jennifer M Silva	£11.43
09.07.15	Der Entscheidungsprozess beim Lastenausgleich 1945–52	Reinhold Schillinger	£10.26
14.07.15	Food bank Britain	Ray Barron Woolford	£8.79
16.07.15	Mr China	Tim Clissold	£7.91
20.07.15	The Conservative heart: how to build a fairer, happier, and more prosperous America	Arthur C Brooks	£20.23
23.07.15	The European Union: a very short introduction	John Pinder and Simon Usherwood	£7.03
28.07.15	The end is near and it's going to be awesome: how going broke will leave America richer, happier, and more secure	Kevin D Williamson	£16.71
07.08.15	Postcapitalism: a guide to our future	Paul Mason	£14.95
11.08.15	Taxation: a very short introduction	Stephen Smith	£7.03
17.08.15	The thumpin': how Rahm Emanuel and the	Naftali Bendavid	£3.53

	Democrats learned to be ruthless and ended the Republican revolution		
19.08.15	Book of jobs: exclusive careers guidance from insiders	Lucy Tobin	£8.79
02.09.15	Genetics of psychological well-being: the role of heritability and genetics in positive psychology	Michael Pluess	£30.79
02.09.15	Education: a very short introduction	Gary Thomas	£7.03
07.09.15	The new threat: from Islamic militancy	Jason Burke	£14.95
08.09.15	The power of transformation: wind, sun and the economics of flexible power systems	International Energy Agency	£79.20
09.09.15	Towards a united Ireland: an uncompleted journey	Billy Leonard	£16.95
14.09.15	The art of action: how leaders close the gaps between plans, actions and results	Stephen Bungay	£17.60
21.09.15	Creative, successful, dyslexic: 23 high achievers share their stories	Margaret Rooke	£14.95

Books borrowed

The following books were all borrowed from the House of Commons Library on at least four occasions during the period 1 April 2015 to 30 September 2015.

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers and Rhodri Walters	29
Our kids: the American dream in crisis	Robert D Putnam	9
Rational optimist: how prosperity evolves	Matt Ridley	7
Parliament – the biography, volume 2: Reform	Chris Bryant	7
House of Commons: an anthropology of MPs at work	Emma Crewe	7
Erskine May's treatise on the law, privileges, proceedings and usage of Parliament, 24th edition	Malcolm Jack	6
The Conservatives: a history	Robin Harris	6
World order: reflections on the character of nations and the course of history	Henry Kissinger	5
Parliament and the law	Alexander Horne	5
Parliament – the biography, volume 1: ancestral voices	Chris Bryant	5
How to be an MP	Paul Flynn	5
Good times, bad times: the welfare myth of them and us	John Hills	5
Unfinished revolution: how New Labour changed British politics for ever	Philip Gould	4
Sectarian politics in the Gulf	Frederic M Wehrey	4
Sailing close to the wind: reminiscences	Dennis Skinner	4
Regional politics in the Gulf	Elham Manea	4
ISIS: inside the army of terror	Michael Weiss	4

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Date published: May 2015

Books purchased

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
03.10.14	Putin's kleptocracy: who owns Russia	Karen Dawisha	£23.75
03.10.14	Britain rebooted: why federalism would be good for the nations and regions of the UK	David Torrance	£7.03
03.10.14	Will the Middle East implode?	Mohammed Ayoub	£9.67
06.10.14	This changes everything: capitalism vs the climate	Naomi Klein	£17.60
15.10.14	Precision strike warfare and international intervention: strategic, ethico-legal, and decisional implications	Mike Aaronson	£74.80
17.10.14	The innovators: how a group of hackers, geniuses and geeks created the digital revolution	Walter Isaacson	£17.60
17.10.14	Ritual lighting	Carol Ann Duffy	£14.95
21.10.14	Responsive city: engaging communities through data-smart governance	Susan Crawford	£21.11
27.10.14	Special advisers: who they are, what they do and why they matter	Ben Yong	£22.00
29.10.14	Sons of Wichita: how the Koch brothers became America's most powerful and private dynasty	Daniel Schulman	£20.23
03.11.14	Survival of the nicest: how altruism made us human and why it pays to get along	Stefan Klein	£14.04
11.11.14	The Whitehall effect: how Whitehall became the enemy of great public services and what we can do about it	John Seddon	£17.60
17.11.14	The drugs don't work: a global threat	Sally C Davies	£3.51
17.11.14	Deadly medicines and organised crime: how big pharma has corrupted healthcare	Peter C Gotzche	£22.87
17.11.14	Father and daughter: patriarchy, gender and social science	Ann Oakley	£13.19
20.11.14	The great reformer: Francis and the making of a radical Pope	Austen Ivereigh	£17.60
25.11.14	The passionate advocate	Anthony Gifford	£19.95
26.11.14	Charles Gore: radical Anglican	Peter Waddell	£22.00
27.11.14	Black country revolutionary: a political scrapbook	Bill Etheridge	Free
01.12.14	Establishment and meritocracy	Peter Hennessy	£7.03
01.12.14	Don't start from here: we need a banking	David Shirreff	£7.91

	revolution		
10.12.14	The good war: the battle for Afghanistan 2006–14	Jack Fairweather	£17.60
11.12.14	Good jobs strategy: how the smartest companies invest in employees to lower costs and boost profits	Zeynep Ton	£11.11
18.12.14	Thank you for this moment: a story of love, power and betrayal	Valerie Trierweiler	£16.71
18.12.14	Britain in a perilous world: the strategic defence and security review we need	Jonathan Shaw	£7.03
30.12.14	Greatest comeback: how Richard Nixon rose from defeat to create the new majority	Patrick J Buchanan	£19.80
06.01.15	Jeremy Thorpe	Michael Bloch	£22.00
15.01.15	Hall of Mirrors: the great depression, the great recession and the uses – and misuses – of history	Barry Eichengreen	£17.60
15.01.15	On rock or sand: firm foundations for Britain's future	John Sentamu	£8.79
16.01.15	High command: British military leadership in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars	Christopher L Elliot	£25.00
19.01.15	Belgium: long united, long divided	Samuel Humes	£14.04
21.01.15	Radical	Maajid Nawaz	£7.91
22.01.15	At the end of military intervention: historical, theoretical, and applied approaches to transition, handover, and withdrawal	Robert Johnson	£52.50
28.01.15	The problem with immigrants	Derek Laud	£13.19
03.02.15	Sapiens: a brief history of humankind	Yuval Noah Harari	£22.00
04.02.15	Bazaar life: the autobiography of David Alliance	David Alliance	£22.00
24.03.15	World population and human capital in the twenty-first century	Wolfgang Lutz	£83.60

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Title	Author	Number of times loaned
Politicos guide to the 2015 General Election	Iain Dale	9
The English and their history	Robert Tombs	9
Sex lies and the ballot box: 50 things you need to know about British elections	Philip Cowley	8
Prison diaries	Denis MacShane	7
Why vote Labour 2015	Dan Jarvis	6
High command: British military leadership in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars	Christopher L Elliot	6
Britain in a perilous world: the strategic defence and security review we need	Jonathan Shaw	6

Supreme command: soldiers, statesmen and leadership in wartime	Eliot A Cohen	5
Stress test: reflections on financial crises	Timothy F Geithner	5
Sapiens: a brief history of humankind	Yuval Noah Harari	5
The organized mind	Daniel J Levitin	5
Terror attack Brighton: blowing up the Iron Lady	Kieran Hughes	4
Please, Mr Postman	Alan Johnson	4
How to be a conservative	Roger Scruton	4
Culture and the death of God	Terry Eagleton	4
Clerical organization of the House of Commons 1661–1850	Orlo Cyprian Williams	4

Books borrowed or purchased from 1 April 2014 to 30 September 2014

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Date published: January 2015

Books purchased

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
06.12.13	Medina in Birmingham, Najaf in Brent: Inside British Islam	Innes Bowen	£14.95
01.04.14	A spy among friends: Kim Philby and the great betrayal	Ben Macintyre	£17.60
04.04.14	Achieving an AIDS transition: preventing infections to sustain treatment	Mead Over	£13.19
10.04.14	Voices of Scottish journalists: recollections by 22 veteran Scottish journalists of their life and work	Ian MacDougall	£22.00
16.04.14	The in/out question: why Britain should stay in the EU and fight to make it better	Hugo Dixon	£7.75
24.04.14	State of the Union 2014: Schuman report on Europe 2014	Thierry Chopin	£21.42
25.04.14	Hitler's shadow: Nazi war criminals, U.S. intelligence, and the Cold War	Richard Breitman	£10.53
08.05.14	Hard times: the divisive tool of the economic slump	Tom Clark	£16.71
19.05.14	The fourth revolution: the global race to reinvent the state	John Micklethwait	£17.60
20.05.14	The quest for a moral compass: a global history of ethics	Kenan Malik	£22.00
21.05.14	Be my guest	Conrad Hilton	£2.81
05.06.14	The summit: the biggest battle of the Second World War – fought behind closed doors	Ed Conway	£22.00
10.06.14	Narendra Modi – a political biography	Andy Marino	£11.00
20.06.14	Shooters: guns and gangs in Manchester in the twenty-first century	Ben Black	£9.67
27.06.14	Pursuit of wow!: every person's guide to topsy-turvy times	Tom Peters	£4.53
02.07.14	Agent storm: my life inside al-Qaeda	Morten Storm	£14.95
02.07.14	Confidence code: the science and art of self-assurance: what women should know	Katty Kay	£16.71
14.07.14	Capital in the twenty-first century	Thomas Piketty	£26.36
15.07.14	State of crisis	Zygmunt Bauman	£14.07
15.07.14	Fighting chance	Elizabeth Warren	£22.00
21.08.14	Dark net: inside the digital underworld	Jamie Bartlett	£17.60
26.08.14	The Jihadis return: ISIS and the new Sunni uprising	Patrick Cockburn	£12.31

01.09.14	How Google works	Eric Schmidt	£22.00
03.09.14	Good times, bad times: the welfare myth of them and us	John Hills	£14.07
03.09.14	Having faith in foreign policy	Alex Bigham	£8.76
05.09.14	What diplomats do: the life and work of diplomats	Brian Barder	£27.27
12.09.14	Strange glory: a life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer	Charles Marsh	£14.95
12.09.14	Flash boys: cracking the money code	Michael Lewis	£17.60
17.09.14	Beyond blame: child abuse tragedies revisited	Peter Reder	£23.75

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Title	Author	Number of times loaned
Roy Jenkins: a well-rounded life	John Campbell	14
The blunders of our governments	Anthony King and Ivor Crewe	13
Revolt on the right: explaining support for the radical right in Britain	Robert Ford and Matthew Goodwin	8
The people: the rise and fall of the working class, 1910–2010	Selina Todd	7
Capital in the twenty-first century	Thomas Piketty	7
Parliament: the biography. Vol. 1: ancestral voices	Chris Bryant	6
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers and Rhodri Walters	5
Voluntary action: a report on methods of social advance	William Beveridge	4
Values in sex education: from principles to practice: principles, policy and practice	Mark Halstead and Michael Reiss	4
This boy	Alan Johnson	4
The in/out question: why Britain should stay in the EU and fight to make it better	Hugo Dixon	4
From Leningrad to St Petersburg: Democratization in a Russian City	Robert Ortung	4

Books borrowed or purchased from 1 October 2013 to 31 March 2014

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Date published: July 2014

Books purchased

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Date of request	Title	Author	Price
08.10.13	Finnish lessons: What Can the World Learn from Educational Change in Finland?	Pasi Sahlberg	£31.50
08.10.13	A history of the English Language in 100 Places	Bill Lucas	£22.00
10.10.13	Alex Ferguson: my autobiography	Alex Ferguson	£22.00
11.10.13	The last days of Detroit: Motor Cars, Motown and the Collapse of an Industrial Giant	Mark Binelli	£17.60
11.10.13	Remaking London: Decline and Regeneration in Urban Culture	Ben Campkin	£16.71
14.10.13	Social assistance in developing countries	Armando Barrientos	£61.99
21.10.13	Wordsmiths and warriors: The English-Language Tourist's Guide to Britain	David Crystal	£17.60
23.10.13	Winning elections: Political Campaign Management, Strategy and Tactics	Ronald A Faucheux	£28.12
23.10.13	Round about a pound a week	Pember Reeves	£9.90
23.10.13	Out of print: Newspapers, Journalism and the Business of News in the Digital Age	George Brock	£17.59
24.10.13	Strategy: a history	Sir Lawrence Freedman	£22.00
30.10.13	The education of David Martin	David Martin	£13.19
31.10.13	Progressive capitalism: How To Achieve Economic Growth, Liberty and Social Justice	Lord Sainsbury	£17.60
04.11.13	Deep sea and foreign going: Inside Shipping, the Invisible Industry That Brings You 90% of Everything	Rose George	£22.00
05.11.13	Murdoch's world: The Last of the Old Media Empires	David Folkenflik	£16.71
07.11.13	How much have global problems cost the world? A Scorecard from 1900 to 2050	Bjorn Lomborg	£20.23
11.11.13	China station: The British Military in the Middle Kingdom 1839–1997	Mark Felton	£17.59
12.11.13	John Wilkinson: King of the Ironmasters	Frank Dawson	£13.19
14.11.13	The invisible spirit: A Life of Post-War Scotland 1945–75	Kenneth Roy	£22.00
21.11.13	Employment law: An Adviser's Handbook	Tamara Lewis	£36.96
26.11.13	Harry Truman's excellent adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip	Matthew Algeo	£15.83
26.11.13	Inventing freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World	Daniel Hannan	£10.12

27.11.13	Lethal allies: British Collusion in Ireland	Anne Cadwallader	£11.43
28.11.13	The Geneva consensus: Making Trade Work for All	Pascal Lamy	£17.59
10.12.13	Rediscovering growth: After the Crisis	Andrew Sentance	£7.03
11.12.13	If mayors ruled the world: Dysfunctional Nations, Rising Cities	Benjamin Barber	£17.60
16.12.13	Ascent of women	Sally Armstrong	£32.00
17.12.13	Backing into light I: My Father's Son	Colin Spencer	£22.00
17.12.13	Crossing the floor: Reg Prentice and the Crisis of British Social Democracy	Geoff Horn	£57.20
02.01.14	The financial crisis and the free market cure: why pure capitalism is the world economy's only hope	John A Allison	£17.84
06.01.14	The industrial policy revolution I: the role of government beyond ideology	Joseph E Stiglitz	£35.20
06.01.14	The industrial policy revolution II: Africa in the 21st century	Joseph E Stiglitz	£22.88
07.01.14	Lord Esher: a political biography	Peter Fraser	£22.00
08.01.14	A lifetime of memories	Albert McQuarrie	£18.00
09.01.14	Acts of union and disunion: what has held the UK together – and what is dividing it	Linda Colley	£7.91
16.01.14	Ruling the void: the hollowing of western democracy	Peter Mair	£13.19
16.01.14	Winner-take-all politics: how Washington made the rich richer and turned its back on the middle class	Jacob S Hacker	£9.68
16.01.14	Duty: memoirs of a secretary at war	Robert M Gates	£22.00
20.01.14	Nature in the balance: the economics of biodiversity	Dieter Helm	£26.40
23.01.14	Trivium 21c: preparing young people for the future with lessons from the past	Martin Robinson	£16.71
28.01.14	The upside of down: why the rise of the rest is good for the west	Charles Kenny	£15.83
28.01.14	Financial feasibility studies for property development: theory and practice	Tim Havard	£32.55
31.01.14	The role and value of local authority assets in town centres	Matthew Jackson	£40.00
11.02.14	Rules for radicals: a practical primer for realistic radicals	Saul D Alinsky	£11.43
12.02.14	In 100 years: leading economists predict the future	Ignacio Palacios-Huerta	£15.80
21.02.14	A working class alternative to Labour	Gregory Motton	£10.80
24.02.14	Catastrophe: Europe goes to war 1914	Max Hastings	£26.40
24.02.14	Berlin to Bond and beyond: the story of a Fleming man	Judith Lenart	£9.94
25.02.14	The global war for internet governance	Laura Denardis	£22.00
26.02.14	Do Muslim women need saving?	Lila Abu-Lughod	£22.84
05.03.14	The second machine age: work, progress and prosperity in a time of brilliant technologies	Erik Brynjolfsson	15.83

06.03.14	A quiet word: lobbying, crony capitalism and broken politics in Britain	Tamasin Cave	£17.60
10.03.14	Revolt on the right: explaining support for the radical right in Britain	Robert Ford	£13.19
11.03.14	Sri Lanka and the defeat of the LTTE	KM De Silva	£8.79
12.03.14	Educating America's military	Joan Johnson-Freese	£25.51
13.03.14	Capital in the twenty-first century	Thomas Piketty	£26.36
18.03.14	Herbert Hensley Henson: a biography	John S Peart-Binns	£25
18.03.14	Money and electoral politics	Ron Johnston	£19.35
19.03.14	The NeoCommunist manifesto	Filip Spagnoli	£15.40
19.03.14	The Son also rises: surnames and the history of social mobility	Gregory Clark	£17.56
25.03.14	It's getting better all the time: 100 greatest trends of the last 100 years	Stephen Moore	£16.68
25.03.14	The Financial Times guide to banking	Glen Arnold	£26.39

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Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers	11
Power trip: a decade of policy, plots and spin	Damian McBride	8
Erskine May's treatise on the law, privileges, proceedings and usage of Parliament	Michael Jack	8
End of an era: diaries 1980–90	Tony Benn	6
A Yorkshire lass at the court of Thatcher	Elizabeth Peacock	5
Rough guide to Berlin	John Gawthrop	5
Political campaign desk reference	Michael McNamara	5
The spirit level: why more equal societies almost always do better	Richard Wilkinson	4
Ramsay Macdonald	David Marquand	4
The new select committees	Gavin Drewry	4
The mindful manifesto	Jonty Heaversedge	4
Lonely Planet Berlin	Andrea Schulte-Peevers	4
Inventing freedom: how the English-speaking peoples made the modern world	Daniel Hannan	4
In it together: the inside story of the coalition government	Matthew D'Ancona	4
Feral: searching for enchantment on the frontiers of rewilding	George Monbiot	4
Alex Ferguson: my autobiography	Alex Ferguson	4

Books borrowed from the Commons Library during 2013

The books listed below are the ten which were borrowed most frequently from the House of Commons Library during 2013.

Date published: 21 July 2014

Top 10 books borrowed

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers	16
This boy	Alan Johnson	10
Erskine May's treatise on the law, privileges, proceedings and usage of Parliament	Thomas Erskine May	10
Scotland's choices: the referendum and what happens afterwards	Iain McLean	9
Margaret Thatcher: the authorized biography: volume 1: Not for turning	Charles Moore	8
The righteous mind: why good people are divided by politics and religion	Jonathan Haidt	7
Mindful manifesto: how doing less and noticing more can help us thrive in a stressed-out world	Jonty Heaversedge	7
Lonely Planet Myanmar	John Allen	7
Feral: searching for enchantment on the frontiers of rewilding	George Monbiot	7
Westminster: a biography: from earlier times to the present	Robert Shepherd	6

Top ten books borrowed 2012

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How to be an MP	Paul Flynn	19
How Parliament works	Robert Rogers	14
New few or a very British oligarchy	Ferdinand Mount	13
Losing small wars: British military failure in Iraq and Afghanistan	Frank Ledwidge	13
Erskine May's treatise on the law privileges proceedings and usage of Parliament	Malcolm Jack, editor	13
Years of Lyndon Johnson, vol 4	Robert Caro	11
Outside in	Peter Hain	11
Journey	Tony Blair	11
Chavs	Owen Jones	11
Back from the brink	Alistair Darling	11

Top ten books borrowed 2011

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How parliament works	Robert Rogers	18
Eskine May's treatise on the law privileges proceedings and usage of Parliament	Malcolm Jack, editor	16
23 things they don't tell you about capitalism	Ha-Joon Chang	16
Coalition and the constitution	Vernon Bogdanor	15
Treasure Islands	Nicholas Shaxson	11
Reforming the House of Lords	Kenneth Clarke	11
Purple Book	Robert Philpot	11
Pinch	David Willets	11
Laying down the law	Daniel Greenberg	11
Labour market in winter	Paul Gregg	11

Top ten books borrowed 2010

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How parliament works	Robert Rogers	22
Spirit level	Richard Wilkinson	17
View from the foothills	Chris Mullin	16
Third man	Peter Mandelson	15
New British Constitution	Vernon Bogdanor	14
Dead aid	Dambisa Moyo	12
Pinch	David Willets	11
On the brink	Hank Paulson	10
Keynes the return of the master	Lord Skidelsky	10
Journey	Tony Blair	10

Top ten books borrowed 2009

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How parliament works	Robert Rogers	15
View from the foothills	Chris Mullin	13
New British constitution	Vernon Bogdanor	11
Spirit level	Richard Wilkinson	10
Towards a more equal society	John Hills	9
Instruction to deliver	Michael Barber	9
Gladstone	William Gladstone	9
Future of socialism	Anthony Crosland	9
Point of departure	Robin Cook	8
Plan	Douglas Carswell	8

Top ten books borrowed 2008

Title	Author	Number of times loaned
How parliament works	Robert Rogers	15
Blair unbound	Anthony Seldon	9
Political suicide	Norman Fowler	8
Losing Labour's soul	Eric Shaw	8
Guardians of power	David Edwards	8
Audacity of hope	Barack Obama	8
Women in parliament	Boni Sones	7
What does China think	Mark Leonard	7
Triumph of the political class	Peter Osborne	7
Squandered	David Craig	7

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