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## LET'S TRY IT AGAIN



Due to technical difficulties in the last newsletter this video was not available to be viewed. We have cleared everything up and are showing it again. We always have a need for particular books for kids, the younger the better. Now we need them more than ever. Our video explains

what is currently happening with HOP.

We particularly like the following series of books:

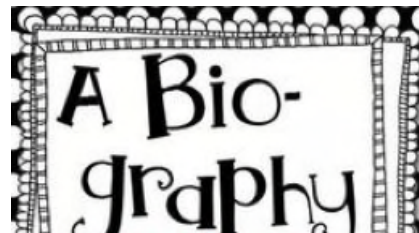
Geronimo Stilton  
Thea Stilton  
Horrid Henry  
My Sister the Vampire  
Magic Tree House  
Judy Moody  
Wimpy Kid  
Beast Quest  
Astrosaurs  
Roald Dahl  
Tom Gates

## BIOGRAPHIES

One of the most overlooked genres of books is the biography. The funny thing is, when I read one I invariably enjoy it. I firmly believe most people, who write their life story, do so because they really do have something to say. There are exceptions of course but, for the most part, I thoroughly enjoy it.

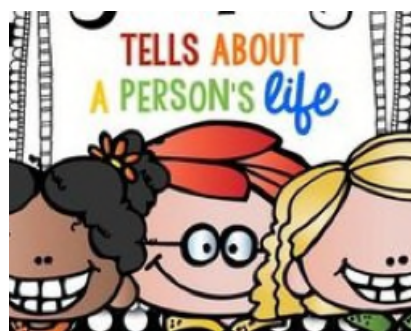
They may now be the least popular type of books, but as recently as 2005 sales of autobiographies were not doing so badly. Last year, autobiographies made up just 0.58% of all

<http://www.theguardian.com/news/datablog/2013/feb/07/biographies-autobiography-nielsen-2001>



book sales, while 'romance and sagas' accounted for 11.26%, due partly to the huge success of E.L. James' Fifty Shades of Grey.

Nielsen BookScan collected the data directly from over 35,500 bookshops' point of sale systems on a weekly basis. That does mean however that sales of e-books are not included in the data, and second-hand book sales are likely to be underestimated.



## QUIZ RESULTS - AUTHORS & THEIR MOVIES

We had three times the response for quiz #21 compared to #20. The winners for authors and their movies were **Mathangi, Jane, Ahmad, Rima and Martin**. To the numerous other submissions with perfect scores - better luck **THIS** time! The correct answers were - 1. Da Vinci Code/Dan Brown; 2. Gone with the Wind/Margaret Mitchell; 3. Jurassic Park/Michael Crichton; 4. Jaws /Peter Benchley; 5. Lord of the Rings/J.R.R. Tolkien; 6. Godfather /Mario Puzo; 7. Shawshank Redemption/Stephen King; 8. Twilight /Stephanie Meyer; 9. Harry Potter/J.K. Rowling; 10. James Bond/Ian Fleming.

Before making the quiz I didn't realize most of these movies became sagas (with at least 1 sequel - if not 4 or 21!) Basically, only two of the movies were one-offs.

**And now for the new quiz.** Very straightforward this time - connect the 10 famous classic books with their authors. Maybe these books aren't the most well-known by those authors (can't make it too easy) but they are classics! Again, just click onto our website [houseofprose.com](http://houseofprose.com) and find 'the quiz'. Try to complete the quiz 'Google - free.' Good luck. As usual, bundle book or coffee to the first 5 winners. Please note - winners need to collect their prize before the next newsletter comes out. Thanks.

### Oh, by the way...

1. We will be having a big promotion during the month of Ramadan - but more about that in the next newsletter - due to come out the day before Ramadan, **June 16th**. I can say now it has to do with the 20th century. Want to know when Ramadan starts and finishes this year? click here <http://www.when-is.com/ramadan-2015.asp>
2. A small note - we have just had the best month **ever** - both House of Prose shops combined. Also most books sold **ever**! Goes to show reading books is still a very popular pastime.
3. Our Spanish partner Marta participated in an activity called La Hora del Cuento,

on Monday the 25th of May. It was established by Spanish moms in conjunction with GEMS World Academy. Over 30 kids and their parents attended and was a great success. It is an activity designed to promote the Spanish at home, often of mixed marriages (Spanish speaking and non-Spanish speaking parents). It happens every Monday - 2 more before Ramadan - and will reconvene in the fall. For more info contact the following <http://www.facebook.com/EIClubUAE>

4. The Man Booker prize international winner for 2015 announced last week goes to Hungarian Laszlo Krasznahorkai. The award is given every two years for an author's body of work rather than a single novel. <http://www.themanbookerprize.com/man-booker-international-prize-2015>

## NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER LIST 31/5/15

1. THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN, by Paula Hawkins. (Riverhead.) A psychological thriller set in the environs of London is full of complications and betrayals.
2. 14TH DEADLY SIN, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. (Little, Brown.) A video of a shocking crime surfaces, casting suspicion on a San Francisco detective's colleagues.
3. MEMORY MAN, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central.) A police detective who left the force when his family was murdered teams up with his former partner to solve the case.
4. ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE, by Anthony Doerr. (Scribner.) The lives of a blind French girl and a gadget-obsessed German boy before and during World War II.
5. GATHERING PREY, by John Sandford. (Putnam.) Lucas Davenport is on the trail of killers who have targeted a group of vagabonds called the Travelers.
6. THE FORGOTTEN ROOM, by Lincoln Child. (Doubleday.) Jeremy Logan discovers a hidden room at a Newport estate where a dangerous experiment took place. A sequel to "The Third Gate."
7. DRY BONES, by Craig Johnson. (Viking.) Sheriff Walt Longmire of Absaroka County, Wyo., investigates the death of a Cheyenne rancher on whose property a valuable dinosaur skeleton was found. The basis of the series "Longmire."
8. LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE, by Jessica Knoll. (Simon & Schuster.) The life of a successful New York magazine writer is shaken when secrets from her past are revealed during the filming of a documentary about a shooting at the prestigious high school she attended.
9. THE NIGHTINGALE, by Kristin Hannah. (St. Martin's.) Two sisters are separated in World War II France: one in the countryside, the other in Paris.
10. SOLITUDE CREEK, by Jeffery Deaver. (Grand Central.) Kathryn Dance of the California Bureau of Investigation takes on a killer scaring people into causing their own deaths.

Click here to find the complete list <http://www.nytimes.com/best-sellers-books/combined-print-and-e-book-fiction/list.html>

## Our bundle book winner for newsletter #22

The subscriber who wins a free bundle book this time is **Teresa DeRidder**. Congratulations

The subscriber who wins a free bundle book this time is **Teresa Deninger**. Congratulations Teresa, please drop us a note to say where and when you want to choose your bundle book.

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