



**HEADQUARTERS**  
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**Our Ref:** HQ24280

4 February 2025

Dear

Thank you for your request dated 8 January 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested: I would like to request the following information from HMP Inverness and HMP & YOI Grampian from 01 January, 2024 to 31 December, 2024:

**RFI 1:** “At HMP Inverness, how many books were requested by inmates through the library service?”

**RFI 2:** “For each request at Inverness, what was the title of the book and was the request approved?”

**RFI 3:** “For each request at Inverness that was not approved, was there a reason given for refusal and what was it?”

**RFI 4:** “At HMP & YOI Grampian, how many books were requested by inmates through the library service?”

**RFI 5:** “For each request at Grampian, what was the title of the book and was the request approved?”

**RFI 6:** “For each request at Grampian that was not approved, was there a reason given for refusal and what was it?”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

**RFI 1 Response:** There were fifty-two books reserved for borrowers at HMP Inverness in 2024.

**RFI 2 Response:** Please see table below, a list of all books requested and allowed in 2024.

Title	Author
11.22.63 : a novel	King, Stephen, 1947-
22 dead little bodies and other stories	MacBride, Stuart
61 hours	Child, Lee
Beggars banquet	Rankin, Ian, 1960-
Big cherry holler	Trigiani, Adriana
Black man	Morgan, Richard K., 1965-
Cholesterol : the essential guide	Kirkham, Sara
Conclave	Harris, Robert, 1957-

Crime and punishment	Dostoevsky, Fyodor M.
Fatherland	Harris, Robert, 1957-
Haynes bee manual : the complete step-by-step guide to keeping bees	Waring, Claire
Hero in the shadows	Gemmell, David A.
Home plumbing manual	Blackwell, Andy
Improving your backgammon	Lamford, Paul
Midnight falcon	Gemmell, David A.
Morningstar	Gemmell, David
My soul to take	Yrsa Sigurdardottir
Never go back	Child, Lee
Nine dragons	Connelly, Michael, 1956-
Out for blood	Masson, Deborah
Paths of the dead	Anderson, Lin
Perfidia	Ellroy, James, 1948-
Personal	Child, Lee
Police	Nesbo, Jo, 1960-
Post office	Bukowski, Charles
Ravenheart	Gemmell, David
Say nothing : a true story of murder and memory in Northern Ireland	Keefe, Patrick Radden, 1976-
Shadow man	Kirk, Margaret
Sharpe's triumph / Bernard Cornwell	Cornwell, Bernard, 1944-
Simple genius	Baldacci, David
Sleep baby sleep	Hewson, David, 1953-
Slow horses	Herron, Mick
Sociology : a global introduction	Macionis, John J.
Tai-Pan	Clavell, James
The blood mirror	Weeks, Brent
The caller	Carter, Chris, 1965-
The confessor	Silva, Daniel, 1960-
The devil's recruit	MacLean, Shona
The dogs of Riga	Mankell, Henning, 1948-
The excursion train	Marston, Edward, 1940-
The great Gatsby	Fitzgerald, F. Scott (Francis Scott), 1896-1940
The killing kind	Connolly, John, 1968-
The legacy	Yrsa Sigurdardottir
The man from Jerusalem	Martin, Jack, 1965-
The ocean at the end of the lane	Gaiman, Neil, 1960-
The quantum world : the disturbing theory at the heart of reality	---
The sacred art of stealing	Brookmyre, Christopher, 1968-
The subtle art of not giving a fuck : a counterintuitive approach to living a good life	Manson, Mark
The witch of Portobello	Coelho, Paulo, 1947-
Tom Clancy's Duty and honour	Blackwood, Grant
Worth dying for	Child, Lee
Zoo 2	Patterson, James, 1947-

**RFI 3 Response:** All books requested are checked to ensure that no inappropriate material is allowed into the establishment. Those in our care are informed of any books deemed not suitable.

**RFI 4 – 6 Response:** Under section 17 of FOI(S)A I can advise that this information is not held by the Scottish Prison Service (SPS). Library services for HMP & YOI Grampian are outsourced to Aberdeenshire Council.

In accordance with section 15 of FOI(S)A, in order to be helpful, I have provided the link to the council's Freedom of Information page below:

[Make a Freedom of Information request | Aberdeen City Council](#)

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

SPS Headquarters