

The Bookshop

St. Paul's Cathedral Bookshop has been functioning for about 45 years and currently contains some 1,000 non-fiction books on subjects such as child care, education, flora and fauna, travel, cooking, diets, history, literature, biography, sports and family. Another 1,000 books are in the fiction section, where you can find Cecilia Ahern, Simon Beckett, Cookson, Connelly and Cornwell; Tim Dorsey, Dick Francis, Grisham, Kellerman and King; Kathy Lette, Mailer, Maclean and McDermid; Patterson, Purves and Pelzer; Steel, Sparks and Scarrow; Sarah Webb and Mills and Boon amongst a crowd of others.

There are over 200 books for children of all ages (we have recently received about ten Enid Blyton Famous Five books - 1950 editions) and 300 books about Christianity and other religions. Although most of the books are in English, you might come across some in Greek, French, German, Italian and Arabic. There is also a good selection of magazines (food, fashion and the fabulous), CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes.

There has been an influx of publications about music, such as Contrapuntal Technique in the 16th Century, Counterpoint for Beginners, Essays on Musical Analysis or A Handbook of Orchestral Instruments and pre-1940 Penguin and Pelican (historical and prophetic) books. For those with 20/20 vision, there are some old classics published in the early 20th century - such tiny print they used in those days! There is also an old cookery book (maybe the first?) in similar print (very small) with no publishing details nor any authors' names.

For anyone who still has a record player, over fifty vinyl LPs including Andy Williams, Barry Manilow, John Denver, Fleetwood Mac, Perry Como, Shirley Bassey, The Carpenters and The Seekers, are waiting to be snapped up.

Where else will you find a book costing €19.99 (as new and read only once) for as little as €2 or 3? Nearly new books, DVDs and CDs cost as little as €1 and older books, videos and cassettes €0.50.

The Bookshop is open between 10 and 12 on Saturday mornings and after the family service on Sunday on request. You may also find someone there between 9 and 11 am on Wednesdays. Should you wish to donate books, you can leave them at the cathedral office most mornings or, better still, at the bookshop itself on Saturday.

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