



Question 1: A book that made you laugh out loud?

The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid /by Bill Bryson

A childhood memoir. The description of Bryson's mother's simultaneous management of the kitchen jars and the children's toilet needs was hilarious.

This is Going to Hurt /by Adam Kay

[This one was mentioned a few times. Stories from a junior Doctor on the NHS front line - pre C#19.]

The Gospel according to Blind Boy /by Blindboy Boatclub

[Short stories exploring the myths and contradictions at the heart of modern Ireland.]

Round Ireland with a Fridge /Tony Hawks

[Adventures of a hitchhiker who lost a bet.]

500 Mile Walkies / Mark Wallington

[Man and dog tackle Britain's longest coastal footpath.]

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy /by Douglas Adams

[Hilarious science fiction guide to inter-stellar travel.]

Once, Twice, Three Times an Aisling /by Eimear McLysaght

[Tales from the Irish, contemporary Bridget Jones]

Master and Margarita /by Mikhail Bulgakov

[Much loved satire on Soviet life in the 1930's.]

An Inconvenient Beauty /by Kristi Ann Hunter

[Regency romance.]

Mort /by Terry Pratchett (Truckers also listed)

[Parody at its best.]

Where'd you go Bernadette? /by Maria Semple

[15-year old daughter finds out about a secret past after her agoraphobic mother goes missing.]

Fun in Socks /by Dr Seuss

(When the boys were small.)



***Riotous Assembly* /by Tom Sharpe**

[RA lampoons South African apartheid and the police who enforce it.]

***Keeping up with the Kalashnikovs* / by Ross O'Carroll-Kelly**

Any Ross O'Carroll-Kelly book

[Satire on Dublin's "D4" rugby culture.]

***Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* /by Gail Honeyman**

(This book made me laugh and cry.)

***Good Omens* /by Neil Gaimen and Terry Pratchett**

[Hilarious fantasy gold – What do you do when the apocalypse is due to arrive on Saturday after tea?]

***I, Partridge: We Need to Talk About Alan* /by Steve Coogan, et al.**

[Fictional autobiography about the comedian.]

***Why We Build : Power and Desire in Architecture* /by Rowan Moore**

[How architecture influences the way we live.]

***Shopaholic* series /by Sophie Kinsella**

[Fictional stories of a young woman who lives on the edge of credit because she can't stop shopping.]

***Dress Your Family in Corduroy and Denim* / by David Sedaris.**

[Autobiographical essays of growing up in Raleigh, North Carolina and then to NYC]

***Do the Windows Open?* /by Julie Hecht**

[Imaginative short stories from bus journeys from Manhattan to the Hamptons.]

***Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone* /by J.K. Rowling**

***The Alchemist* /by Paulo Coelho**

[Quest and fable about following your dreams]

***Look Back, Mrs Lot* /by Ephraime Kishon**

[Satirical columns on Jewish life in Israel in the sixties.]

***Notes on a Small Island* /by Bill Bryson**

(I always laugh out loud at Bill Bryson books and this one has to be read in private because it's embarrassing to laugh while you are on the Plane!)



***In Defence of Elitism : why I'm better than you and you are better than someone who didn't buy this book* /by Joel Stein**

[America's political culture war and a hilarious call to arms for the elite.]

***Don Quijote* [Don Quixote] /by Miguel de Cervantes**

[Adventures of a dreamer who tries to revive chivalry to serve his nation.]

***Down Under* /by Bill Bryson**

[Bryson travel writing on Australia]

***Tall Tales and Wee Stories* /by Billy Connolly**

[A selection of the comedian's brilliant storytelling routines.]

***Paper Boy* / by Tom Macauley**

[Memoir of a 12-year-old paperboy in 1970's Shankhill, West Belfast.]