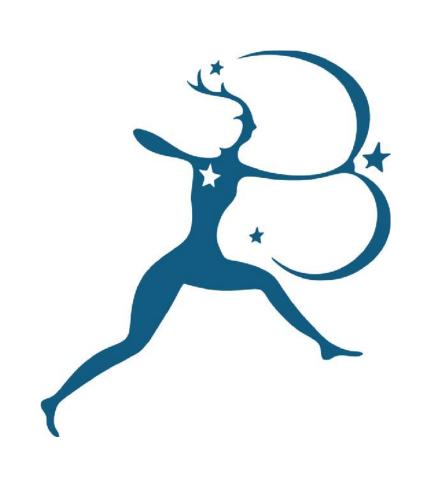


Bloomsbury Publishing Plc

RESULTS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 31 AUGUST 2017

BLOOMSBURY PUBLISHING



Innovative & entrepreneurial global publisher



Growing academic digital revenues



Growth of Harry Potter brand



Rich in intellectual property



Editorial and design excellence



Strong financial position



HIGHLIGHTS



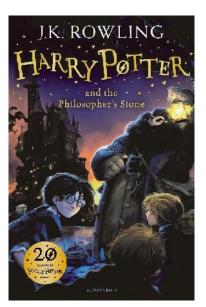
Group financial performance

- Strong revenue growth of 15% to £72.1m (12% at constant exchange rates) driven by Children's with Harry Potter and Sarah J. Maas
- Adjusted profit before tax grows by £1.0m to £2.5m

Bloomsbury 2020: Investing to grow digital academic & professional revenues

- Bloomsbury 2020 revenues grow 16%
- Strategy on track two new major digital resources launched so far this year
- Adjusted profit before tax includes net investment of £0.6m in *Bloomsbury 2020*







Good cash generation, with

£16.9 million

cash at 31/8/17★

Dividend increases by 5%

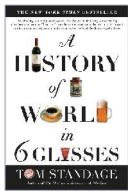


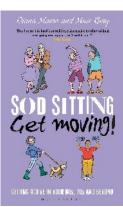


FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



H1 £m	2017/18	2016/17	Change %	Change CER %
Revenue	72.1	62.7	15%	12%
Operating profit margin	3.4%	2.2%		
Pre-tax profit	2.5	1.5	74%	78%
Effective tax rate²	16.5%	15.1%		
Diluted EPS	2.81p	1.65p	70%	75%
Net cash	16.9	9.1	85%	87%
Interim dividend per share	1.15p	1.10p	5%	





Notes:

- 1. The above results are Adjusted by excluding highlighted items, which are shown on slide 24
- 2. The effective tax rate is the adjusted rate used to calculate adjusted EPS. The reported rate in the period is 19.1% (2016/17: 25.2%)
- 3. CER is results at constant exchange rates calculated by applying monthly average exchange rates for 2016/17 to the monthly results for 2017/18

RESULTS BY PUBLISHING DIVISION





H1 revenues as % total:

62%	



£m	Consumer	Non-Consumer
Revenues H1 2017/18	44.7	27.4
Revenues H1 2016/17	37.3	25.4
Change %	20%	8%
Operating profit H1 2017/18	2.9	(0.4)
Operating profit H1 2016/17	1.8	(0.4)
Change %	66%	(11)%

Non-Consumer profits include £0.9m extra net Bloomsbury 2020 investment this period

Notes:



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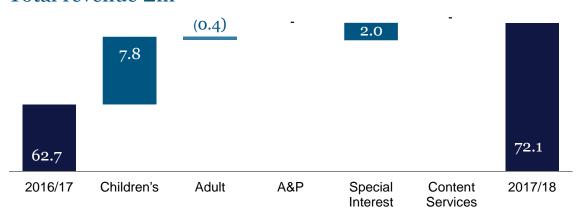
REVENUE BY SUB-DIVISION

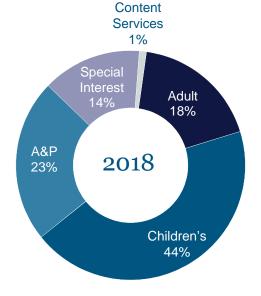


H1 £m	2017/18	2016/17	Change %
Adult	13.0	13.4	(3)%
Children's	31.7	23.9	33%
Total Consumer	44.7	37.3	20%
Academic & Professional	16.6	16.6	-
Special Interest	10.1	8.1	25%
Content Services	0.7	0.7	6%
Total Non-Consumer	27.4	25.4	8%
Total revenue	72.1	62.7	15%

- Adult e-book sales reduce by 10%
- Industry stats: UK trade e-book sales down 17% calendar 2016 (Source: PA). US adult e-book sales down 3% Jan-May 17 (source: AAP)

Total revenue £m





REVENUE MIX

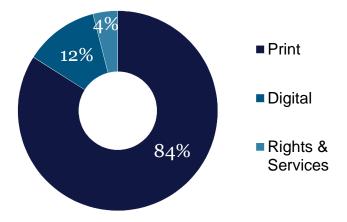


H1 £m	2017/18	2016/17	Change %
Print	60.1	51.7	16%
E-books	6.6	5.7	16%
Other digital revenues	2.3	2.0	14%
Digital	8.9	7.7	15%
Total book sales	69.0	59.4	16%
Copyright licences	2.6	2.7	(2)%
Publishing services	0.4	0.4	11%
Other	0.1	0.2	(52)%
Rights and Services	3.1	3.3	(4)%
Total revenue	72.1	62.7	15%

Print books 87% of total book sales – on-going demand for print format

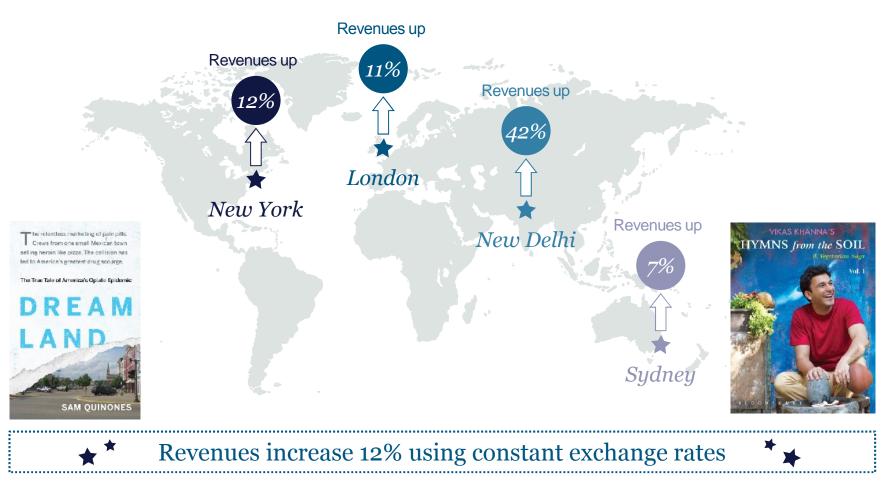
Strong Young Adult authors like Sarah J. Maas drive 16% e-book sales growth

Digital resources revenues on track



GEOGRAPHIC REVENUES





Note: The above revenue increases are in local currency

STRONG BALANCE SHEET



£m	31.8.17	31.8.16	
Goodwill & acquired intangibles	56.0	57.6	
Internally generated intangibles	6.8	6.7	
Property, plant & equipment	2.1	2.3	
Net deferred tax assets	2.5	0.5	
Working capital (ex tax)	55.8	58.6 ←	
Tax (liabilities)/receivables	(8.0)	0.8	
Retirement benefit obligations	(0.3)	(0.4)	
Other	0.3	(0.1)	
	122.4	126.0	
Net cash	16.9	9.1 ←	
Net assets	139.3	135.1	

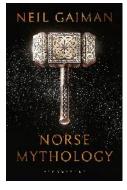
£2.6m asset recognised on temporary difference on US stock valuation in H2 2016/17

Includes £23.5m advances and £28.0m stock. £56.8m at CER. Stock reduces £0.2m, 1% at CER

Working capital reduction and good profits have contributed to strong cash generation



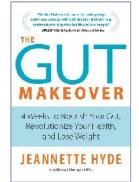




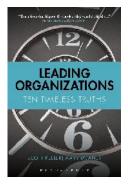








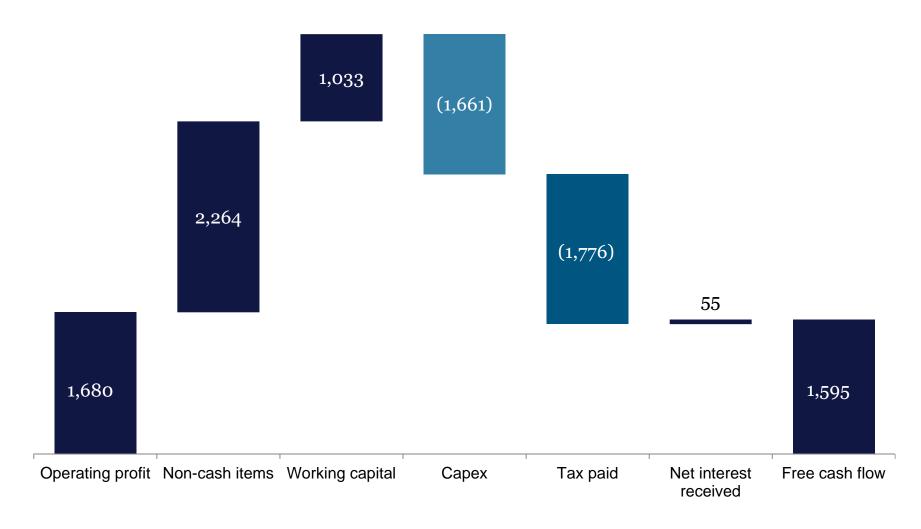




CASH FLOW MOVEMENT



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CASH FLOW PRIORITIES





Free cash flow priorities

- Fund growth through:
 - o Organic development
 - Acquisitions
- Deliver a progressive and sustainable dividend
- Maintain a strong balance sheet (cash at 31.8.17 £16.9 million)



Dividend

- Interim dividend increasing by 5% to 1.15p per share
- The dividend will be paid 30 November 2017.
 Record date 3 November 2017. Ex-dividend date is 2 November 2017





CONSUMER DIVISION: CHILDREN'S TRADE





Excellent performance



- Revenue up 33% to £31.7m
- E-book sales up 60% to £2.2m
- Revenues excl. HP and SJM up 29%

Harry Potter

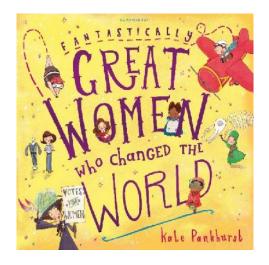


- Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone new House Editions celebrate 20th anniversary of first being published
- Sales of Harry Potter titles grew by 40%

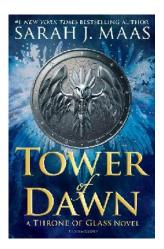
Sarah J. Maas



- Sales of Sarah J. Maas books grew by 47%
- Bestsellers in year A Court of Wings and Ruin and Tower of Dawn
- 7 future titles contracted







CONSUMER DIVISION: ADULT TRADE





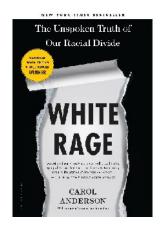
- Revenues £13.0m (16/17: £13.4m)
 Print flat, e-book sales down 10%,
 following industry trends
- Profits down due to this change in sales mix and incremental overhead investment of £0.1m following recent strategic changes in the division

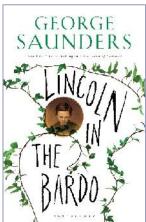




- Strong US list includes Dreamland:
 The True Tale of America's Opiate
 Epidemic and White Rage: The
 Unspoken Truth of our Racial Divide
- In the UK, Lincoln in the Bardo wins
 Man Booker Prize. Tom Kerridge's
 Dopamine Diet and Norse
 Mythology both reach number one
 in Sunday Times lists







NON-CONSUMER DIVISION: ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL



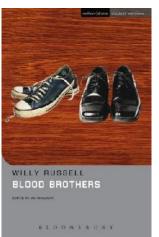


- Core A&P revenues up 2% excl.
 Education. Education sales down from strong rights comparative
- A&P digital resources revenues grow 10% to £2.2m, including a 17% increase at Bloomsbury Professional
- Digital revenues now 24% of total book revenues (2016/17: 21%)



- Methuen Drama: James Tait Black Prize for Cyprus Avenue
- Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in an Affiliate Theatre for Rotterdam
- Carolyn Cocca's Superwomen:
 Gender, Power, and Representation
 won the Will Eisner Award for Best
 Academic/Scholarly Work
- Animated Landscapes, edited by Chris Pallant, won the prestigious McLaren-Lambart award for Best Book on the Subject of Animation





FOCUS ON BLOOMSBURY 2020 INVESTING TO GROW B2B DIGITAL REVENUES



Digital resource launches 2017/18 to date

- Bloomsbury Design Library
- Bloomsbury Food Library
- Drama modules: Playwrights Canada Press, Aurora Metro, Bloomsbury Scholarly Collection: Critical Studies and Performance

Practice

Significant international customer base Recognised revenue by customer region H1: United Kingdom North America Europe Australia and New Zealand Rest of World India

H₂ launches

Launch of further major digital resources in H2:

- Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers
- Bloomsbury Cultural History

Bringing total launches of major resources for the year to four, one more than planned

Financials

- £0.6 net investment in income statement for H1 (2016/17: profit £0.3m)
- Future financial targets unchanged: £15m revenue and £5m profit from digital resources by 2021/22

BLOOMSBURY DESIGN LIBRARY







OTHER NON-CONSUMER





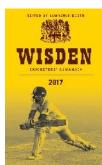
- Revenues grow 25% to £10.1m
- Key titles in the period include The Strange Death of Europe, Wisden Cricketers' Almanack and The Gut Makeover and Sod Sitting, Get Moving! from our new Green Tree health and wellness imprint
- New imprint Bloomsbury China to publish works by Chinese authors in English, working with Chinese language publishers

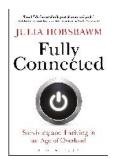




- Revenues grow 6% to £0.7m
- Content delivered for new clients Freshfields, Royal Bank Canada and ICAEW
- Key titles in the period include Leading Organisations and Fully Connected





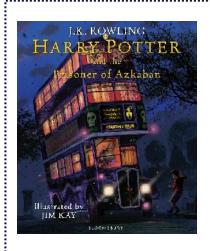




H2 KEY TITLES

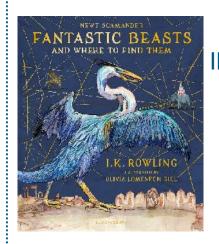
HARRY POTTER NEW ILLUSTRATED EDITIONS IN 2017/18





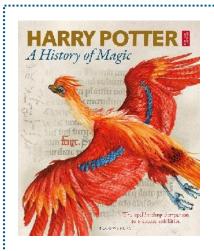
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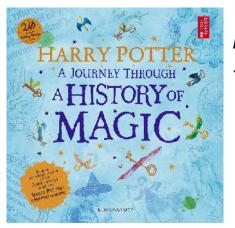
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Harry Potter –
A History of
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H2 KEY TITLES

ANIMATED TRAILER: ILLUSTRATED EDITION OF HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN





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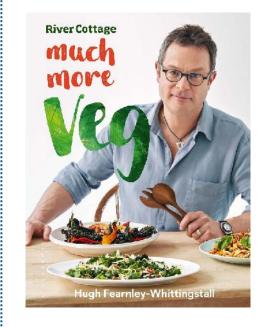


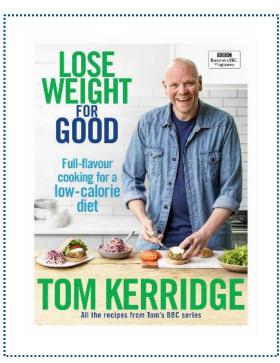














OUTLOOK



Trading in line with management's expectations

Bloomsbury 2020 digital publishing H2: launch of two more major digital resources:

- Bloomsbury Cultural History
- Bloomsbury Encyclopedia of Philosophers

Traditional second half weighting of book sales and delivery of R&S income

New Illustrated *The Tales* of *Beedle the Bard* for October 2018

Strong H2 publishing list includes:

Bloomsbury Modern Classics



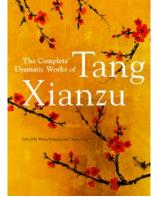


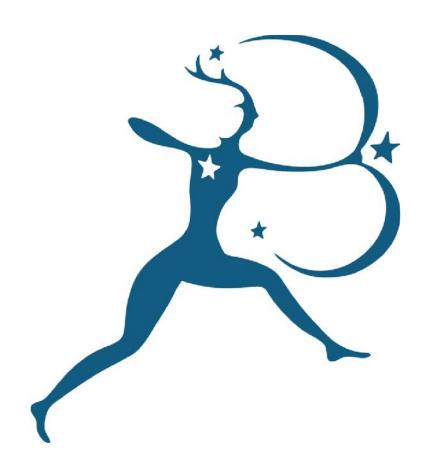


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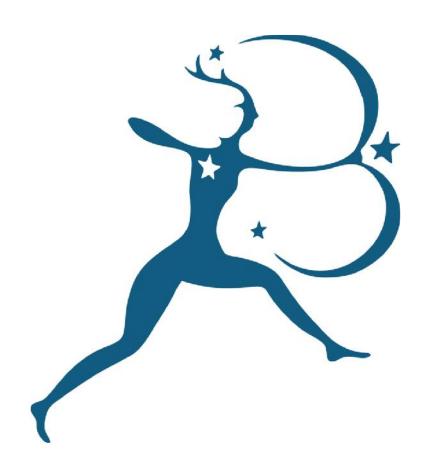








QUESTIONS



APPENDICES

ADJUSTED INCOME STATEMENT



			Change	Change
H1 £m	2017/18	2016/17	%	CER%
Revenue	72.1	62.7	15%	12%
Gross profit	36.7	31.4	17%	
Gross profit margin %	<i>5</i> 1%	50%	2%	
Marketing and distribution costs	(11.0)	(9.8)	13%	
Marketing and distribution costs as % revenue	15%	16%	(2)%	
Administrative expenses ¹	(23.2)	(20.2)	15%	
Operating profit ²	2.5	1.4	82%	
Operating profit margin %	3%	2%	58%	
Net finance income	-	0.1	(41)%	
Profit before tax	2.5	1.5	74%	78%
Tax	(0.3)	(0.1)	797%	
Profit after tax	2.2	1.4	<i>55</i> %	<i>5</i> 9%

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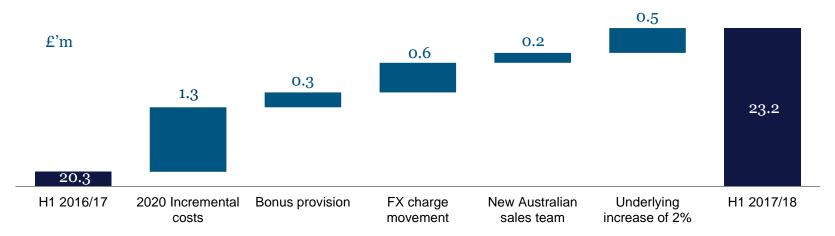
A breakdown of administrative expenses can be found on slide 25.

The adjusted income statement excludes highlighted items of £0.8m for the amortisation of acquired intangible assets (H1 2016/17: £0.9m for the amortisation of acquired intangible assets and £0.4m for other highlighted items).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES



1. Administrative expenses movement:



2. The effect of the change in allocation methodology for central administrative expenses on the divisional results for the year ended 28.2.17 is shown below:

£000	Children's Trade	Adult Trade	Total Consumer	A&P	Special Interest	Content Services	Total Non- Consumer	Total Group
Original operating profit	7,610	330	7,940	2,757	1,225	75	4,057	11,997
Change in allocation methodology for central administrative expenses	2,269	(794)	1,475	(1,058)	(547)	130	(1,475)	-
Restated operating profit	t 9,879	(464)	9,415	1,699	678	205	2,582	11,997

ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS H1 2017/18



£000	Children's Trade	Adult Trade	Cons	Total sumer	A&P	Special Interest	Content Services		l Non- sumer	Total (Group
Print sales	28,407	10,703	39,110	88%	12,092	8,613	307	21,012	77%	60,122	84%
Digital sales	2,246	1,955	4,201	9%	3,861	732	82	4,675	17%	8,876	12%
Rights & Services	1,034	350	1,384	3%	655	748	328	1,731	6%	3,115	4%
Total revenue	31,687	13,008	44,695	100%	16,608	10,093	717	27,418	100%	72,113	100%
% of total	44%	18%	62%		23%	14%	1%	38%		100%	
UK	17,797	6,512	24,309	<i>55</i> %	11,801	7,113	610	19,524	71%	43,833	61%
US	9,900	5,004	14,904	33%	4,194	2,108	64	6,366	23%	21,270	29%
Australia	3,022	948	3,970	9%	321	766	14	1,101	4%	5,071	7%
India	968	544	1,512	3%	292	106	29	427	2%	1,939	3%
Total revenue	31,687	13,008	44,695	100%	16,608	10,093	717	27,418	100%	72,113	100%
Gross margin	16,021	5,309	21,330		9,834	5,046	486	15,366		36,696	
Gross margin %	51%	41%	48%		59%	50%	68%	56%		51%	
Marketing and distribution	(5,070)	(2,389)	(7,459)		(2,008)	(1,505)	(57)	(3,570)		(11,029)	
Contribution	10,951	2,920	13,871		7,826	3,541	429	11,796		25,667	
Administrative expenses	(6,243)	(4,712)	(10,955)		(8,572)	(3,177)	(489)	(12,238)		(23,193)	
Operating profit/(loss)	4,708	(1,792)	2,916		(746)	364	(60)	(442)		2,474	
Operating profit/(loss) %	15%	(14%)	7%		(4%)	4%	(8%)	(2%)		3%	
% of total	190%	(72%)	118%		(30%)	15%	(3%)	(18%)		100%	
PBTA										2,529	

ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS

H₁ 2016/17

H1 2016/17											•
/	Children's	Adult		Total		Special	Content	Tota	l Non-		
£000	Trade	Trade	Cons	sumer	A&P	Interest	Services	Con	sumer	Total	Group
Print sales	21,621	10,812	32,433	87%	12,192	6,909	185	19,286	76%	51,719	83%
Digital sales	1,401	2,176	3,577	10%	3,427	626	65	4,118	16%	7,695	12%
Rights & Services	875	393	1,268	3%	1,032	534	424	1,990	8%	3,258	5%
Total revenue	23,897	13,381	37,278	100%	16,651	8,069	674	25,394	100%	62,672	100%
% of total	38%	21%	59%		27%	13%	1%	41%		100%	
UK	13,039	7,300	20,339	<i>55</i> %	11,732	5,900	630	18,262	72%	38,601	61%
US	7,909	4,476	12,385	33%	4,409	1,731	20	6,160	24%	18,545	30%
Australia	2,335	1,197	3,532	9%	298	427	16	741	3%	4,273	7%
India	614	408	1,022	3%	212	11	8	231	1%	1,253	2%
Total revenue	23,897	13,381	37,278	100%	16,651	8,069	674	25,394	100%	62,672	100%
Gross margin	11,872	5,787	17,659		9,793	3,642	319	13,754		31,413	
Gross margin %	50%	43%	47%		59%	45%	47%	54%		50%	
Marketing and distribution	(3,882)	(2,652)	(6,534)		(2,085)	(1,106)	(73)	(3,264)		(9,798)	
Contribution	7,990	3,135	11,125		7,708	2,536	246	10,490		21,615	
Administrative expenses	(4,772)	(4,593)	(9,365)		(7,418)	(3,017)	(453)	(10,888)		(20,253)	
Operating profit /(loss)	3,218	(1,458)	1,760		290	(481)	(207)	(398)		1,362	
Operating profit /(loss) %	13%	(11%)	5%		2%	(6%)	(31%)	(2%)		2%	
% of total	236%	(107%)	129%		21%	(35%)	(15%)	(29%)		100%	
PBTA										1,456	

The results for the period ended 31 August 2016 have been restated to reflect a change in the allocation of central administration costs, in order to provide a better understanding of underlying divisional results as follows:

Change in allocation	727	(245)	482	(435)	(111)	64	(482)	-
Original operating profit	2,491	(1,213)	1,278	725	(370)	(271)	84	1,362

ADJUSTED SEGMENTAL ANALYSIS H1 2017/18 AT CONSTANT EXCHANGE RATES



	Children's	Adult		Total		Special	Content	Tota	l Non-		
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£000	Trade	Trade	Cons	sumer	A&P	Interest	Services	Con	sumer	Total	Group
Print sales	27,404	10,254	37,658	88%	11,839	8,372	298	20,509	76%	58,167	83%
Digital sales	2,133	1,883	4,016	9%	3,835	732	82	4,649	17%	8,665	13%
Rights & Services	1,003	341	1,344	3%	641	745	328	1,714	7%	3,058	4%
Total revenue	30,540	12,478	43,018	100%	16,315	9,849	708	26,872	100%	69,890	100%
% of total	44%	18%	62%		23%	14%	1%	38%		100%	
UK	17,797	6,512	24,309	57%	11,801	7,113	610	19,524	73%	43,833	63%
US	9,147	4,632	13,779	32%	3,964	1,952	59	5,975	22%	19,754	28%
Australia	2,734	840	3,574	8%	288	687	13	988	4%	4,562	7%
India	862	494	1,356	3%	262	97	26	385	1%	1,741	2%
Total revenue	30,540	12,478	43,018	100%	16,315	9,849	708	26,872	100%	69,890	100%
Gross margin	15,522	5,067	20,589		9,688	4,954	484	15,126		35,715	
Gross margin %	51%	41%	48%		59%	50%	68%	56%		51%	
Marketing and distribution	(4,830)	(2,260)	(7,090)		(1,965)	(1,449)	(55)	(3,469)		(10,559)	
Contribution	10,692	2,807	13,499		7,723	3,505	429	11,656		25,156	
Administrative expenses	(6,035)	(4,534)	(10,569)		(8,418)	(3,148)	(488)	(12,054)		(22,623)	
Operating profit	4,657	(1,727)	2,930		(695)	357	(59)	(397)		2,533	
Operating profit %	15%	(14%)	7%		(4%)	4%	(8%)	(1%)		4%	
% of total	184%	(68%)	116%		(28%)	14%	(2%)	(16%)		100%	
PBTA										2,587	

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ACTIVE DIGITAL RESOURCES



Product	Market	Model
Arcadian Library	Institutional	Purchase
Berg Fashion Library	Institutional	Subscription
Bloomsbury Design Library	Institutional	Purchase and Subscription
Bloomsbury Food Library	Institutional	Subscription
Bloomsbury Popular Music	Institutional	Subscription
Bloomsbury Professional Law & Tax Products	B2B	Subscription
Bloomsbury Collections	Institutional	Purchase
Reeds Almanac Online	B2C	Subscription
Churchill Archive	Institutional	Purchase and Subscription
Churchill Central	B2C	Sponsorship funded
Churchill for Schools	Secondary Schools	Sponsorship funded
Cooked.com	B2C	Joint Venture
Drama Online	Institutional	Purchase and Subscription
Fairchild Books Fashion (textbook rental)	B2C	Purchase and Rental
Fairchild Books Library	Institutional	Subscription
Fashion Photography Archive	Institutional	Purchase and Subscription
IZA World of Labor	Institutional	Sponsorship Funded
Whitakers Online	B2C	Subscription

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