

Best Sellers Fiction

This Week **FICTION**

This Week		Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE , by David Wroblewski. (Ecco, \$25.95.) A mute takes refuge with three dogs in the Wisconsin woods after his father's death.	9	15
2	THE OTHER QUEEN , by Philippa Gregory. (Touchstone, \$25.95.) The story of Mary, Queen of Scots, in captivity under Queen Elizabeth.		1
3	FAEFEVER , by Karen Marie Moning. (Delacorte, \$25.95.) MacK-ayla is caught in the middle as the faes battle it out in Dublin; the third part of the Fever series.		1
4	THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO , by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$24.95.) A hacker and a journalist help a wealthy octogenarian investigate his niece's disappearance 40 years ago; the first part of a trilogy by the late Swedish journalist.		1
5	THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY , by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. (Dial, \$22.) A journalist meets with residents of the island of Guernsey who resisted the Nazi occupation.	3	8
6*	THE BOOK OF LIES , by Brad Meltzer. (Grand Central, \$25.99.) The murder of the father of Superman's creator, Jerry Siegel, is linked to the biblical story of Cain and Abel.	2	3
7	THE HOST , by Stephenie Meyer. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) Aliens have taken control of the minds and bodies of most humans, but one woman won't surrender.	6	20
8	ANATHEM , by Neal Stephenson. (William Morrow, \$29.95.) An order of cloistered mathematicians and scientists must save their Earth-like planet when catastrophe threatens.	1	2
9	AMERICAN WIFE , by Curtis Sittenfeld. (Random House, \$26.) A pretty librarian marries the alcoholic son of a wealthy political family who somehow becomes president.	4	3
10	INDIGNATION , by Philip Roth. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.) A Newark, N.J., college student in the Korean War era breaks with his parents and goes to a school in the Midwest.		1
11	PAUL OF DUNE , by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. (Doherty, \$27.95.) The story of Paul Muad'Dib and his jihad that took place between Frank Herbert's novels "Dune" and "Dune Messiah."		1
12	ORDER 66 , by Karen Traviss. (Del Rey, \$27.) The Republic's clone forces fight against treacherous odds; a "Star Wars" novel.		1
13	DARK CURSE , by Christine Feehan. (Berkley, \$24.95.) A Carpathian novel.	5	3
14	DEVIL BONES , by Kathy Reichs. (Scribner, \$25.95.) Temperance Brennan, the forensic anthropologist, must identify two victims of voodoo and devil worship.	8	4
15	THE KEEPSAKE , by Tess Gerritsen. (Ballantine, \$26.) A killer who mummifies his victims is on the loose in Boston.	7	2

This Week **HARDCOVER FICTION EXTENDED**

16	THE GYPSY MORPH , by Terry Brooks. (Del Rey/ Ballantine)
17	THE FORCE UNLEASHED , by Sean Williams. (Del Rey)
18	SILKS , by Dick Francis and Felix Francis. (Putnam)
19	LIBERTY , by Garrison Keillor. (Viking)
20	HOME , by Marilynne Robinson. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux)
21	THE BOURNE SANCTION , by Eric Van Lustbader. (Grand Central)
22	THE HERETIC'S DAUGHTER , by Kathleen Kent. (Little, Brown)
23	DOWNTOWN OWL , by Chuck Klosterman. (Scribner)
24	EXIT MUSIC , by Ian Rankin. (Little, Brown)
25	JUST BREATHE , by Susan Wiggs. (Mira)
26	FINE JUST THE WAY IT IS , by E. Annie Proulx. (Simon & Schuster)
27	ROUGH JUSTICE , by Jack Higgins. (Putnam)
28	SUPREME COURTSHIP , by Christopher Buckley. (Twelve)
29	THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN , by Garth Stein. (Harper)
30	THE MERCEDES COFFIN , by Faye Kellerman. (Morrow)
31	THE LAUGHTER OF DEAD KINGS , by Elizabeth Peters. (Morrow)
32	A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS , by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead)
33	SMOKE SCREEN , by Sandra Brown. (Simon & Schuster)
34	THE LACE READER , by Brunonia Barry. (Morrow)
35	BEING ELIZABETH , by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (St. Martin's)

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Best Sellers NonFiction

This Week	NONFICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	HOT, FLAT, AND CROWDED , by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.95.) How a green revolution can renew America, by the New York Times columnist.	1	2
2	THE WAR WITHIN , by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) White House debates over the Iraq war, 2006-8.	2	2
3	THE LIMITS OF POWER , by Andrew Bacevich. (Metropolitan/Holt, \$24.) A retired Army colonel argues that Americans themselves are responsible for the country's woes.(†)	6	6
4	ANGLER , by Barton Gellman. (Penguin, \$27.95.) Dick Cheney's actions as vice president are explored by the Washington Post reporter.		1
5*	THROUGH THE STORM , by Lynne Spears with Lorilee Craker. (Nelson, 24.99.) Britney Spears's mother gives her perspective on her family's perils.		1
6	STORI TELLING , by Tori Spelling with Hilary Liftin. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$24.95.) The actress's memoir.(†)	3	17
7	BOYS WILL BE BOYS , by Jeff Pearlman. (Harper, \$25.95.) A chronicle of the Super Bowl-winning Dallas Cowboys of the 1990s.		1
8	ARE YOU THERE, VODKA? IT'S ME, CHELSEA , by Chelsea Handler. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$24.95.) Humorous personal essays from the stand-up comedian.	4	22
9	THE FOREVER WAR , by Dexter Filkins. (Knopf, \$25.) A distillation of his work in Iraq and Afghanistan by the New York Times correspondent.		1
10	FLEECED , by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann. (Harper, \$26.95.) Americans are fleeced by government, business, labor unions and lobbyists.(†)	8	13
11	WHEN YOU ARE ENGULFED IN FLAMES , by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) The humorist's latest essays.	9	16
12*	THE CASE AGAINST BARACK OBAMA , by David Freddoso. (Regnery, \$27.95.) The Democratic candidate as a calculating extreme leftist.(†)	10	7
13	DEWEY , by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. (Grand Central, \$19.99.) The kitten left freezing in the returned-book slot of an Iowa public library, and his rise to fame.		1
14	THE OBAMA NATION , by Jerome R. Corsi. (Threshold, \$28.) The Democratic candidate as an extreme leftist, from a co-author of "Unfit for Command: Swift Boat Veterans Speak Out Against John Kerry."(†)	7	8
15	ACEDIA AND ME , by Kathleen Norris. (Riverhead, \$25.95.) Personal experience with a malady related to depression.		1
16*	THE TROUBLE WITH BOYS , by Peg Tyre. (Crown, \$24.95.) The national debate about why boys are falling behind girls' achievement in school.	15	2

This Week	HARDCOVER NONFICTION EXTENDED
17	THE FIRST BILLION IS THE HARDEST , by T. Boone Pickens. (Crown Business)
18	THE HOUSE AT SUGAR BEACH , by Helene Cooper. (Simon & Schuster)
19	BLACK BELT PATRIOTISM , by Chuck Norris. (Regnery)
20	THE NECKLACE , by Cheryl Jarvis. (Ballantine)
21	BAD MONEY , by Kevin Phillips. (Viking)
22	THE IRREGULARS , by Jennet Conant. (Simon & Schuster)
23	BEING CATHOLIC NOW , by Kerry Kennedy. (Crown)
24	THE POST-AMERICAN WORLD , by Fareed Zakaria. (Norton)
25	THE REVOLUTION , by Ron Paul. (Grand Central)
26	WESLEY THE OWL , by Stacey O'Brien. (Free Press)
27	ANTICANCER , by David Servan-Schreiber. (Viking)
28	BOB SCHIEFFER'S AMERICA , by Bob Schieffer. (Putnam)
29	FAITH OF MY FATHERS , by John McCain with Mark Salter. (Random House)
30	THE WAY OF THE WORLD , by Ron Suskind. (Harper)
31	THEY MUST BE STOPPED , by Brigitte Gabriel. (St. Martin's)
32	THE WRECKING CREW , by Thomas Frank. (Metropolitan/Holt)
33	THE REASON FOR GOD , by Timothy Keller. (Dutton)
34	THE GREATEST WORDS EVER SPOKEN , by Steven K. Scott. (WaterBrook)
35	THE WORLD IS CURVED , by David M. Smick. (Portfolio)

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Paperback Best Sellers Trade Fiction

This Week	TRADE FICTION	Weeks On List	This Week	TRADE FICTION EXTENDED
1	THE SHACK , by William P. Young. (Windblown Media, \$14.99.) A man whose daughter was abducted receives an invitation to an isolated shack, apparently from God. (†)	18	21	SECOND GLANCE , by Jodi Picoult. (Washington Square)
2	THE BRIEF WONDROUS LIFE OF OSCAR WAO , by Junot Díaz. (Riverhead, \$14.) A nerdy Dominican-American struggles to escape a family curse.	3	22	THE ELEGANCE OF THE HEDGEHOG , by Muriel Barbery and Alison Anderson. (Europa Editions)
3	WATER FOR ELEPHANTS , by Sara Gruen. (Algonquin, \$13.95.) A young man — and an elephant — save a Depression-era circus.	55	23	MY SISTER'S KEEPER , by Jodi Picoult. (Washington Square)
4	BAREFOOT , by Elin Hilderbrand. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$13.99.) Three women with various problems spend a transformative summer together on Nantucket.	15	24	IN THE WOODS , by Tana French. (Penguin)
5	NIGHTS IN RODANTHE , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$13.99.) Romance ignites between a middle-aged man and woman at a North Carolina inn.	7	25	THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER , by Kim Edwards. (Penguin)
6*	THE ALCHEMIST , by Paulo Coelho. (HarperOne, \$13.95.) A Spanish shepherd boy travels to Egypt in search of treasure.	54	26	BUDDHA , by Deepak Chopra. (HarperOne)
7	THE CHOICE , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$13.99.) How a North Carolina man's decisions about love and death play out in his life.	5	27	THE WEDNESDAY LETTERS , by Jason F. Wright. (Berkley)
8	THE ROAD , by Cormac McCarthy. (Vintage, \$14.95.) A father and son travel in post-apocalypse America.	55	28	THE ABSTINENCE TEACHER , by Tom Perrotta. (St. Martin's Griffin)
9	THE ALMOST MOON , by Alice Sebold. (Little, Brown, \$14.99.) A woman accustomed to satisfying the needs of her clinging family finally reaches the point of no return.	2	29	THE GATHERING , by Anne Enright. (Black Cat/Grove)
10	LOVING FRANK , by Nancy Horan. (Ballantine, \$14.) A story of the romance between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Borthwick Cheney.	23	30	THOSE WHO SAVE US , by Jenna Blum. (Harvest)
11	THE KITE RUNNER , by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$15.95 and \$14.) An Afghan-American returns to Kabul to learn how a childhood friend has fared.	55	31	AWAY , by Amy Bloom. (Random House)
12	SECOND CHANCE , by Jane Green. (Plume, \$15.) A group of 30-something friends reconsider their lives after one of their number is killed in a terrorist attack.	17	32	TREE OF SMOKE , by Denis Johnson. (Picador)
13	WHEN THE SOUL MENDS , by Cindy Woodsmall. (Water-Brook, \$13.99.) A disgraced Amish woman returns home to care for her sister, and faces a choice between her two worlds.	1	33	DEXTER IN THE DARK , by Jeff Lindsay. (Vintage)
14	NINETEEN MINUTES , by Jodi Picoult. (Washington Square, \$15.) The aftermath of a high school shooting reveals the fault lines in a small New Hampshire town.	33	34	WITCH OF PORTOBELLO , by Paulo Coelho. (Harper Perennial)
15	THE FRIDAY NIGHT KNITTING CLUB , by Kate Jacobs. (Berkley, \$14.) A group of women meet weekly at a New York City yarn shop.	38	35	CHOKE , by Chuck Palahniuk. (Anchor)
16	THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES , by Sue Monk Kidd. (Penguin, \$14.) In South Carolina in 1964, a teenage girl tries to discover the secret to her mother's past.	14		
17	OUT STEALING HORSES , by Per Petterson. (Picador, \$14.) In a remote cabin, a Norwegian man circles around his memories.	13		
18	INFINITE JEST , by David Foster Wallace. (Back Bay, \$17.99.) In a near future dominated by commercialism, addiction and political turmoil, a Quebecois separatist group plots to distribute copies of a lethal underground movie.	1		
19	BRIDGE OF SIGHS , by Richard Russo. (Vintage, \$14.95.) The entangled lives of an upstate New York couple and their friend.	6		
20*	RUN , by Ann Patchett. (Harper Perennial, \$14.95.) Two young black men, adopted in childhood by a Boston politician, encounter their birth mother and sister.	7		

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1	BOOK OF THE DEAD , by Patricia Cornwell. (Berkley, \$9.99.) The forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta opens a private practice in Charleston, S.C.	3
2	NIGHTS IN RODANTHE , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$7.99.) Romance ignites between a middle-aged man and woman at a North Carolina inn.	8
3	DEAD UNTIL DARK , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) Sookie Stackhouse, a psychic cocktail waitress in rural Louisiana, falls in love with a bad-boy vampire.	2
4	STONE COLD , by David Baldacci. (Vision, \$9.99.) Members of Washington's Camel Club are being stalked to prevent them from uncovering government secrets.	4
5	PROTECT AND DEFEND , by Vince Flynn. (Pocket, \$9.99.) An American counterterrorism operative must avert catastrophe in nuclear Iran.	4
6	COMPULSION , by Jonathan Kellerman. (Ballantine, \$9.99.) Several Los Angeles women are murdered, and the psychologist-detective Alex Delaware investigates.	4
7	PLAYING FOR PIZZA , by John Grisham. (Dell, \$7.99.) An American third-string quarterback joins the Italian National Football League's Parma Panthers.	9
8	SANDPIPER WAY , by Debbie Macomber. (Mira, \$7.99.) Romantic intrigue in Cedar Cove, Wash.	4
9	SWEET REVENGE , by Diane Mott Davidson. (Avon, \$7.99.) While catering a breakfast, Goldy Schulz thinks she spots her ex-husband's supposedly dead killer.	4
10	YOU'VE BEEN WARNED , by James Patterson and Howard Roughan. (Vision, \$9.99.) An aspiring photographer working as a nanny has terrible visions.	8
11	LIVING DEAD IN DALLAS , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) A vampire asks the psychic waitress Sookie Stackhouse to track down one of his missing companions.	2
12	CRITICAL , by Robin Cook. (Berkley, \$9.99.) A medical examiner investigates infection deaths at Manhattan hospitals whose main financial backer is a Mafia don.	3
13	KEEPING FAITH , by Jodi Picoult. (Avon, \$7.99.) A child starts hearing divine voices in the aftermath of her parents' divorce.	3
14	CLUB DEAD , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) Sookie Stackhouse's vampire boyfriend has been kidnapped, and she has to go to Jackson, Miss., to try to rescue him with the help of an undead Elvis.	1
15	TRUNK MUSIC , by Michael Connelly. (Grand Central, \$7.99.) Harry Bosch's inquiry into a movie producer's murder leads to Las Vegas; a reprint of a 1997 book.	4
16*	DEAD AS A DOORNAIL , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) The cocktail waitress Sookie Stackhouse is drawn into the world of were-politics when a friend's father tries to take over his local werewolf pack, and a sniper is targeting nonhumans.	1
17*	DEAD TO THE WORLD , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) Sookie Stackhouse's vampire boyfriend has traveled to Peru, leaving her to deal with his amnesiac boss and her own missing brother.	1
18	ALL TOGETHER DEAD , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) Sookie Stackhouse, a New Orleans cocktail waitress, is swept up in the intrigue of a vampire summit.	1
19	DEFINITELY DEAD , by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$7.99.) A New Orleans vampire queen tries to stop a cocktail waitress, Sookie Stackhouse, from looking into the past of her consort, who is Sookie's cousin.	1
20	COLD HEARTED , by Beverly Barton. (Zebra/Kensington, \$6.99.) A P.I. wonders why every man who gets close to Jordan Price seems to end up dead.	3

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21	RHETT BUTLER'S PEOPLE , by Donald McCaig. (St. Martin's)
22	CATEGORY 7 , by Bill Evans and Marianna Jameson. (Tor)
23	DEAD HEAT , by Dick Francis and Felix Francis. (Berkley)
24	SWEET TROUBLE , by Susan Mallery. (HQN)
25	BLOODFEVER , by Karen Marie Moning. (Dell)
26	DARK LIGHT , by Jayne Castle. (Jove)
27	THE EDGE OF DESIRE , by Stephanie Laurens. (Avon)
28	WILD CARD , by Lora Leigh. (St. Martin's)
29	WICKED , by Gregory Maguire. (Harper)
30	PLAY DIRTY , by Sandra Brown. (Pocket)
31	CRY WOLF , by Patricia Briggs. (Ace)
32	NOAH , by Jacquelyn Frank. (Zebra/Kensington)
33	CROSSFIRE , by JoAnn Ross. (Signet)
34	TO CATCH A THIEF , by Christina Skye. (HQN)
35	BEVERLY HILLS DEAD , by Stuart Woods. (Signet)

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2	EAT, PRAY, LOVE , by Elizabeth Gilbert. (Penguin, \$15.) A writer's yearlong journey in search of self.	87	22	THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA , by Michael Pollan. (Penguin)
3	SARAH , by Kaylene Johnson. (Epicenter, \$15.95.) The career of Sarah Palin, the Alaska governor and Republican vice presidential nominee. (†)	3	23	THE GLASS CASTLE , by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner)
4	CHANGE YOUR BRAIN, CHANGE YOUR LIFE , by Daniel G. Amen. (Three Rivers, \$15.) Instructions for conquering anxiety, depression and anger.	15	24	MY LOBOTOMY , by Howard Dully and Charles Fleming. (Three Rivers)
5	THE AUDACITY OF HOPE , by Barack Obama. (Three Rivers; \$14.95, Vintage; \$7.99.) The Illinois senator asks Americans to move beyond political divisions.	39	25	THE GOD DELUSION , by Richard Dawkins. (Mariner)
6	DREAMS FROM MY FATHER , by Barack Obama. (Three Rivers, \$14.95.) The senator on life as the son of a black African father and a white American mother.	114	26	LONE SURVIVOR , by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson. (Back Bay/Little, Brown)
7	A LONG WAY GONE , by Ishmael Beah. (Sarah Crichton/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$12.) A former child soldier from Sierra Leone describes his drug-crazed killing spree and his return to humanity.	7	27	SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME , by Ron Hall and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent. (Thomas Nelson)
8	LOOK ME IN THE EYE , by John Elder Robison. (Three Rivers, \$14.95.) A memoir of life with Asperger's syndrome.	1	28	A WHOLE NEW MIND , by Daniel H. Pink. (Riverhead)
9	CHANGE WE CAN BELIEVE IN , with a foreword by Barack Obama. (Three Rivers, \$13.95.) Speeches and policy proposals from Obama's presidential campaign.	2	29	THE WORLD WITHOUT US , by Alan Weisman. (Picador)
10	THE NINE , by Jeffrey Toobin. (Anchor, \$15.95.) Inside the secret world of the Supreme Court.	1	30	RIGGED , by Ben Mezrich. (Harper Perennial)
11	I HOPE THEY SERVE BEER IN HELL , by Tucker Max. (Citadel, \$12.95.) Life as a drunken womanizer.	51	31	INFIDEL , by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. (Free Press)
12	90 MINUTES IN HEAVEN , by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey. (Revell, \$12.99.) A minister on the otherworldly experience he had after an accident.	100	32	THE SHOCK DOCTRINE , by Naomi Klein. (Picador)
13	ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE , by Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver. (Harper Perennial, \$14.95.) The novelist and her family spend a year eating home-grown or local food.	21	33	STUFF WHITE PEOPLE LIKE , by Christian Lander. (Random House)
14*	THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE , by Diane Ackerman. (Norton, \$14.95.) How a Warsaw couple sheltered Jews and members of the Resistance during World War II.	2	34	INTO THE WILD , by Jon Krakauer. (Anchor)
15	THE WORLD IS FLAT , by Thomas L. Friedman. (Picador, \$16.) The Times columnist's analysis of 21st-century economics and foreign policy.	36	35	THE DAY OF BATTLE , by Rick Atkinson. (Holt)
16*	MARLEY & ME , by John Grogan. (Harper, \$13.95.) Lessons learned from a neurotic dog.	28		
17	MIKE'S ELECTION GUIDE , by Michael Moore. (Grand Central, \$13.99.) The filmmaker's take on 2008.	4		
18	THE DUCHESS , by Amanda Foreman. (Random House, \$15.95.) A k a Georgiana Spencer, the great-great-great-great-aunt of Diana, Princess of Wales.	4		
19	THE YEAR OF LIVING BIBLICALLY , by A. J. Jacobs. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.) The secular author's memoir of his attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible.	1		
20	MY HORIZONTAL LIFE , by Chelsea Handler. (Bloomsbury, \$14.95.) A memoir of one-night stands.	10		

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Advice, How-To and Miscellaneous

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1	THE LAST LECTURE , by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) Thoughts on "seizing every moment" from Pausch, a Carnegie Mellon professor who died of pancreatic cancer at age 47.	24	1	A NEW EARTH , by Eckhart Tolle. (Plume, \$14.) A spiritual teacher prescribes letting go of the ego to help end conflict and suffering.	34
2	BREAKTHROUGH , by Suzanne Somers. (Crown, \$25.95.) Eight steps to wellness: advice on hormone therapy from Somers and a group of doctors.	2	2	SKINNY BITCH , by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin. (Running Press, \$13.95.) Vegan diet advice from the world of modeling.	63
3	THE SECRET , by Rhonda Byrne. (Atria/Beyond Words, \$23.95.) The law of attraction as a key to getting what you want.	89	3	WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING , by Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel. (Workman, \$14.95.) Advice for parents-to-be.(†)	379
4	GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2009 , edited by Craig Glenday. (Guinness, \$28.95.) Tallest, fastest, youngest, most.	1	4	THE POWER OF NOW , by Eckhart Tolle. (New World Library, \$14.) A guide to personal growth and spiritual enlightenment.	49
5	REAL LIFE , by Phil McGraw. (Free Press, \$26.99.) Preparing yourself for seven different kinds of life crisis, from bereavement to existential angst.	1	5	THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES , by Gary Chapman. (Northfield, \$13.99.) How to communicate love in a way a spouse will understand.	65
6	SIX DISCIPLINES EXECUTION REVOLUTION , by Gary Harpst. (Six Disciplines Publishing, \$12.95.) Strategies for small and midsize businesses.(†)	5	6	THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE , by Rick Warren. (Zondervan, \$14.99.) Finding meaning in one's life through God.	34
7	CHEF MD'S BIG BOOK OF CULINARY MEDICINE , by John La Puma and Rebecca Powell Marx. (Crown, \$24.95.) An internist with a culinary degree suggests ways to get healthier foods into your diet.	1	7	MONEY, AND THE LAW OF ATTRACTION , by Esther and Jerry Hicks. (Hay House, \$16.95.) Improving your physical and financial well-being.(†)	6
8	BEFORE YOU DO , by T. D. Jakes. (Atria, \$25.) How your choices affect your relationships, marriage and family.	1	8	HUNGRY GIRL , by Lisa Lillien. (St. Martin's Griffin, \$17.95.) Recipes for burgers, nachos, pizza, fudge, onion rings and other "guilty" foods — without the guilt.	19
9	THE 4-HOUR WORKWEEK , by Timothy Ferriss. (Crown, \$19.95.) Reconstructing your life so it's not all about work.	43	9	1,000 RECORDINGS TO HEAR BEFORE YOU DIE , by Tom Moon. (Workman, \$19.95.) Operas, rock albums, blues, classical music, world music and other essentials, from a musician and music journalist.	2
10	THE TRUTH ABOUT CHEATING , by M. Gary Neuman. (Wiley, \$24.95.) Why husbands stray and what their wives can do to prevent it.	2	10	HELLO, CUPCAKE! , by Alan Richardson and Karen Tack. (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.95.) Funny, scary, playful and sophisticated creations made with treats you can find in any grocery aisle.	13
HARDCOVER EXTENDED			PAPERBACK EXTENDED		
11	THE TOTAL MONEY MAKEOVER , by Dave Ramsey. (Thomas Nelson)		11	SOUL WISDOM , by Zhi Gang Sha. (Atria)	
12	DEBT CURES "THEY" DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT , by Kevin Trudeau. (Equity)		12	THE SPEED OF TRUST , by Stephen M. R. Covey with Rebecca R. Merrill. (Free Press)	
13	JAMIE AT HOME , by Jamie Oliver. (Hyperion)		13	REPOSITION YOURSELF , by T. D. Jakes. (Atria)	
14	GOODNIGHT BUSH , by Erich Origen and Gan Golan. (Little, Brown)		14	BASIC BLACK , by Cathie Black. (Three Rivers)	
15	BLISS TO YOU , by Trixie Koontz and Dean Koontz. (Hyperion)		15	YOUR BEST LIFE NOW , by Joel Osteen. (FaithWords)	

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Children's Best Sellers

<i>This Week</i>	PICTURE BOOKS	<i>Weeks On List</i>
1	BIG WORDS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE , by Jamie Lee Curtis. Illustrated by Laura Cornell. (HarperCollins, \$16.99.) A boisterous family improves its vocabulary, and thus its relationships. (Ages 4 to 8)	2
2	WE THE PEOPLE , by Lynne Cheney. Illustrated by Greg Harlin. (Simon & Schuster, \$17.99.) The story of the Constitution. (Ages 5 to 10)	1
3	ON A SCARY SCARY NIGHT , by Walter Wick. (Scholastic, \$13.99.) Can you see what I see? Picture puzzles. (Ages 4 to 8)	2
4	GALLOPI! , written and illustrated by Rufus Butler Seder. (Workman, \$12.95.) Animals seem to move when you flip the page. (Ages 4 to 8)	45
5	MY DAD, JOHN MCCAIN , by Meghan McCain. Illustrated by Dan Andreasen. (Aladdin, \$16.99.) A biography of the Republican presidential nominee, by his daughter. (Ages 5 to 10)	2
6	TEN LITTLE FINGERS AND TEN LITTLE TOES , by Mem Fox. Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury. (Harcourt, \$16.) A celebration of baby fingers, baby toes and baby love. (Ages 4 to 8)	3
7	GINGERBREAD FRIENDS , written and illustrated by Jan Brett. (Putnam, \$17.99.) The Gingerbread Baby just wants somebody to play with; an adaptation of the classic tale. (Ages 4 to 8)	2
8	TOO MANY TOYS , written and illustrated by David Shannon. (Blue Sky, \$16.99.) When each toy is your favorite, it's hard to get rid of any. (Ages 4 to 8)	3
9	GOODNIGHT GOON , written and illustrated by Michael Rex. (Putnam, \$14.99.) Bedtime in the cold gray tomb: a parody of the classic story. (Ages 4 to 8)	4
10	BATS AT THE LIBRARY , written and illustrated by Brian Lies. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.) There's a lot they can do besides hanging upside down. (Ages 4 to 8)	7

<i>This Week</i>	CHAPTER BOOKS	<i>Weeks On List</i>
1	THE MAZE OF BONES , by Rick Riordan. (Scholastic, \$12.99.) A brother and sister hunt for the source of their family's power; Book 1 of a new series, "The 39 Clues." (Ages 12 and up)	2
2	DIARY OF A WIMPY KID , written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. (Amulet/Abrams, \$12.95.) The travails of adolescence, in cartoons. (Ages 9 to 12)	75
3	DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES , by Jeff Kinney. (Amulet/Abrams, \$12.95.) How Greg embarrassed himself on his vacation; a sequel to "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." (Ages 9 to 12)	36
4	THE HUNGER GAMES , by Suzanne Collins. (Scholastic, \$17.99.) In a dystopian future, a girl fights for survival on live TV. (Ages 12 and up)	2
5	IDENTICAL , by Ellen Hopkins. (McElderry/Simon & Schuster, \$17.99.) Incest and drug abuse come between twin daughters in a political family. (Ages 14 and up)	4
6	THE DANGEROUS DAYS OF DANIEL X , by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge. (Little, Brown, \$19.99.) A boy with secret powers seeks revenge on his parents' killers. (Ages 12 and up)	9
7	THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN , by Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Ellen Forney. (Little, Brown, \$16.99.) A boy leaves his reservation for an all-white school. (Ages 12 and up)	44
8	THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET , written and illustrated by Brian Selznick. (Scholastic, \$22.99.) An orphaned thief must decipher his father's last message. (Ages 9 to 12)	77
9	THE MAGICIAN , by Michael Scott. (Delacorte, \$16.99.) Twins must stop an evil sorcerer; a sequel to "The Alchemyst." (Ages 12 and up)	10
10	KISS MY MATH , by Danica McKellar. (Hudson Street, \$24.95.) A girls' guide to pre-algebra. (Ages 12 to 14)	7

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Children's Best Sellers

<i>This Week</i>	PAPERBACK BOOKS	<i>Weeks On List</i>
1	THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering. (Candlewick, \$7.99.) A mouse, a rat and a girl on a magic trip. (Ages 10 and up)	34
2	THE BOOK THIEF , by Markus Zusak. (Knopf, \$11.99.) A girl saves books from Nazi burning and shares them with a Jewish man in hiding. (Ages 14 and up)	54
3	RULES , by Cynthia Lord. (Scholastic, \$6.99.) The challenges and rewards of life with an autistic brother. (Ages 9 to 12)	3
4	THE MYSTERIOUS BENEDICT SOCIETY , by Trenton Lee Stewart. Illustrated by Carson Ellis. (Little, Brown, \$6.99.) Gifted kids on a mission. (Ages 9 to 12)	7
5	MATH DOESN'T SUCK , by Danica McKellar. (Plume, \$15.) A girls' guide to middle-school math. (Ages 9 to 12)	7
6	BARACK OBAMA , by Roberta Edwards. Illustrated by Ken Call. (Grosset & Dunlap, \$3.99.) A biography of the "skinny kid" running for president. (Ages 7 to 9)	7
7	THE PENDERWICKS , by Jeanne Birdsall. (Yearling, \$6.50.) On vacation, four sisters befriend a local boy, to his mother's dismay. (Ages 9 to 12)	8
8	THE ALCHEMYST , by Michael Scott. (Delacorte, \$8.99.) Twins must help an immortal alchemist protect his book of spells from an evil sorcerer. (Ages 12 and up)	4
9	LIFE AS WE KNEW IT , by Susan Beth Pfeffer. (Harcourt, \$6.95.) A girl's diary reflects the catastrophe that ensues when a meteor hits the moon. (Ages 12 and up)	2
10	NICK AND NORAH'S INFINITE PLAYLIST , by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan. (Knopf, \$7.99.) To make their exes jealous, a boy and a girl pretend to be together — and discover they really click. (Ages 12 and up)	1

<i>This Week</i>	SERIES	<i>Weeks On List</i>
1	INHERITANCE , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, hardcover and paper) A teenager and his dragon learn the secrets of a fantasy world. (Ages 12 and up)	1
2	THE TWILIGHT SAGA , by Stephenie Meyer. (Megan Tingley/Little Brown, hardcover and paper) Vampires and werewolves in high school. (Ages 12 and up)	59
3	THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES , by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. (Simon & Schuster, hardcover only) Siblings find a hidden world (Ages 6 to 10)	100
4	WARRIORS , by Erin Hunter. (HarperCollins, hardcover and paper) Four clans of cat warriors aspire to meet up with the Star-Clan. (Ages 10 to 14)	59
5	PRIVATE , by Kate Brian. (Simon Pulse, paper only) The high-pressure world of an elite prep school. (Ages 14 and up)	1
6	HOUSE OF NIGHT , by P. C. Cast and Kristin Cast. (St. Martin's Press, hardcover and paper) Vampires in school. (Ages 14 and up)	4
7	PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS , by Rick Riordan. (Disney-Hyperion, hardcover and paper) Battling mythological monsters. (Ages 9 to 12)	73
8	ARTEMIS FOWL , by Eoin Colfer. (Disney-Hyperion, hardcover and paper) A criminal's magical adventures. (Ages 8 and up)	109
9	CHARLIE BONE , by Jenny Nimmo. (Scholastic, hardcover and paper) A king's descendants learn magic. (Ages 9 to 12)	44
10	BOOKS OF EMBER , by Jeanne DuPrau. (Random House, hardcover and paper) In a postapocalyptic future, children try to save the world. (Ages 10 to 13)	28

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Editor's Choice

THE WAR WITHIN: *A Secret White House History 2006-2008*, by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) In this last installment of his four-volume series on the Bush administration, Woodward renders a harsh final appraisal of the president.

THE SACRED BOOK OF THE WEREWOLF, by Victor Pelevin. Translated by Andrew Bromfield. (Viking, \$25.95.) A supernatural call girl narrates Pelevin's satirical allegory of post-Soviet, post 9/11 Russia.

CAPITOL MEN: *The Epic Story of Reconstruction Through the Lives of the First Black Congressmen*, by Philip Dray. (Houghton Mifflin, \$30.) A collective biography of the pioneers of black political involvement.

FALLEN GIANTS: *A History of Himalayan Mountain-*

eering From the Age of Empire to the Age of Extremes, by Maurice Isserman and Stewart Weaver. (Yale University, \$39.95.) The book's big lesson is that climbing there has always been a geopolitical game.

OPAL SUNSET: *Selected Poems, 1958-2008*, by Clive James (Norton, \$25.95) James, a staunch formalist, is firmly situated in the sociable, plainspoken tradition that runs from Auden through Larkin.

A BETTER ANGEL: *Stories*, by Chris Adrian. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$23.) For Adrian, who is a pediatrician and divinity student, illness and a heightened spiritual state are closely related conditions.

BLUE GENES: *A Memoir of Loss and Survival*, by Christopher Lukas. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) Lukas explores

the suicides of his mother and, especially, his brother, a former New York Times correspondent.

THE GOOD THIEF, by Hannah Tinti. (Dial, \$25.) In Tinti's first novel, set in mid-19th century New England, a con man teaches an orphan the art of the lie.

HURRY DOWN SUNSHINE, by Michael Greenberg. (Other Press, \$22.) A remarkable account of a 15-year-old daughter's manic depression.

The full reviews of these and other recent books are on the Web: nytimes.com/books.

Paperback Row

BORN STANDING UP: A Comic's Life, by Steve Martin. (Scribner, \$15.) Martin's engaging "biography ... about someone I used to know" revisits his roughly 18 years as a stand-up comedian. (He quit in 1981.) In a memoir that is "smart, serious, heartfelt and confessional without being maudlin," as Janet Maslin described it in *The Times*, Martin explains how he developed his act, what worked, what didn't and why. "What if there were no punch lines?" Martin asked himself. "What if I created tension and never released it?" I always knew Steve Martin was smart, but I never knew he was *this* smart.

SONS AND OTHER FLAMMABLE OBJECTS, by Porochista Khakpour. (Grove, \$14.) This first novel, about a family who fled revolutionary Iran to settle in a Southern California apartment complex called Eden Gardens, deals with familiar themes — father versus son, assimilation versus cultural allegiance. But Khakpour's biting humor and acute observations bring her characters to vivid life as they struggle to escape or cope with the past.

THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS: 50 Years Reporting in Washington, by Robert D. Novak. (*Three Rivers*, \$18.95.) Novak's career as a political reporter, syndicated columnist, television commentator and leading character in the outing of the C.I.A. officer Valerie Plame is the subject of this interesting book. It "dishes gossip and delivers payback to enemies for ancient slights," our reviewer, Jack Shafer, said; it also illustrates Novak's "symbiotic" (as he puts it) relationship with his sources.

PONTOON: A Novel of Lake Wobegon, by Garrison Keillor. (Penguin, \$14.) Keillor's fictional town "has always sat a little closer to Winesburg than Mayberry," Thomas Mallon wrote in the *Book Review*, and readers who venture there in search of

nostalgia will "be brought up short by surprisingly large measures of sadness and dread." The protagonist of this installment, a widow for 19 years, is discovered, after her death, to have had a lover. Like Keillor, she realizes "there are no answers, just stories."

GOOD CALORIES, BAD CALORIES: Fats, Carbs, and the Controversial Science of Diet and Health, by Gary Taubes. (Anchor, \$16.95.) The low-fat-diet orthodoxy was first challenged by Taubes in a much-debated article in *The New York Times Magazine* in 2002. There, and in this book, Taubes shows convincingly that the hypothesis that dietary fat causes heart disease, which gathered strength in the 1970s and '80s, was based on flimsy science. Taubes believes that a diet rich in protein and fat but low in carbohydrates is best and that weight gain is not determined only by "calories in minus calories out."

THE INDIAN CLERK, by David Leavitt. (Bloomsbury, \$16.) When S. Ramanujan, a clerk from Madras who was a gifted mathematician, went to Cambridge at the invitation of the brilliant G. H. Hardy, he became a celebrity with various dons competing for his society. Unlike most American writers, Leavitt is keenly interested in class, and his seventh novel explores the betrayal of an outsider by an insider, who struggles for the rest of his life with the consequences.

THE MASCOT: Unraveling the Mystery of My Jewish Father's Nazi Boyhood, by Mark Kurzem. (Plume, \$16.) When Kurzem was an Oxford student, his father revealed that he was Jewish, not Russian, and asked his son to help him uncover his Holocaust past. Kurzem discovered that his father, who was probably 5 when he witnessed his mother's murder, had become the mascot of a

troop of Nazi soldiers. "This is a book to keep you up at night," Dinitia Smith wrote in *The Times*. An equally absorbing story of survival is told in **THE ZOOKEEPER'S WIFE: A War Story**, by Diane Ackerman. (Norton, \$14.95.) The keeper of the Warsaw Zoo — a lieutenant in the clandestine Polish Army — and his wife smuggled Jews out of the ghetto and hid them in the zoo, saving 300 lives. (Ackerman is pictured at right.) One who did not survive was Petr Ginz, a teenager from Prague who kept a diary of his life in that city until he was taken to Theresienstadt. The voice in **THE DIARY OF PETR GINZ: 1941-1942**, edited by Chava Pressburger, translated by Elena Lappin (Grove, \$16), is very different from Anne Frank's; Petr offers an unsentimental perspective on his changing world, with a sense of alarm only occasionally slipping through. (Pressburger is Ginz's sister.)

THE MYTH OF THE RATIONAL VOTER: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies, by Bryan Caplan. (Princeton University, \$17.95.) "I see neither well-functioning democracies nor democracies hijacked by special interests," Caplan, a teacher of economics at George Mason University, says. "Instead, I see democracies that fall short because voters get the foolish policies they ask for." His provocative book identifies four areas of "systematic error" by voters, all related to economics.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, by Eavan Boland. (Norton, \$13.95.) In her 10th book of poetry, Boland writes about Ireland, the relations between men and women, erotic passion, and the link between the personal and the political. "Nothing we said / not then, not later / fathomed what it is / is wrong in the lives of those who hate each other," she writes in the title poem.

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