

Best Sellers

This Week	FICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE DA VINCI CODE , by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95; special illustrated edition, \$35.) A murder at the Louvre leads to a trail of clues found in the work of Leonardo and to the discovery of a secret society.	2	147
2	THE HOSTAGE , by W. E. B. Griffin. (Putnam, \$26.95.) An Army officer probes the murder of an American diplomat and the kidnapping of his wife.	1	2
3	THE CAT WHO DROPPED A BOMBSHELL , by Lilian Jackson Braun. (Putnam, \$23.95.) The columnist Jim Qwilleran and his cats investigate the mysterious death of a wealthy couple.		1
4	S IS FOR SILENCE , by Sue Grafton. (Marian Wood/Putnam, \$26.95.) Kinsey Millhone searches for a woman who disappeared 34 years ago.	3	6
5	MARY, MARY , by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.95.) The F.B.I. agent Alex Cross tracks a Hollywood killer who announces the crimes via e-mail.	4	9
6	EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE , by Judith McNaught. (Ballantine, \$25.95.) When the grandson of a Chicago philanthropist disappears, suspicion falls on the wrong man.	5	3
7	AT FIRST SIGHT , by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$24.95.) The young couple from "True Believer," who are now expecting a child, receive a disturbing message.	7	13
8	TURNING ANGEL , by Greg Iles. (Scribner, \$25.95.) To defend a friend wrongly accused of murder, a Mississippi lawyer must investigate local students.	8	3
9	JUST REWARDS , by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) Concluding the story of the Harte family and its financial empire, told through four generations of women.	9	2
10	ON THE RUN , by Iris Johansen. (Bantam, \$26.) A girl and her mother, a horse trainer who once worked for the C.I.A., are targeted by a Middle Eastern magnate.	12	3
11*	CHRIST THE LORD: OUT OF EGYPT , by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$25.95.) What happened in Bethlehem; narrated by a 7-year-old who discovers he is the Prince of Peace.	10	11
12	ALL NIGHT LONG , by Jayne Ann Krentz. (Putnam, \$24.95.) A journalist returns to her hometown to investigate the death of an old friend and the murder of her parents years before.	6	2
13	PREDATOR , by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$26.95.) On the trail of a possible serial killer, Dr. Kay Scarpetta turns to a jailed psychopath for advice.	11	12
14	THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN , by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$19.95.) An old man who died trying to rescue a girl finds all is explained in the afterlife.		101
15	FOREVER ODD , by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$27.) Odd Thomas, a character from Koontz's 2003 novel of the same name, searches for a missing friend.	14	7
16*	THE CAMEL CLUB , by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$26.95.) A group of conspiracy theorists stumbles on a plot reaching to the highest levels of government.	15	12

This Week	NONFICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	FOR LACI , by Sharon Rocha. (Crown, \$25.95.) Laci Peterson's mother recalls her daughter and describes her killer's trial.	11	2
2	MARLEY & ME , by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog.	4	13
3	MY FRIEND LEONARD , by James Frey. (Riverhead, \$24.95.) The author of "A Million Little Pieces" remembers a helpful mobster friend.	1	15
4	THE WORLD IS FLAT , by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50.) A columnist for The New York Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy and presents an overview of globalization.	3	41
5	THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING , by Joan Didion. (Knopf, \$23.95.) The author's attempts to come to terms with the death of her husband and the grave illness of their only daughter.	2	15
6	TEACHER MAN , by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$26.) The author of "Angela's Ashes" remembers his years teaching high school English in New York City.	5	9
7*	FREAKONOMICS , by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A maverick scholar and a journalist apply economic theory to everything from cheating sumo wrestlers to legalized abortion and the crime rate.	6	40
8	OUR ENDANGERED VALUES , by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) The former president warns against blurring politics and fundamentalist religion.	7	11
9	TEAM OF RIVALS , by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) The political genius of Abraham Lincoln, revealed in his relationship with his cabinet, from the author of "No Ordinary Time."	8	12
10	STATE OF WAR , by James Risen. (Free Press, \$26.) The secret history of the C.I.A. and the Bush administration. (†)	9	2
11	1776 , by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) An account of America's founding year by the Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer of John Adams, focusing on the inexperienced George Washington and the heroic citizen soldiers.	10	34
12	BLINK , by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.) The author of "The Tipping Point" explores the importance of hunch and instinct to the workings of the mind.	12	50
13	THE NUMBER , by Lee Eisenberg. (Free Press, \$26.) How to think about the amount of money you need to live the way you want to after you retire.		1
14	SEX AND THE SEASONED WOMAN , by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$25.95.) The author of "Passages" describes women over 50 who have vital sex lives.		1
15	CONFESSIONS OF A VIDEO VIXEN , by Karrine Steffans. (Amistad/HarperCollins, \$24.95.) A tell-all by an actress who has appeared in many hip-hop videos.		14

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Paperback Best Sellers

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1	MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA , by Arthur Golden. (Vintage, \$14.95; \$7.99.) A young woman in Kyoto has to reinvent herself after World War II begins.	52
2	THE BROKER , by John Grisham. (Dell, \$7.99.) The C.I.A. arranges a presidential pardon for a power broker who may know crucial secrets, laying a trap for the foreign intelligence service that wants him dead.	8
3	VENDETTA , by Fern Michaels. (Zebra, \$6.99.) The Sisterhood, a group of friends, makes sure a hit-and-run driver pays for his crime.	3
4	HONEYMOON , by James Patterson and Howard Roughan. (Warner, \$13.95.) An F.B.I. agent who is investigating a beautiful and mysterious woman finds himself becoming obsessed with her.	2
5	ALONE , by Lisa Gardner. (Bantam, \$7.99.) A sniper with the Massachusetts State Police faces a wrongful-death lawsuit — and a killer who's on the loose.	3
6	RED LILY , by Nora Roberts. (Jove, \$7.99.) A woman who works in a nursery falls in love with the boss's son; conclusion of the "In the Garden" trilogy.	8
7	CAROLINA ISLE , by Jude Deveraux. (Pocket, \$9.95.) Two lifelong pen pals switch identities, and trouble quickly follows.	3
8	THE KITE RUNNER , by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$15.95 and \$14.) An Afghan-American returns to Kabul to learn how his childhood friend has fared under the Taliban.	71
9	DOUBLE TAP , by Steve Martini. (Jove, \$7.99.) The lawyer Paul Madriani comes upon government secrets when he defends a soldier who is on trial for murder.	3
10	EDGE OF EVIL , by J. A. Jance. (Avon, \$7.99.) A former TV journalist moves back home to Arizona and starts a blog — then the threats begin.	3
11	WICKED , by Gregory Maguire. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$15.) A little green-skinned girl grows up to become the Wicked Witch of the West.	20
12	BY ORDER OF THE PRESIDENT , by W. E. B. Griffin. (Jove, \$7.99.) An Army officer tries to thwart a terrorist plot to crash a stolen 727 into the Liberty Bell.	2
13	THE MOTIVE , by John Lescroart. (Signet, \$7.99.) The investigative pair Dismas Hardy and Abe Glitsky return to look into two murders.	2
14	ANGELS & DEMONS , by Dan Brown. (Pocket Star, \$7.99.) A Harvard scholar tries to save the Vatican from the machinations of an underground society.	123
15	BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN , by Annie Proulx. (Scribner, \$9.95.) The story of a love affair between two ranch hands, basis for the Ang Lee film.	1

This Week	NONFICTION	Weeks On List
1	A MILLION LITTLE PIECES , by James Frey. (Anchor, \$14.95.) A controversial memoir by a man who was an alcoholic and a crack addict.	17
2	COLLAPSE , by Jared Diamond. (Penguin, \$17.) A historical investigation into why some societies succeed while others fail.	4
3	IN COLD BLOOD , by Truman Capote. (Vintage, \$14.) A murder in Kansas in 1959 and its consequences.	48
4	THREE WEEKS WITH MY BROTHER , by Nicholas Sparks and Micah Sparks. (Warner, \$13.95.) The novelist and his sibling describe their world trip.	3
5	TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE , by Mitch Albom. (Broadway, \$12.95; Anchor, \$6.99.) The author tells of his visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.	148
6	THE TIPPING POINT , by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$14.95.) A journalist's study of social epidemics, otherwise known as fads.	75
7	THE END OF FAITH , by Sam Harris. (Norton, \$13.95.) The clash between reason and religion.	9
8	THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY , by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.) The tale of an architect and a serial killer, linked by the Chicago World's Fair of 1893.	101
9	CONFESSIONS OF AN ECONOMIC HIT MAN , by John Perkins. (Plume, \$15.) A former employee of an international consulting firm denounces the American global empire and its "corporatocracy."	2
10	GUNS, GERMS, AND STEEL , by Jared Diamond. (Norton, \$16.95.) An argument that Western dominance is due to geographical advantages.	176
11	WORTH MORE DEAD , by Ann Rule. (Pocket Books, \$7.99.) Five true-crime cases, including the long-unsolved killing of a former marine's estranged wife.	7
12	MAGICAL THINKING , by Augusten Burroughs. (Picador/St. Martin's Press, \$14.) Life after rehab, from the author of "Running With Scissors."	11
13	ANIMALS IN TRANSLATION , by Temple Grandin and Catherine Johnson. (Harcourt, \$15.) How autism can help lead to a better understanding of animals.	1
14	THE GLASS CASTLE , by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$14.) The author recalls a bizarre childhood during which she and her siblings were constantly moved from one bleak place to another.	1
15	DRESS YOUR FAMILY IN CORDUROY AND DENIM , by David Sedaris. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$14.95.) The humorist's latest collection of essays.	18
16*	THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE OFFICIAL ILLUSTRATED MOVIE COMPANION , by Perry Moore. (HarperSanFrancisco, \$19.95.) A behind-the-scenes look at the making of the movie.	8

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- 17 **THE LIGHTHOUSE**, by P.D. James (Knopf)
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- 18 **LIGHT FROM HEAVEN**, by Jan Karon (Viking)
-
- 19 **SON OF A WITCH**, by Gregory Maguire (ReganBooks/
HarperCollins)
-
- 20 **AMAZING PEACE**, by Maya Angelou (Random House)
-
- 21 **SAVING FISH FROM DROWNING**, by Amy Tan (Putnam)
-
- 22 **THE CONSTANT PRINCESS**, by Philippa Gregory (Touchstone/
Simon & Schuster)
-
- 23 **BLINDFOLD GAME**, by Dana Stabenow (St. Martin's Minotaur)
-
- 24 **ARTHUR & GEORGE**, by Julian Barnes (Knopf)
-
- 25 **ANGELS AND DEMONS**, by Dan Brown (Atria)
-
- 26 **LONG TIME COMING**, by Sandra Brown (Bantam)
-
- 27 **A FEAST FOR CROWS**, by George R. R. Martin (Bantam)
-
- 28 **KNIFE OF DREAMS**, by Robert Jordan (Tor/Tom Doherty)
-
- 29 **CONSENT TO KILL**, by Vince Flynn (Atria)
-
- 30 **EVERYONE WORTH KNOWING**, by Lauren Weisberger (Simon &
Schuster)
-
- 31 **THE PALE HORSEMAN**, by Bernard Cornwell (HarperCollins)
-
- 32 **THE HISTORIAN**, by Elizabeth Kostova (Little, Brown)
-
- 33 **THE MARCH**, by E.L. Doctorow (Random House)
-
- 34 **THE AMBLER WARNING**, by Robert Ludlum (St. Martin's)
-
- 35 **NOTHING BUT TROUBLE**, by Michael McGarrity (Dutton)

HARDCOVER NON-FICTION

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- 16 **700 SUNDAYS**, by Billy Crystal (Warner)
-
- 17 **MISQUOTING JESUS**, by Bart D. Ehrman (HarperSanFrancisco)
-
- 18 **A MILLION LITTLE PIECES**, by James Frey (Nan A. Talese/Dou-
bleday)
-
- 19 **MY YEAR IN IRAQ**, by L. Paul Bremer III with Malcolm
McConnell (Simon & Schuster)
-
- 20 **PARISH PRIEST**, by Douglas Brinkley and Julie M. Fenster
(Morrow)
-
- 21 **JAWBREAKER**, by Gary Berntsen and Ralph Pezzullo (Crown)
-
- 22 **THE ASSASSINS' GATE**, by George Packer (Farrar, Straus and
Giroux)
-
- 23 **TAKE IT BACK**, by James Carville and Paul Begala (Simon &
Schuster)
-
- 24 **THE CITY OF FALLING ANGELS**, by John Berendt (Penguin
Press)
-
- 25 **A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY**, by Kurt Vonnegut (Seven Stories)
-
- 26 **GOOD TO GREAT**, by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness)
-
- 27 **THE TRUTH (WITH JOKES)**, by Al Franken (Dutton)
-
- 28 **NEVER HAVE YOUR DOG STUFFED**, by Alan Alda (Random
House)
-
- 29 **THE EDUCATION OF A COACH**, by David Halberstam (Hyperion)
-
- 30 **AT CANAAN'S EDGE**, by Taylor Branch (Simon & Schuster)
-
- 31 **THE LOST PAINTING**, by Jonathan Harr (Random House)
-
- 32 **TALK TO THE HAND**, by Lynne Truss (Gotham)
-
- 33 **AMERICA (THE BOOK)**, by Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin, David
Javerbaum et al. (Warner)
-
- 34 **CHEATING DEATH, STEALING LIFE**, by Eddie Guerrero with
Michael Krugman (World Wrestling Entertainment)
-
- 35 **WOMEN WHO MAKE THE WORLD WORSE**, by Kate O' Beirne
(Sentinel)

Best Sellers Expanded List

PAPERBACK FICTION

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- 16 **SUMMER BREEZE**, by Catherine Anderson (Signet)
-
- 17 **VANISHING ACTS**, by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square)
-
- 18 **STATE OF FEAR**, by Michael Crichton (Avon)
-
- 19 **THE KNOWN WORLD**, by Edward P. Jones (Amistad)
-
- 20 **UNLEASH THE NIGHT**, by Sherrilyn Kenyon (St. Martin's)
-
- 21 **GILEAD**, by Marilynne Robinson (Picador)
-
- 22 **PREP**, by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House)
-
- 23 **GOING HOME**, by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
-
- 24 **ALMOST A LADY**, by Jane Feather (Bantam)
-
- 25 **THE MACGREGORS: SERENA - CAINE**, by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
-
- 26 **I'LL BE WATCHING YOU**, by Andrea Kane (Avon)
-
- 27 **THE CAT WHO WENT BANANAS**, by Lilian Jackson Braun (Jove)
-
- 28 **THE HANDMAIDEN'S NECKLACE**, by Kat Martin (Mira)
-
- 29 **THE SECRET LIFE OF BEES**, by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
-
- 30 **DECEPTION POINT**, by Dan Brown (Pocket)
-
- 31 **DIGITAL FORTRESS**, by Dan Brown (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's)
-
- 32 **CALIFORNIA GIRL**, by T. Jefferson Parker (HarperTorch)
-
- 33 **DEEP SIX**, by Clive Cussler (Pocket Star)
-
- 34 **STAR WARS: DARK NEST 3: THE SWARM WAR**, by Troy Denning (Lucas/Del Rey/Ballantine)
-
- 35 **LIGHT ON SNOW**, by Anita Shreve (Back Bay Books/Little, Brown)
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PAPERBACK NON-FICTION

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- 17 **HIS EXCELLENCY: GEORGE WASHINGTON**, by Joseph J. Ellis (Vintage)
-
- 18 **A CHILD CALLED "IT"**, by Dave Pelzer (Health Communications)
-
- 19 **CHRONICLES: VOLUME ONE**, by Bob Dylan (Simon & Schuster)
-
- 20 **JARHEAD**, by Anthony Swofford (Scribner/Pocket Books)
-
- 21 **READING LOLITA IN TEHRAN**, by Azar Nafisi (Random House)
-
- 22 **UNDER THE BANNER OF HEAVEN**, by Jon Krakauer (Anchor)
-
- 23 **MERE CHRISTIANITY**, by C.S. Lewis (HarperSanFrancisco)
-
- 24 **THE BOOKSELLER OF KABUL**, by Asne Seierstad (Back Bay/Little, Brown)
-
- 25 **VENGEANCE**, by George Jonas (Simon & Schuster)
-
- 26 **CASH: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY**, by Johnny Cash with Patrick Carr (HarperCollins)
-
- 27 **THE KNOW-IT-ALL**, by A.J. Jacobs (Simon & Schuster)
-
- 28 **RUNNING WITH SCISSORS**, by Augusten Burroughs (Picador)
-
- 29 **WILL IN THE WORLD**, by Stephen Greenblatt (Norton)
-
- 30 **WHEN WILL JESUS BRING THE PORK CHOPS?**, by George Carlin (Hyperion)
-
- 31 **SHADOW DIVERS**, by Robert Kurson (Random House)
-
- 32 **THE GREAT INFLUENZA**, by John M. Barry (Penguin)
-
- 33 **A SHORT HISTORY OF NEARLY EVERYTHING**, by Bill Bryson (Broadway)
-
- 34 **I HOPE THEY SERVE BEER IN HELL**, by Tucker Max (Citadel)
-
- 35 **CONSPIRACY OF FOOLS**, by Kurt Eichenwald (Broadway)
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Advice, How-To and Miscellaneous

HARDCOVER

- 1 **NATURAL CURES “THEY” DON’T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT**, by Kevin Trudeau. (Alliance Publishing Group, \$29.95.) Remedies that do not include drugs or surgery. (†) 28
- 2 **LOVE SMART**, by Phil McGraw. (Free Press, \$26.) Dr. Phil gives advice on finding a relationship or fixing the one you already have. 6
- 3 **BAD CHILDHOOD — GOOD LIFE**, by Laura Schlessinger. (HarperCollins, \$24.95.) How to keep past troubles from causing present-day unhappiness. 2
- 4 **THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE**, by Rick Warren. (Zondervan, \$19.99.) The meaning of life through God. (†) 157
- 5 **YOUR BEST LIFE NOW**, by Joel Osteen. (Warner Faith, \$19.99.) A faith-based approach to living with enthusiasm. (†) 64

PAPERBACK

- 1 **365: NO REPEATS**, by Rachael Ray. (Clarkson Potter, \$19.95.) A year’s worth of dinner recipes from the Food Network host. 11
- 2 **THE SOUTH BEACH DIET**, by Arthur Agatston. (St. Martin’s, \$14.95 and \$7.99.) A weight-loss plan devised by a Miami cardiologist. 33
- 3 **THE BIGGEST LOSER**, by Maggie Greenwood-Robinson et al. (Rodale, \$18.95.) A diet and exercise program adapted from the weight-loss reality TV show. 4
- 4 **THE ULTIMATE WEIGHT SOLUTION**, by Phil McGraw. (Free Press, \$15; Pocket, \$7.99.) Dr. Phil identifies “seven keys” to losing weight. 12
- 5 **WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU’RE EXPECTING**, by Heidi Murkoff, Arlene Eisenberg and Sandee Hathaway. (Workman, \$13.95.) For parents-to-be. (†) 248

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- 6 **THE SONOMA DIET**, by Connie Guttersen (Meredith)
- 7 **REAL MONEY**, by James J. Cramer (Simon & Schuster)
- 8 **YOU: THE OWNER’S MANUAL**, by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz (HarperResource)
- 9 **THE LITTLE BOOK THAT BEATS THE MARKET**, by Joel Greenblatt (Wiley)
- 10 **SHINE**, by Star Jones Reynolds (Collins)
- 11 **THE SOUTH BEACH DIET QUICK & EASY COOKBOOK**, by Arthur Agatston (Rodale)
- 12 **JEFF FOXWORTHY’S REDNECK DICTIONARY**, by Jeff Foxworthy et al. (Villard)
- 13 **DAILY READINGS FROM YOUR BEST LIFE NOW**, by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
- 14 **THE AMAZING POWER OF DELIBERATE INTENT**, by Esther and Jerry Hicks. (Hay House)
- 15 **HEALTHY AGING**, by Andrew Weil (Knopf)

PAPERBACK

- 6 **THE WORLD ALMANAC AND BOOK OF FACTS 2006**, (World Almanac)
- 7 **SUPERFOODS RX**, by Steven Pratt and Kathy Matthews (Harper)
- 8 **WHY DO MEN HAVE NIPPLES?**, by Mark Leyner and Billy Goldberg (Three Rivers)
- 9 **RICH DAD, POOR DAD**, by Robert T. Kiyosaki with Sharon L. Lechter (Warner)
- 10 **30-MINUTE GET REAL MEALS**, by Rachael Ray (Clarkson Potter)
- 11 **THE ABS DIET** by David Zinczenko with Ted Spiker (Rodale)
- 12 **THE AUTOMATIC MILLIONAIRE**, by David Bach (Broadway)
- 13 **J.K. LASSER’S YOUR INCOME TAX 2006**, by J.K. Lasser Institute (Wiley)
- 14 **THE POWER OF INTENTION**, by Wayne W. Dyer (Hay House)
- 15 **1,000 PLACES TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIE**, by Patricia Schultz (Workman)

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Children's Best Sellers

This Week PICTURE BOOKS

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1	FANCY NANCY , by Jane O'Connor. Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. (HarperCollins, \$15.99.) A glamour girl dresses her family up and takes them out on the town. (Ages 4 to 7)	3	2
2	FAIRYOPOLIS: A FLOWER FAIRIES JOURNAL , written and illustrated by Cicely Mary Barker. (Warne, \$19.99.) Fairies I have known; the 1923 sketchbook and diary of a supernaturalist. (Ages 8 and up)	1	11
3	ENCYCLOPEDIA PREHISTORICA: DINOSAURS , by Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart. (Candlewick, \$26.99.) A pop-up dinosaur compendium. (Ages 5 and up)	2	26
4	A FAMILY OF POEMS , by Caroline Kennedy. Illustrated by Jon J. Muth. (Hyperion, \$19.95.) An anthology of the author's favorite children's verse. (All ages)	4	20
5	THE GIFT OF NOTHING , written and illustrated by Patrick McDonnell. (Little, Brown, \$14.99.) What do you get somebody who has everything? (Ages 3 to 8)		4
6	THE LITTLE ENGINE THAT COULD , by Watty Piper. Illustrated by Loren Long. (Philomel, \$17.99.) New illustrations for the classic story of a small train, a big hill and the power of determination. (Ages 3 and up)	9	3
7	HIGH IN THE CLOUDS , by Paul McCartney, Geoff Dunbar and Philip Ardagh. (Dutton, \$19.99.) A squirrel and his friends search for a fabled land where animals live free. (Ages 4 to 8)		3
8	ZEN SHORTS , written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth. (Scholastic, \$16.95.) Stillwater the giant panda tells classic Zen tales to his young neighbors. (Ages 4 to 8)		24
9	TAILS , written and illustrated by Matthew Van Fleet. Edited by Skip Skwarek. (Red Wagon/Harcourt, \$12.95.) All about them: furry ones and rough ones, long ones and stumpy ones. (Ages 2 to 5)	5	86
10	POETRY SPEAKS TO CHILDREN , edited by Elise Paschen. Illustrated by Judy Love et al. (Sourcebooks, \$19.95.) A collection of poems, read aloud on an accompanying CD. (Ages 6 and up)	7	4

This Week CHAPTER BOOKS

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1	ELDEST , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, \$21.) Eragon in the land of elves; Book 2 in the Inheritance trilogy. (Ages 12 and up)	1	21
2	SMALL STEPS , by Louis Sachar. (Delacorte, \$16.95.) Trying to adjust to life outside Camp Green Lake, Armpit helps a pop star in trouble; a follow-up to "Holes." (Ages 10 and up)		1
3	AVALON HIGH , by Meg Cabot. (HarperCollins, \$16.99.) Ellie is noticing strange parallels between her new high school and the legends of King Arthur's court. (Ages 12 and up)	3	3
4	INKSPELL , by Cornelia Funke. (Chicken House/Scholastic, \$19.99.) When an escaped fictional character returns to his book, the reader Meggie is trapped there too; a sequel to "Inkheart." (Ages 10 and up)	2	18
5	CHARACTER IS DESTINY , by John McCain with Mark Salter. (Random House, \$23.95.) A compilation of inspiring stories meant to instruct. (All ages)	6	11
6	THE PENDERWICKS , by Jeanne Birdsall. (Knopf, \$15.95.) On vacation, four sisters befriend a local boy to the dismay of his snobbish mother. (Ages 9 to 12)	5	9
7	FLUSH , by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$16.95.) To free his father from jail, Noah must catch a casino owner whose boat is polluting the Florida Keys. (Ages 9 to 12)	4	19
8	THE TALE OF DESPEREAUX , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering. (Candlewick, \$17.99.) A mouse, a rat and a simple servant girl embark on a magical journey. (Ages 10 and up)	9	89
9	FAIRY DUST AND THE QUEST FOR THE EGG , by Gail Carson Levine. Illustrated by David Christiana. (Disney Press, \$16.99.) Prilla, the newest fairy in Never Land, tries to discover her talent. (Ages 6 to 9)	8	20
10	MERCY WATSON TO THE RESCUE , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Chris Van Dusen. (Candlewick, \$12.99.) Mercy the pig (a k a porcine wonder) just wants to be part of the family. (Ages 6 to 8)	10	21

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1	THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA , by C. S. Lewis. (HarperCollins, \$19.99.) Through the wardrobe with the Pevensie siblings and friends. (Ages 9 and up)	1	33
2	THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE , by C. S. Lewis. (HarperCollins/HarperTrophy, \$10.95 and \$5.99.) The Pevensie siblings discover the land of Narnia on the other side of the wardrobe. (Ages 9 and up)	2	30
3	ERAGON , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, \$9.95.) A boy and a young dragon must navigate a bewildering world of dark powers. (Ages 12 and up)	3	38
4	INKHEART , by Cornelia Funke. (Scholastic, \$7.99.) An evil character escapes from the book a girl is reading and turns up in her house. (Ages 10 and up)	6	31
5	THE IT GIRL , by Cecily von Ziegesar. (Little, Brown, \$9.99.) Jenny leaves Manhattan, and the Gossip Girls, to attend the elite Waverly Academy. (Ages 14 and up)	4	10
6	NOTHING CAN KEEP US TOGETHER , by Cecily von Ziegesar. (Little, Brown, \$9.99.) Blair finds Nate and Serena kissing; a Gossip Girl novel. (Ages 14 and up)	7	13
7	HOOT , by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$8.95.) Trying to solve a mystery, a boy newly arrived in Florida encounters bizarre people. (Ages 10 and up)	8	85
8	INVASION OF THE BOY SNATCHERS , by Lisi Harrison. (Little, Brown, \$9.99.) Alicia's Spanish cousin knows how to flirt; a Clique novel. (Ages 14 and up)	5	16
9	NANNY MCPHEE , by Christianna Brand. Illustrated by Edward Ardizzone. (Bloomsbury, \$7.95.) The collected tales of Nurse Matilda, first published more than 40 years ago and now the basis for the movie "Nanny McPhee." (Ages 7 to 12)		1
10	HOLES , by Louis Sachar. (Dell Yearling, \$6.50.) A boy who has been unjustly sent to a detention center tries to solve a mystery. (Ages 10 and up)		169

This Week SERIES

This Week		Last Week	Weeks On List
1	HARRY POTTER , by J. K. Rowling. (Levine/Scholastic, hardcover and paperback.) A boy wizard hones his skills and battles evil at Hogwarts. (Ages 10 and up)	1	68
2	A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS , by Lemony Snicket. (HarperCollins, hardcover only.) The chronicles of the poor Baudelaire siblings. (Ages 10 and up)	2	68
3	BARTIMAEUS , by Jonathan Stroud. (Miramax/Hyperion, hardcover and paperback.) A djinni and a magician's apprentice battle evil plotters. (Ages 10 and up)	3	4
4	OLOGIES , by Dugald A. Steer. Various illustrators. (Candlewick, hardcover only.) Collected wisdom about dragons, wizards and other phantasms. (Ages 9 to 12)	5	18
5	THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS , by Ann Brashares. (Delacorte, hardcover and paperback.) Four friends share magical pants. (Ages 12 and up)	4	51
6	JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER , by Barbara Park. Illustrated by Denise Brunkus. (Stepping Stone/Random House, hardcover and paperback.) It's a whole new school year for Junie B. Jones. (Ages 4 to 8)	6	68
7	MAGIC TREE HOUSE , by Mary Pope Osborne. Illustrated by Sal Murdocca. (Stepping Stone/Random House, hardcover and paperback.) Children travel to the past in a spinning tree house. (Ages 6 to 9)	8	68
8	WARRIORS: THE NEW PROPHECY , by Erin Hunter. (HarperCollins, hardcover only.) Four clans of cat warriors fight for survival in a threatened forest. (Ages 10 to 14)	7	3
9	REDWALL , by Brian Jacques. (Philomel, hardcover and paperback.) A battle of good and evil among mice, rats and other woodland animals. (Ages 8 and up)	9	32
10	PENDRAGON , by D. J. MacHale. (Aladdin, hardcover and paperback.) A teenage boy travels through time and space. (Ages 10 and up)	10	26

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ended January 14, at almost 4,000 bookstores plus wholesalers serving 50,000 other retailers (gift shops, department stores, newsstands, supermarkets), statistically weighted to represent all such outlets nationwide. An asterisk (*) indicates that a book's sales are barely distinguishable from those of the book above. A dagger (†) indicates that some bookstores report receiving bulk orders. Expanded rankings are available at The New York Times on the Web: nytimes.com/books.

Editor's Choice

SELF-MADE MAN: *One Woman's Journey Into Manhood and Back Again*, by Norah Vincent. (Viking, \$24.95.) An artful journalist cross-dresses to learn otherwise unavailable truths.

BOUVARD AND PÉCUCHE, by Gustave Flaubert. (Dalkey Archive, \$13.95.) Mark Polizzotti's new translation of Flaubert's last (and unfinished) novel about a pair of precious idiots.

THE POEMS OF CHARLES REZNIKOFF 1918-1975. (*Black Sparrow*, cloth, \$45; paper, \$21.95.) The work of a fine, industrious poet who named his themes: "Jewish, American, urban."

MAIMONIDES, by Sherwin B. Nuland. (*Next-book/Schocken*, \$19.95.) The life and work of the 12th-century Jewish physician and philosopher.

THE FEMALE OF THE SPECIES: *Tales of Mystery and Suspense*, by Joyce Carol Oates. (Otto Penzler/Harcourt, \$24.) Thrills and cheap thrills by a master of this genre and most of the others.

COVERING: *The Hidden Assault on Our Civil Rights*, by Kenji Yoshino. (Random House, \$24.95.) A gay Japanese-American law professor examines pressures to conform in public.

THE COLONY, by John Tayman. (*Lisa Drew/Scribner*, \$27.50.) A history of the leper colony at Molokai, an institution the author finds far more coercive than the medical facts justified.

THE REASONS I WON'T BE COMING: *Stories*, by Elliot Perlman. (Riverhead, \$24.95.) Quiet, often powerful exercises in voice and style.

REGARDS: *The Selected Nonfiction of John Gregory Dunne*. (*Thunder's Mouth*, paper, \$16.95.) Twenty-eight engaging articles from Dunne's 40 years as a distinguished writer, a career that ended with his heart attack in 2003.

GIRLS OF TENDER AGE: *A Memoir*, by Mary-Ann Tirone Smith. (Free Press, \$24.) A mature, even witty, account of childhood darkened by an autistic brother and the murder of a friend.

THE EVOLUTION-CREATION STRUGGLE, by Michael Ruse. (Harvard University, \$25.95.) A philosopher of science interprets the "struggle" as a clash between metaphysical world pictures.

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

Paperback Row

FREE WORLD: America, Europe, and the Surprising Future of the West, by Timothy Garton Ash. (Vintage, \$14.95.) In this eloquent call for trans-Atlantic unity, Garton Ash, an Oxford scholar and self-described "historian of the present," builds his case on a close reading of American and European history since World War II, and highlights several concerns — terrorism, global warming, poverty in the developing world — that should unite both sides of the Atlantic. Our reviewer, Serge Schmemmann, said Garton Ash "is a wonderful writer, with a bottomless bag of anecdotes, quotes, historical precedents and pithy judgments."

THE MEMORY OF RUNNING, by Ron McLarty. (Penguin, \$14.) McLarty's first novel follows a picaresque hero's recovery from loneliness. Going through his parents' possessions after their sudden deaths, Smithson Ide, known as Smithy, a 43-year-old Vietnam veteran, learns that his long-lost sister has turned up in a Los Angeles morgue. Getting on his childhood bicycle, the 279-pound Smithy leaves his home in Rhode Island, eventually pedaling cross-country to reclaim her body. Chapters alternate between Smithy's on-the-road adventures and Ide family history. Bonnie Marson explores the transformative power of music in her first novel, **SLEEPING WITH SCHUBERT** (Ballantine, \$13.95). Her heroine, a lawyer in present-day Brooklyn, is inhabited by the spirit of the 19th-century composer Franz Schubert, and her debut performance on a department store piano leads to a full-fledged world tour.

TATTOO FOR A SLAVE, by Hortense Calisher. (*Harvest/Harcourt*, \$14.) Calisher's elliptical memoir stretches across two centuries, and wrestles with a grim legacy as she comes to believe that her family — Southern, German and Jewish — may have been slaveholders.

QUEEN OF SCOTS: The True Life of Mary Stuart, by John Guy. (*Mariner/Houghton Mifflin*, \$16.95.) A great-granddaughter of Henry VII, Mary Stuart was crowned queen of Scots before her first birthday in 1543 and married the French dauphin at 15. In Guy's scrupulous account, Mary was a shrewd and charismatic young ruler who had to cope with scheming Protestant noblemen and the wrath of her cousin, Elizabeth I of England. (Elizabeth's prisoner for 18 years, Mary was executed in 1587.) "Guy's scholarly biography, as enthralling as a detective story, provides a wider vision of Tudor history and shows with stunning clarity how the historical narrative was shaped," Gerard Kilroy wrote here.

NEW AND SELECTED POEMS, by Michael Ryan. (*Mariner/Houghton Mifflin*, \$14.) This collection represents three decades of work, gathering together new poems with selections from three previous volumes. Cruelty, pain and the inescapability of our past are recurring themes; in "The Use of Poetry," a free-verse narrative blends the tragic (a child's disappearance) with the trivial (Christmas party chitchat).

STEALING GOD'S THUNDER: Benjamin Franklin's Lightning Rod and the Invention of America, by Philip Dray. (Random House,

\$14.95.) This compact, absorbing book deals first and foremost with the invention of the lightning rod, but it also does justice to Franklin's curiosity about smallpox, botany, wood-burning stoves, musical glass disks, mesmerism, fossils and ballooning. In **EDISON AND THE ELECTRIC CHAIR: A Story of Light and Death** (Walker, \$15), Mark Essig recounts the race between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse to build an electrical empire in the 1880's, and Edison's furtive contribution to the invention and use of the electric chair.

SIGHTSEEING: Stories, by Rattawat Lapcharoensap. (Grove, \$12.) The seven stories in this dazzling debut are set in Thailand, where Lapcharoensap, now 26, has lived much of his life. His narrators, spirited and idiosyncratic, tap into both the Thailand of Westerners' dreams and the Thailand plagued by social and economic inequality. "Cockfighter," about a young girl whose father trains fighting cocks, displays the author's gift for quick details that capture not only his Thai milieu, but teenage life everywhere. "When he's really going strong, Lapcharoensap is a commanding, animated tour guide," Darin Strauss wrote here.

LEONARDO DA VINCI: Flights of the Mind, by Charles Nicholl. (Penguin, \$18.) Nicholl vividly tells Leonardo's well-known life story. He pores over Leonardo's manuscripts, searching for "the real man, who lived in real time" as opposed to "Leonardo the superhuman." Our reviewer, David Gelernter, called Nicholl "witty, penetrating and fetchingly romantic."

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