

# The New York Times Best Sellers

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This Week	HARDCOVER — FICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	<b>THE HELP</b> , by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	2	47
2	<b>WORST CASE</b> , by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A New York detective raising 10 children alone investigates a string of kidnappings and killings of teenagers by a villain with unusual motives.	1	3
3	<b>THE LOST SYMBOL</b> , by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	3	23
4	<b>POOR LITTLE BITCH GIRL</b> , by Jackie Collins. (St. Martin's, \$26.99.) Hollywood murder, three beautiful 20-something high school friends, a hot New York club owner.	6	2
5	<b>WINTER GARDEN</b> , by Kristin Hannah. (St. Martin's, \$26.99.) After their father's death, two sisters must cooperate to run his apple orchard and care for their difficult mother.	4	3
6	<b>THE MAN FROM BEIJING</b> , by Henning Mankell. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A massacre in a tiny Swedish village has roots in the past and on other continents.	1	
7	<b>THE THREE WEISSMANNS OF WESTPORT</b> , by Cathleen Schine. (Sarah Crichton/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25.) Two sisters — one logical, one emotional — move in with their mother when her ex-husband kicks her out of the family apartment; a tribute to Austen's "Sense and Sensibility."	1	
8	<b>THE POSTMISTRESS</b> , by Sarah Blake. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$25.95.) Ordinary life in a Massachusetts small town and an American radio reporter in England in the 1940s.	8	2
9	<b>FLIRT</b> , by Laurell K. Hamilton. (Berkley, \$23.95.) Anita Blake, vampire hunter, and the males in her life.	5	3
10*	<b>HORNS</b> , by Joe Hill. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) After the rape and murder of his girlfriend, a distraught young man discovers that he has grown horns.	1	
11	<b>THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE</b> , by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Swedish hacker becomes a murder suspect.	11	19
12	<b>THE MIDNIGHT HOUSE</b> , by Alex Berenson. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Who is killing members of a secret unit that interrogated terrorists? The C.I.A. agent John Wells is on the case.	9	2
13	<b>BRAVA, VALENTINE</b> , by Adriana Trigiani. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) An Italian-American shoemaker faces challenges at work, in her family and in love; the second book in a trilogy.	7	2
14*	<b>KISSER</b> , by Stuart Woods. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Stone Barrington, the New York cop turned lawyer, pursues a case of financial fraud on the Upper East Side.	10	5
15	<b>THE LAST SURGEON</b> , by Michael Palmer. (St. Martin's, \$26.99.) A surgeon and a nurse track a killer whose specialty is murders that don't look like murder.	1	

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1	<b>GAME CHANGE</b> , by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) Behind the scenes at the 2008 election with Barack Obama, Bill and Hillary Clinton, John and Elizabeth Edwards, John McCain and Sarah Palin.	1	6
2	<b>THE POLITICIAN</b> , by Andrew Young. (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's, \$24.99.) A tell-all by John Edwards's closest aide.	2	4
3	<b>THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS</b> , by Rebecca Skloot. (Crown, \$26.) Race, poverty and science intertwine in the story of the woman whose cancer cells were cultured without her permission in 1951 and have supported a mountain of research undertaken since then.	6	3
4	<b>I AM OZZY</b> , by Ozzy Osbourne with Chris Ayres. (Grand Central, \$26.99.) Recollections of heavy metal's "Prince of Darkness."	4	4
5	<b>WILLIE MAYS</b> , by James S. Hirsch. (Scribner, \$30.) The life and career of a baseball legend.	8	2
6*	<b>ON THE BRINK</b> , by Henry M. Paulson Jr. (Grand Central, \$28.99.) The Treasury secretary during the financial meltdown describes the decisions that were made.	5	3
7	<b>HAVE A LITTLE FAITH</b> , by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	10	21
8*	<b>STONES INTO SCHOOLS</b> , by Greg Mortenson. (Viking, \$26.95.) Building schools, many of them for girls, in northeast Afghanistan; takes up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off.	7	12
9	<b>STAYING TRUE</b> , by Jenny Sanford. (Ballantine, \$25.) The ups and downs of life with South Carolina's Gov. Mark Sanford, by his estranged wife.	3	3
10	<b>COMMITTED</b> , by Elizabeth Gilbert. (Viking, \$26.95.) The author of "Eat, Pray, Love" wrestles with, and overcomes, her ambivalence about marriage.	9	7
11	<b>OUTLIERS</b> , by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	12	66
12*	<b>DRIVE</b> , by Daniel H. Pink. (Riverhead, \$26.95.) What really motivates people is the quest for autonomy, mastery and purpose, not external rewards.	6	
13	<b>THE CHECKLIST MANIFESTO</b> , by Atul Gawande. (Metropolitan/Holt, \$24.50.) Following checklists makes surgery safer and other activities more efficient, a doctor argues.	15	7
14	<b>MAKING ROUNDS WITH OSCAR</b> , by David Dosa. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A nursing-home cat who comforts patients when death is near.	13	3
15	<b>THE QUANTS</b> , by Scott Patterson. (Crown Business, \$27.) How a new breed of math whizzes conquered Wall Street and nearly destroyed it.	1	

This Week	HARDCOVER — ADVICE, HOW-TO AND MISC.	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	<b>SWITCH</b> , by Chip Heath and Dan Heath. (Broadway, \$26.) (†)		1
2	<b>THE KIND DIET</b> , by Alicia Silverstone. (Rodale, \$29.99.)	1	8
3	<b>THE HAPPINESS PROJECT</b> , by Gretchen Rubin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$25.99.)	4	8
4	<b>SO LONG, INSECURITY</b> , by Beth Moore. (Tyndale House, \$24.99.) (†)	2	3
5	<b>MASTERING THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING, VOL. 1</b> , by Julia Child, Simone Beck and Louise Bertolle. (Knopf, \$40.)	3	22
6*	<b>ACT LIKE A LADY, THINK LIKE A MAN</b> , by Steve Harvey with Denene Millner. (Amistad/HarperCollins, \$23.99.)	5	53
7	<b>THE SECRET</b> , by Rhonda Byrne. (Atria/Beyond Words, \$23.95.)		151
8	<b>MOJO</b> , by Marshall Goldsmith with Mark Reiter. (Hyperion, \$26.99.) (†)	9	2
9	<b>THE 4-HOUR WORKWEEK</b> , by Timothy Ferriss. (Crown, \$22.)		64
10*	<b>THE MAYO CLINIC DIET</b> , by the Mayo Clinic staff. (Good Books, \$25.99.)	8	7

  

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1	<b>FOOD RULES</b> , by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, \$11.)	1	8
2	<b>WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING</b> , by Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel. (Workman, \$14.95.) (†)	4	448
3	<b>COOK THIS, NOT THAT!</b> , by David Zinczenko and Matt Goulding. (Rodale, \$19.99.)	2	5
4	<b>THE BELLY FAT CURE</b> , by Jorge Cruise. (Hay House, \$19.95.)	5	5
5	<b>THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES</b> , by Gary Chapman. (Northfield, \$13.99.)	3	134
6	<b>THE LOVE DARE</b> , by Stephen and Alex Kendrick with Lawrence Kimbrough. (B&H, \$14.99.) (†)	6	74
7	<b>THE POWER OF NOW</b> , by Eckhart Tolle. (New World Library, \$14.)	10	86
8	<b>SKINNY BITCH</b> , by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin. (Running Press, \$13.95.)	8	133
9*	<b>THE 4 DAY DIET</b> , by Ian K. Smith. (St. Martin's Griffin, \$14.99.)		3
10	<b>THE PURPOSE-DRIVEN LIFE</b> , by Rick Warren. (Zondervan, \$14.99.)	7	70

This Week	PAPERBACK — TRADE FICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	<b>THE LAST SONG</b> , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$14.99.) A 17-year-old spends the summer with her father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love.	4	
2	<b>A RELIABLE WIFE</b> , by Robert Goolrick. (Algonquin, \$14.95.) Complications ensue when a wealthy Wisconsin widower in 1907 advertises for a spouse.	7	
3	<b>LITTLE BEE</b> , by Chris Cleave. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.) The lives of a British woman and a Nigerian girl collide.	1	
4	<b>DEAR JOHN</b> , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$13.99.) An unlikely romance between a soldier and an idealistic young woman is tested after 9/11.	24	
5	<b>THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO</b> , by Stieg Larsson. (Vintage, \$14.95.) A hacker and a journalist investigate the disappearance of a Swedish heiress.	35	
6	<b>SHANGHAI GIRLS</b> , by Lisa See. (Random House, \$15.) Two Chinese sisters in the 1930s are sold as wives to men from California.	3	
7	<b>THE TIME TRAVELER'S WIFE</b> , by Audrey Niffenegger. (Harvest/Harcourt, \$14.95.) Life with a dashing librarian who travels back and forth through time.	36	
8	<b>THE LOVELY BONES</b> , by Alice Sebold. (Back Bay, \$14.99.) A girl looks down from heaven as she describes the aftermath of her kidnapping and murder.	23	
9	<b>THE SHACK</b> , by William P. Young. (Windblown Media, \$14.99.) A man whose daughter was abducted is invited to an isolated shack, apparently by God. (†)	92	
10	<b>LOOK AGAIN</b> , by Lisa Scottoline. (St. Martin's Griffin, \$13.99.) A reporter learns that her adopted son may have been abducted from his birth mother.	2	
11	<b>SARAH'S KEY</b> , by Tatiana de Rosnay. (St. Martin's Griffin, \$13.95.) A contemporary American journalist investigates what happened to a little girl and her family during the roundup of Jews in Paris in 1942.	54	
12	<b>SHUTTER ISLAND</b> , by Dennis Lehane. (Harper Perennial, \$14.99.) A United States marshal hunts for a beautiful patient escaped from a hospital for the criminally insane on an island in Boston's outer harbor.	2	
13	<b>OLIVE KITTERIDGE</b> , by Elizabeth Strout. (Random House, \$14.) A seventh-grade math teacher is the link in 13 stories set on the Maine coast; a 2009 Pulitzer winner.	44	
14	<b>THE ART OF RACING IN THE RAIN</b> , by Garth Stein. (Harper Paperbacks, \$14.99.) An insightful Lab-terrier mix helps his owner, a struggling race car driver.	37	
15	<b>THE FORGOTTEN GARDEN</b> , by Kate Morton. (Washington Square, \$15.) From England to Australia and back again, two women try to solve a family mystery.	1	
16*	<b>CUTTING FOR STONE</b> , by Abraham Verghese. (Vintage, \$15.95.) Twin brothers, conjoined and then separated, grow up amid the political turmoil of Ethiopia.	4	
17	<b>TRUE COLORS</b> , by Kristin Hannah. (St. Martin's Griffin, \$14.99.) Two sisters grow up in a small Washington town, betray each other and eventually reconcile.	7	
18	<b>THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY</b> , by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. (Dial, \$14.) A journalist meets the island's old Nazi-resisters.	42	
19*	<b>THE ALCHEMIST</b> , by Paulo Coelho. (HarperOne, \$13.95.) A Spanish shepherd boy goes to Egypt in search of treasure.	124	
20	<b>PUSH</b> , by Sapphire. (Vintage, \$12.95.) An abused, illiterate 16-year-old in Harlem meets a teacher who helps change her life; the basis for the film "Precious."	26	

This Week	PAPERBACK — MASS-MARKET FICTION	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	<b>DEAR JOHN</b> , by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$7.99.) An unlikely romance between a soldier and an idealistic young woman is tested after 9/11.	13	
2	<b>FIRST FAMILY</b> , by David Baldacci. (Vision, \$9.99.) Former Secret Service agents, now P.I.'s, search for a child abducted after a party at Camp David.	1	
3	<b>SHUTTER ISLAND</b> , by Dennis Lehane. (Harper, \$7.99.) A United States marshal hunts for a beautiful patient escaped from a hospital for the criminally insane on an island in Boston's outer harbor.	8	
4	<b>PLEASURE OF A DARK PRINCE</b> , by Kresley Cole. (Pocket, \$7.99.) A werewolf prince exploits the desires of the archer he is determined to protect; part of the Immortals After Dark series.	1	
5	<b>THE SCARECROW</b> , by Michael Connelly. (Grand Central, \$9.99.) A Los Angeles Times reporter tracks a devious killer.	4	
6	<b>HOT ROCKS</b> , by Nora Roberts. (Jove, \$7.99.) In this novel, previously published in "Remember When" (2003), the owner of an antiques shop is chased by an enigmatic stranger.	4	
7	<b>ONE DAY AT A TIME</b> , by Danielle Steel. (Dell, \$7.99.) A Hollywood mother and her daughters all find love.	3	
8*	<b>THE LOVELY BONES</b> , by Alice Sebold. (Little, Brown, \$7.99.) A girl looks down from heaven as she describes the aftermath of her kidnapping and murder.	20	
9	<b>MOONLIGHT ROAD</b> , by Robyn Carr. (Mira, \$7.99.) A woman seeking seclusion near Virgin River meets a scruffy mountain man, actually a doctor recently back from the Navy.	1	
10	<b>FIRST DROP OF CRIMSON</b> , by Jeaniene Frost. (Avon/HarperCollins, \$7.99.) A woman's survival depends on a powerful vampire who lusts for her.	2	
11	<b>THE SILENT MAN</b> , by Alex Berenson. (Jove, \$9.99.) The C.I.A. agent John Wells is on the case when Islamic terrorists steal Russian nuclear warheads.	4	
12*	<b>TATE</b> , by Linda Lael Miller. (HQN, \$7.99.) Tate McKettrick, divorced dad and ranch man, reunites with his high school sweetheart.	4	
13	<b>NIGHT AND DAY</b> , by Robert B. Parker. (Berkley, \$9.99.) Jesse Stone, the police chief of Paradise, Mass., chases a voyeur who forces women to strip at gunpoint.	3	
14	<b>BACK IN BLACK</b> , by Lori Foster. (Berkley, \$7.99.) A public relations expert is called in to smooth the rough edges of the president of an SBC fighting organization.	3	
15	<b>ANGEL'S PEAK</b> , by Robyn Carr. (Mira, \$7.99.) A formerly commitment-phobic pilot learns his old Air Force girlfriend left him while pregnant with his daughter.	4	
16	<b>THE ELUSIVE BRIDE</b> , by Stephanie Laurens. (Avon/HarperCollins, \$7.99.) A former officer of the Crown, a love-struck lady, a deadly assassin; part of the Black Cobra Quartet.	4	
17*	<b>THE DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL</b> , by Greg Iles. (Pocket Star, \$9.99.) The mayor of Natchez, Miss., pursues a killer who opposes his attempt to clean up riverboat gambling.	8	
18	<b>PURSUIT</b> , by Karen Robards. (Signet, \$7.99.) A lawyer survives a suspicious car crash that killed the first lady.	2	
19	<b>STEPHEN COONTS' DEEP BLACK: SEA OF TERROR</b> , by Stephen Coonts and William H. Keith. (St. Martin's, \$7.99.) Japanese eco-terrorists and Middle East extremists join forces to attack America.	2	
20	<b>THE ASSOCIATE</b> , by John Grisham. (Dell, \$9.99.) An idealistic law-school graduate is forced to take a job at a large, brutalizing firm.	20	

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1	<b>THE BLIND SIDE</b> , by Michael Lewis. (Norton, \$13.95.) The evolving business of football, viewed through the rise of the left tackle Michael Oher.		21
2	<b>THREE CUPS OF TEA</b> , by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. (Penguin, \$15.) A former climber builds schools in villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan.		160
3*	<b>THE LOST CITY OF Z</b> , by David Grann. (Vintage Departures, \$15.95.) A New Yorker writer searches for a British explorer who was lost in the Amazon in 1925.		4
4	<b>ARE YOU THERE, VODKA? IT'S ME, CHELSEA</b> , by Chelsea Handler. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$16.) Humorous personal essays from the comedian.		8
5	<b>MY HORIZONTAL LIFE</b> , by Chelsea Handler. (Bloomsbury, \$14.95.) A memoir of one-night stands.		69
6	<b>FREAKONOMICS</b> , by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Harper Perennial, \$15.99.) A scholar and a journalist apply economic theory to nearly everything.		26
7	<b>EAT, PRAY, LOVE</b> , by Elizabeth Gilbert. (Penguin, \$15.) A writer's yearlong journey in search of self.		159
8*	<b>THE SURVIVORS CLUB</b> , by Ben Sherwood. (Grand Central, \$14.99.) True stories of how faith, luck and genetics play into the ability to overcome adversity.		2
9	<b>THE TIPPING POINT</b> , by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$14.95.) A study of social epidemics, otherwise known as fads.		281
10	<b>A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES</b> , by Howard Zinn. (Harper Perennial, \$18.95.) An account from the point of view of women, African-Americans and others who are often marginalized.		4
11	<b>BLINK</b> , by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$15.99.) Instinct in the workings of the mind.		123
12*	<b>I HOPE THEY SERVE BEER IN HELL</b> , by Tucker Max. (Citadel/Kensington, \$15.95.) Life as a self-absorbed, drunken womanizer.		125
13	<b>A PATRIOT'S HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES</b> , by Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen. (Sentinel, \$21.95.) America as a "city on a hill." (†)		2
14	<b>IN DEFENSE OF FOOD</b> , by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, \$15.) A manifesto urges us to "Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants."		37
15	<b>THE OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA</b> , by Michael Pollan. (Penguin, \$16.) Tracking food from soil to plate.		125
16	<b>THE GLASS CASTLE</b> , by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$15.) The author recalls a bizarre childhood during which she and her siblings were constantly on the move. (†)		166
17	<b>SAME KIND OF DIFFERENT AS ME</b> , by Ron Hall and Denver Moore with Lynn Vincent. (Nelson, \$14.99.) An unlikely friendship begins at a shelter in Texas.		70
18	<b>NO ANGEL</b> , by Jay Dobyns and Nils Johnson-Shelton. (Three Rivers, \$15.) As a federal agent, Dobyns infiltrated the inner circle of the Hells Angels motorcycle club.		1
19*	<b>THE POSSESSED</b> , by Elif Batuman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$15.) Essays about Russian books and the people who read them.		1
20	<b>THE NEXT 100 YEARS</b> , by George Friedman. (Anchor, \$15.95.) The analyst and forecaster's global predictions for the coming century.		2

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ending Feb. 20, at many thousands of venues where a wide range of general interest books are sold nationwide. These include hundreds of independent book retailers (statistically weighted to represent all such outlets); national, regional and local chains; online and multimedia entertainment retailers; university, gift, supermarket, discount department stores and newsstands. 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. Among those categories not actively tracked are: perennial sellers; required classroom reading; text, reference and test preparation guides; journals and workbooks; calorie counters; shopping guides; comics and crossword puzzles. Expanded rankings are available on the Web: [nytimes.com/books](http://nytimes.com/books).