The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	January 1, 1978 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SILMARILLION, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Houghton Mifflin, \$10.95.) Middle Earth in pre-Hobbit days.	1	15
2	THE THORN BIRDS, by Colleen McCullough. (Harper & Row, \$9.95.) Australian family saga.	2	33
3	THE HONORABLE SCHOOLBOY, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$10.) Espionage in Hong Kong.	3	13
4	ILLUSIONS, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$5.95.) Messiah barnstorms Middle America.	5	29
5	BEGGARMAN, THIEF, by Irwin Shaw. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) The next generation of Jordaches takes over.	4	11
6	DANIEL MARTIN, by John Fowles. (Little, Brown, \$12.95.) English screenwriter reviews his life.	7	15
7	THE BOOK OF MERLYN, by Terence H. White. (University of Texas Press, \$9.95.) Missing book of "The Once and Future King."	8	13
8	DYNASTY, by Robert S. Elegant. (McGraw-Hill, \$10.95.) Saga of a Eurasian family in Hong Kong over three generations.	11	20
9	DREAMS DIE FIRST, by Harold Robbins. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Hustler-type girlie magazine publisher.	6	10
10	THE IMMIGRANTS, by Howard Fast. (Houghton Mifflin, \$6.95.) Ambition and love in turn-of-the-century San Francisco.	9	12
11	DELTA OF VENUS, by Anais Nin. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$10.) Elegant erotica written for a wealthy patron.	12	22
12	THE WOMEN'S ROOM, by Marilyn French. (Summit Books, \$10.95.) Woman's rough road to liberation.	13	5
13	THE SECOND DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$9.95.) Cop tracks down a painter's murderer.	10	16
14	KG 200, by J.D. Gilman and John Clive. (Simon & Schuster, \$8.95.) Secret Luftwaffe unit flies Allied planes.		1
15	THE BLACK MARBLE, by Joseph Wambaugh. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) Cops and dogknappers in Southern California.		1

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1	ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's Press, \$10.) More adventures of a Yorkshire vet.	1	18
2	THE BOOK OF LISTS, by David Wallechhinsky, Irving Wallace and Amy Wallace. (Morrow, \$10.95.) Facts that entertain.	2	29
3	GNOMES, text by Wil Huygen, illustrated by Rien Poortvliet. (Harry N. Abrams, \$14.95.) Everything you wanted to know about the little people.	5	6
4	THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUNNING, by James F. Fixx. (Random House, \$10.) For fun and health.	3	6
5	THE AMITYVILLE HORROR, by Jay Anson. (Prentice-Hall, \$7.95.) Haunted house in suburbia.	4	9
6	SIX MEN, by Allistair Cooke. (Knopf, \$8.95.) Profiles of public men he knew.	6	12
7	THE COUNTRY DIARY OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY, by Edith Holden. (Holt, \$14.95.) Record kept by a nature lover and illustrator.	8	8
8	LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE, by Robert Ringer. (Cromwell, \$9.95.) How to get yours.	7	26
9	THE SECOND RING OF POWER, by Carlos Castaneda. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Sorceress tests Castaneda.	9	3
10	THE CAMERA NEVER BLINKS, by Dan Rather with Mickey Herskowitz. (Morrow, \$10.) TV newsman's story.	10	23
11	THE DRAGONS OF EDEN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$8.95.) How human intelligence evolved: a scientist's speculation.	11	29
12	DOWN THE SEINE AND UP THE POTOMAC WITH ART BUCHWALD, by Art Buchwald. (Putnam's, \$10.95.) His best columns over 25 years.	13	3
13	ESSAYS OF E.B. WHITE, by E.B. White. (Harper & Row, \$12.50.) Observations on things large and small.	14	11
14	EVEN BIG GUYS CRY, by Alex Karras and Herb Gluck. (Harper & Row, \$12.50.) Pro football player's story.		1
15	ORIGINS, by Richard E. Leakey and Roger Lewin. (Dutton, \$17.95.) Early mankind - the scientific view.		3