The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 3, 1995 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	FROM POTTER'S FIELD, by Patricia Cornwell. (Scribner, \$24.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta on the trail of a serial killer in Central Park.	1	3
2	BEACH MUSIC, by Pat Conroy. (Talese/Doubleday, \$27.50.) An American living in Rome returns to South Carolina and tries to cope with his troubled past.	2	8
3	MEMNOCH THE DEVIL, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$25.) The vampire Lestat is snatched from the world by a mysterious adversary who claims to be the Devil.	3	6
4	THE CELESTINE PROPHECY, by James Redfield. (Warner, \$17.95.) An ancient manuscript, found in Peru, provides insights into achieving a fulfilling life.	5	79
5	LIGHTNING, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$24.95.) The happy marriage of a lawyer and her husband is suddenly changed after she gets a routine checkup.	4	6
6	THE RAINMAKER, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$25.95.) A young man barely out of law school tries to expose a corporation's multibillion-dollar scam.	6	19
7	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$17.95.) A photographer and a farmer's lonely wife in Iowa.	7	160
8	FOR THE ROSES, by Julie Garwood. (Pocket, \$23.) A late-19th-century woman with a checkered past investigates her identity, resulting in romance.	9	2
9	BELGARATH THE SORCERER, by David and Leigh Eddings. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$25.95.) A fantasy about the start of a 7,000-year-long global conflict.	12	3
10	POLITICALLY CORRECT BEDTIME STORIES, by James Finn Garner. (Macmillan, \$8.95.) Classic tales respun to avoid offending current sensibilities.	11	63
11	ROSE MADDER, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$25.95.) Fleeing an abusive husband, a woman seeks happiness in a strange city by creating her own myth.	8	10
12	STORMY WEATHER, by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$24.) A hurricane sweeping across southern Florida leaves in its wake troubled tourists and con artists.		1
13	DANGEROUS TO KNOW, by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (HarperCollins, \$24.) A journalist investigates the death of her former husband, a philanthropist.	10	6
14	THE WITNESS, by Sandra Brown. (Warner, \$21.95.) A public defender who seems happy in her work and her marriage is plunged into a morass of bigotry and hate.	13	10
15	DISNEY'S POCAHONTAS. (Mouse Works, \$6.98.) The romance of an American Indian princess and an Englishman, told in words and pictures.	14	8

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1	TO RENEW AMERICA, by Newt Gingrich. (HarperCollins, \$24.) The Speaker of the House describes his solutions to the country's problems.	1	8
2	MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.	3	78
3	A GOOD WALK SPOILED, by John Feinstein. (Little, Brown, \$23.95.) A sportswriter reports on the P.G.A. Tour in 1993 and 1994.	5	11
4	NEW PASSAGES, by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$25.) How changing social conditions and longer life expectancies are affecting our lives.	2	11
5	BEYOND ALL REASON, by David Smith with Carol Calef. (Kensington, \$18.95.) The former husband of Susan Smith, the woman convicted of killing their two sons, tells of their life together.	4	4
6	SPONTANEOUS HEALING, by Andrew Weil. (Knopf, \$23.) Ways in which the body heals itself.	7	13
7	SLEEPERS, by Lorenzo Carcaterra. (Ballantine, \$23.) The true story, the narrator claims, of four boys in a reformatory and the revenge they later take.	6	6
8	SISTERS. Essays by Carol Saline. Photographs by Sharon J. Wohlmuth. (Running Press, \$27.50.) The relationships of 36 sets of sisters.	9	36
9	MY OLD MAN AND THE SEA, by David Hays and Daniel Hays. (Algonquin, \$19.95.) A sailing yarn about a father-and-son voyage from Connecticut around Cape Horn.	8	4
10	IN THEIR NAME, edited by Clive Irving. (Random House, \$25.) The Oklahoma City bombing: the stories of those it affected, told in words and pictures.		1
11	WHEN ELEPHANTS WEEP, by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson and Susan McCarthy. (Delacorte, \$23.95.) The emotional lives of animals.	14	8
12	DARK SUN, by Richard Rhodes. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.50.) How and why the hydrogen bomb was made.		1
13	DAVE BARRY'S COMPLETE GUIDE TO GUYS, by Dave Barry. (Random House, \$21.) A humorist explains the strange ways of a species of males called "guys."	10	14
14	THE DEATH OF COMMON SENSE, by Philip K. Howard. (Random House, \$18.) How governmental rules and regulations are fettering the lives of all Americans.	11	29
15	THE LIARS' CLUB, by Mary Karr. (Viking, \$22.95.) A poet recalls her childhood as a member of a troubled family in East Texas during the early 1960's.	12	4