The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 20, 1992 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	WHERE IS JOE MERCHANT? by Jimmy Buffett. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) A couple on a wild chase through the Caribbean on the trail of a deceased rock star who has been sighted there.	5	4
2	THE PELICAN BRIEF, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$22.50.) A woman law student probes the murder of two Supreme Court justices.	2	28
3	GERALD'S GAME, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$23.50.) Twenty-eight hours of horror suffered by a woman handcuffed to a bedpost.	1	10
4	WAITING TO EXHALE, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$22.) The friendships and romances of four black women in Phoenix.	3	17
5	THE VOLCANO LOVER, by Susan Sontag. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) The story of Lord Nelson, his lover Emma Hamilton and her spouse.	4	4
6	ALL THAT REMAINS, by Patricia D. Cornwell. (Scribners, \$20.) Searching for the truth behind the strange deaths of five young couples in Virginia.	6	4
7	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$14.95.) A photographer and a lonely farmer's wife in Iowa.	12	6
8	SWEET LIAR, by Jude Deveraux. (Pocket, \$22.) In New York, a Kentucky woman copes with a mystery dating back to the Roaring Twenties.	7	4
9	NIGHT OF THE HAWK, by Dale Brown. (Fine/ Putnam, \$22.95.) American airmen and marines undertake to rescue a serviceman in Lithuania.	8	4
10	THE SECRET HISTORY, by Donna Tartt. (Knopf, \$23.) A half-dozen close friends at a small college must deal with the consequences of a crime they committed.		1
11	COLONY, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$20.) A 90-year-old South Carolina woman recalls her life at a Maine summer retreat.	9	10
12	FATHERLAND, by Robert Harris. (Random House, \$21.) A thriller set in the Third Reich 20 years after Hitler wins World War II.	10	11
13	TANGLED VINES, by Janet Dailey. (Little, Brown, \$21.95.) Visiting her native Napa Valley, a television star encounters shades of her unhappy childhood and romance with the heir to a winery.	14	2
14	BEFORE AND AFTER, by Rosellen Brown. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$21.) A tragic event in a New England town pits members of a family against one another.		1
15	POSSESSING THE SECRET OF JOY, by Alice Walker. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) The struggles of an African woman to come to terms with the consequences of female circumcision.	11	14

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1	EVERY LIVING THING, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$22.95.) Continuing the memoirs of the Yorkshire veterinarian.	1	3
2	THE SILENT PASSAGE, by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$16.) The psychological and social significance of menopause for today's women.	2	17
3	TRUMAN, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the 33d President.	3	14
4	THE LAST TSAR, by Edvard Radzinsky. (Doubleday, \$25.) The life of Nicholas II and his family, and their assassination in 1918; based in part on newly available material.	4	7
5	EARTH IN THE BALANCE, by Al Gore. (Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The Vice- Presidential candidate discusses factors affecting the environment and what must be done to save it.	5	15
6	THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE, by Rush H. Limbaugh 3d. (Pocket, \$22.) Anecdotes and opinions offered by the radio talk show host.		1
7	WOMEN WHO RUN WITH THE WOLVES, by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. (Ballantine, \$20.) A Jungian analyst reinterprets myths and folk tales to enable women to understand their psyches.	7	6
8	DIANA: HER TRUE STORY, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.) A biography of the Princess of Wales.	6	12
9	YOUNG MEN & FIRE, by Norman Maclean. (University of Chicago, \$19.95.) An account of a disastrous fire in a Montana forest in 1949.	8	3
10	MARILYN: THE LAST TAKE, by Peter Harry Brown and Patte B. Barham. (Dutton, \$23.) Did intrigues in Hollywood boardrooms and in the Kennedys' circle lead to Marilyn Monroe's death?	9	5
11	CARE OF THE SOUL, by Thomas Moore. (HarperCollins, \$20.) A psychotherapist's discussion of spirituality and everyday life.		1
12	UP IN THE OLD HOTEL, by Joseph Mitchell. (Pantheon, \$27.50.) Three dozen pieces about Manhattan life, published in The New Yorker during the past half-century.		1
13	REVOLUTION FROM WITHIN, by Gloria Steinem. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) The reflections of a feminist on the struggle to achieve self-esteem.	13	34
14	SAM WALTON: MADE IN AMERICA, by Sam Walton with John Huey. (Doubleday, \$22.50.) The autobiography of the man who became the richest American by creating the Wal-Mart store chain.	10	13
15	LINCOLN AT GETTYSBURG, by Garry Wills. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) The address delivered on Nov. 19, 1863, and how it has affected American life.	12	10