

# The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | December 21, 1997<br>Fiction  | Last Week | Weeks On List |
|-----------|---|-----------|---------------|
| 1         | COLD MOUNTAIN, by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War.   | 1         | 24            |
| 2         | CAT & MOUSE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) Alex Cross contends with two serial killers determined to take his life.   | 3         | 5             |
| 3         | THE GHOST, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$25.95.) On a trip to New England, a man whose life has gone awry finds answers to his problems in diaries in an old trunk.                              | 2         | 5             |
| 4         | ANOTHER CITY, NOT MY OWN, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$25.) The O. J. Simpson murder trial as witnessed and participated in by a journalist.  | 4         | 4             |
| 5         | THE LETTER, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.95.) In the last volume of the "Christmas Box" trilogy, the Parkin family recovers from its lingering grief over the loss of a daughter. | 5         | 8             |
| 6         | A CERTAIN JUSTICE, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25.) Adam Dalgliesh in pursuit of the murderer of a celebrated and widely detested criminal lawyer.  | 14        | 2             |
| 7         | SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, by Jonathan Kellerman. (Bantam, \$24.95.) Alex Delaware pursues the killer of a diplomat's teen-age daughter.  | 8         | 4             |
| 8         | COMANCHE MOON, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$28.50.) Two Texas Rangers, veterans of "Lonesome Dove," battle defiant Comanche Indians who are determined to defend their way of life.      | 7         | 6             |
| 9         | WOBEGON BOY, by Garrison Keillor. (Viking, \$24.95.) After moving to New York, the manager of a radio station comes to terms with his Midwestern heritage.  | 13        | 4             |
| 10        | THE WINNER, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$25.) The tribulations of a dirt-poor woman who reluctantly participates in a scam to win the national lottery.  | --        | 1             |
| 11        | THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS, by Arundhati Roy. (Random House, \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.   | 11        | 19            |
| 12        | THE CHRISTMAS BOX, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) When a family moves in with a widow, they all learn the significance of Christmas.   | 12        | 25            |
| 13        | VIOLIN, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$25.95.) From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.  | 6         | 8             |
| 14        | THE MATARESE COUNTDOWN, by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam, \$27.50.) A C.I.A. officer struggles to thwart the return of an international cabal of power brokers.  | 10        | 8             |
| 15        | LUCKY YOU, by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$24.) A maverick journalist undertakes to help a woman whose winning Florida lottery ticket has been stolen.   | 9         | 6             |

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| This Week | December 21, 1997<br>Non-Fiction  | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1         | MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$25.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.  | 1         | 179           |
| 2         | ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.   | 3         | 66            |
| 3         | THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES, by Monty Roberts. (Random House, \$23.) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer.   | 2         | 18            |
| 4         | THE DARK SIDE OF CAMELOT, by Seymour M. Hersh. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) A reappraisal of the private and public life of John F. Kennedy.   | 6         | 4             |
| 5         | CITIZEN SOLDIERS, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) The United States Army from Normandy to the Bulge to Germany's surrender.   | 4         | 5             |
| 6         | THE PERFECT STORM, by Sebastian Junger. (Norton, \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.  | 5         | 28            |
| 7         | INTO THIN AIR, by Jon Krakauer. (Villard, \$24.95.) A journalist's account of his ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.                                       | 7         | 33            |
| 8         | DIRTY JOKES AND BEER, by Drew Carey. (Hyperion, \$22.95.) Observations on his life and life in general by the comedian.   | 8         | 11            |
| 9         | DIANA: HER TRUE STORY -- IN HER OWN WORDS, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) An updated version of a 1992 book about the Princess of Wales.                                  | 9         | 9             |
| 10        | SOURCES OF STRENGTH, by Jimmy Carter. (Times Books/Random House, \$23.) Inspirational meditations on the Bible by the former President.   | --        | 2             |
| 11        | CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of good and evil, guilt and sin.  | 10        | 53            |
| 12        | TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.                               | 11        | 9             |
| 13        | WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) Recollections of a 50's girlhood on Long Island, in the orbit of the Brooklyn Dodgers.                            | 12        | 7             |
| 14        | THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans.  | 13        | 48            |
| 15        | THE ROYALS, by Kitty Kelley. (Warner, \$27.) Gossip about the lives of members of the House of Windsor.   | 15        | 11            |
| 16        | TRUMP: The Art of the Comeback, by Donald J. Trump with Kate Bohner. (Times Books/Random House, \$25.95.) The New York businessman tells how he recovered from his brush with bankruptcy. | --        | 2             |