

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 2, 1979 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	SOPHIE'S CHOICE, by William Styron. (Random House, \$12.95.) The nature of evil explored through the story of two doomed lovers.	1	11
2	THE LAST ENCHANTMENT, by Mary Stewart. (Morrow, \$11.95.) Further adventures of King Arthur.	2	4
3	THE MATARESE CIRCLE, by Robert Ludlum. (Richard Marek, \$12.50.) The top American and Soviet agents save Western civilization.	3	24
4	THE THIRD WORLD WAR: August 1985, by General Sir John Hackett and Other Top-ranking NATO Generals and Advisors. (Macmillan, \$12.95.) A history of the global war to come.	5	17
5	CLASS REUNION, by Rona Jaffe. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) Four Radcliffe girls in the 1950's, and what happens to them between graduation and their 20th reunion.	6	13
6	SHIBUMI, by Trevanian. (Crown, \$10.95.) Nicholai Hel, professional assassin, takes on an international terror organization.	4	16
7	THE ISLAND, by Peter Benchley. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) A journalist undertakes to solve a "Bermuda triangle" style mystery.	8	15
8	WAR AND REMEMBRANCE, by Herman Wouk. (Little, Brown, \$15.) The Henry family of "The Winds of War" during World War II.	7	46
9	THERE'S NO SUCH PLACE AS FAR AWAY, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$6.95.) Homilies about love and friendship in the spirit of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."	9	11
10	TINSEL, by William Goldman. (Delacorte, \$10.95.) Under the tinsel of Hollywood lies tinsel.	--	1
11	GOOD AS GOLD, by Joseph Heller. (Simon & Schuster, \$12.95.) The ambitions and agonies of some American Jews.	12	24
12	CHESAPEAKE, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$12.95.) Four centuries of Maryland's Eastern Shore.	10	53
13	A WOMAN OF SUBSTANCE, by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (Doubleday, \$12.95.) Self-made woman tycoon vs. her children.	11	3
14	HANTA YO, by Ruth Beebe Hill. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) Multigenerational saga of American Indian culture.	14	27
15	GHOST STORY, by Peter Straub. (Coward, McCann & Geogheghan, \$10.95.) An eerie tale of psychic possession and supernatural doings in contemporary America.	13	19

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1	THE COMPLETE SCARSDALE MEDICAL DIET, by Herman Tarnower, M.D. and Samm Sinclair Baker. (Rawson, Wade, \$7.95.) A plan to lose up to 20 pounds in 14 days.	1	31
2	CRUEL SHOES, by Steve Martin. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Zany satire by a young television comedian.	2	14
3	THE PRITIKIN PROGRAM, by Nathan Pritikin with Patrick M. McGrady, Jr. (Grosset & Dunlap, \$12.95.) A prescription for health and long life.	3	17
4	HOW TO PROSPER DURING THE COMING BAD YEARS, by Howard J. Ruff. (Times Books, \$8.95.) Personal investment guide.	4	27
5	BROCA'S BRAIN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$12.95.) Reflections on the romance of science by a leading astronomer and geophysicist.	5	11
6	THE BRONX ZOO, by Sparky Lyle and Peter Golenbock. (Crown, \$8.95.) A behind-the-scenes look at the temperamental Yankees by their former star reliever.	7	21
7	THE MEDUSA AND THE SNAIL, by Lewis Thomas. (Viking, \$8.95.) Essays by a biology watcher.	6	14
8	THE WHITE ALBUM, by Joan Didion. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Astringent essays about the decline and fall of the 60's.	9	7
9	THE POWERS THAT BE, by David Halberstam. (Knopf, \$15.) Four news empires -- The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Time Inc, and CBS.	8	16
10	I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN, by Barbara Gordon. (Harper & Row, \$8.95.) Autobiography of a successful TV producer whose life suddenly collapses.	12	9
11	MARTHA, by Winzola McLendon. (Random House, \$12.95.) The life of that pop heroine of Watergate times, Martha Mitchell.	--	1
12	THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUNNING, by James F. Fixx. (Random House, \$10.) For fun and health.	10	87
13	FEED YOUR KIDS RIGHT, by Lendon Smith, M.D. (McGraw Hill, \$9.95.) How to, by a pediatrician.	13	6
14	THE GREAT SHARK HUNT, by Hunter S. Thompson. (Summit Books, \$14.95.) Ray, iconoclastic "new journalism" from the druggy and desperate 1960's and 70's.	--	1
15	TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, by John J. Sirica. (Norton, \$15.) The Federal judge who presided at the Watergate trial reconsiders the case.	--	16