

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 11, 1988 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SANDS OF TIME, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$19.95.) Four nuns become pawns in a struggle between the Spanish Army and Basque separatists.	1	4
2	THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan races to the rescue of an American secret agent.	3	19
3	ONE, by Richard Bach. (Silver Arrow/Morrow, \$17.95.) A man and his wife find themselves in a fantasy world.	4	6
4	THE QUEEN OF THE DAMNED, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$18.95.) Continuing the chronicle of 6,000 years of vampirism begun in "Interview With the Vampire" and "The Vampire Lestat."	2	8
5	THE POLAR EXPRESS, written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.95.) A small boy's Christmas Eve train ride.	5	15
6	DEAR MILI, by Wilhelm Grimm. (di Capua/ Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$16.95.) A recently discovered tale by the 19th-century folklorist, illustrated by Maurice Sendak.	6	4
7	ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.	8	24
8	ANYTHING FOR BILLY, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) The exploits of Billy the Kid, as shared by a dime-novel writer.	7	8
9	MITLA PASS, by Leon Uris. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A writer's struggles with his heritage and two loves reach a climax during the 1956 Sinai War.	9	6
10	FINAL FLIGHT, by Stephen Coonts. (Doubleday, \$18.95.) Colonel Qazi, an "international terrorist," plots to steal American nuclear weapons.	10	9
11	BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.	11	12
12	DRAGONSDAWN, by Anne McCaffrey. (Del Rey/ Ballantine, \$18.95.) The colonists who settle on a paradisiacal planet make plans to defend it.	12	6
13	TILL WE MEET AGAIN, by Judith Krantz. (Crown, \$19.95.) The exploits of a woman and her two daughters from pre-World War I Paris to present-day Los Angeles.	14	18
14	THE SHELL SEEKERS, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A woman and a painting tie together three generations of an English family.	13	43
15	PEACHTREE ROAD, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (Harper & Row, \$18.95.) The stormy relationship of two well-born cousins matures amid Atlanta's evolution from quiet town to world metropolis.	--	3

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1	GRACIE, by George Burns. (Putnam, \$16.95.) The life of Gracie Allen, recalled by her widower.	1	4
2	ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$15.95.) Inspirational essays.	2	6
3	CHILD STAR, by Shirley Temple Black. (McGraw- Hill, \$19.95.) The film actress's autobiography.	4	5
4	THE LAST LION, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) The second volume of a biography of Winston Churchill, covering the years 1932-40.	3	8
5	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A scientist's review of efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	5	34
6	DON'T BEND OVER IN THE GARDEN, GRANNY, YOU KNOW THEM TATERS GOT EYES, by Lewis Grizzard. (Villard, \$15.95.) Humor with a Southern accent.	6	4
7	THE FIRST SALUTE, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Knopf, \$22.95.) A historian's view of the American Revolution.	8	9
8	GOLDWATER, by Barry M. Goldwater with Jack Casserly. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The memoirs of the longtime Senator from Arizona.	10	7
9	A BRIGHT SHINING LIE, by Neil Sheehan. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of Lieut. Col. John Paul Vann that is also a history of American involvement in Vietnam.	9	7
10	TALKING STRAIGHT, by Lee Iacocca with Sonny Kleinfield. (Bantam, \$21.95.) More experiences and opinions of the Chrysler chairman.	7	23
11	SEVEN STORIES OF CHRISTMAS LOVE, by Leo Buscaglia. (Slack, \$12.95.) The advocate of caring and love recalls experiences during holidays past.	--	8
12	PRESS ON! by Chuck Yeager and Charles Leerhsen. (Bantam, \$17.95.) The legendary pilot on flying, the outdoors and his West Virginia roots.	--	7
13	SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE, by Leo Damore. (Regnery Gateway, \$19.95.) A reporter's reassessment of Chappaquiddick.	12	18
14	CHRISTMAS IN AMERICA, edited by David Cohen. (Collins Publishers, \$35.) An album of pictures taken by 100 photographers.	--	1
15	WILLIE, by Willie Nelson with Bud Shrake. (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) The autobiography of the country music star.	--	1
16	"WHAT DO YOU CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK?" by Richard P. Feynman with Ralph Leighton. (Norton, \$17.95.) Memoirs of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist.	11	2