The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 21, 1980 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE COVENANT, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$15.95.) Fifteen thousand years of South African history.	1	9
2	THE KEY TO REBECCA, by Ken Follett. (Morrow, \$12.95.) German espionage in Cairo during the desert campaigns of 1942.	2	13
3	FIRESTARTER, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$13.95.) Eight year old Charlie can look at anything and turn it into flames.	3	18
4	COME POUR THE WINE, by Cynthia Freeman. (Arbor House, \$12.95.) A woman's long journey to self-discovery.	5	10
5	UNFINISHED TALES, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.) Hitherto unpublished fragments of writing about Middle-earth.	6	5
6	LOON LAKE, by E.L. Doctorow. (Random House, \$11.95.) The strange, lyrical adventures of a young man during the Depression.	4	12
7	THE HIDDEN TARGET, by Helen MacInnes. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$12.95.) Young American woman caught up in an international terrorists' plot.	12	5
8	THE FIFTH HORSEMAN, by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre. (Simon & Schuster, \$13.95.) Libyan terrorists have planted a thermonuclear device in New York and there are only 24 hours to find it.	7	15
9	RAGE OF ANGELS, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$12.95.) An idealistic young woman lawyer triumphs over two vengeful men.	8	26
10	THE ORIGIN, by Irving Stone. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) Biographical novel of Charles Darwin.	10	17
11	MANCHU, by Robert Elegant. (McGraw-Hill, \$12.95.) An Englishman caught up in the intrigues of 17th-century China.	14	4
12	THE CLAN OF THE CAVE BEAR, by Jean M. Auel. (Crown, \$12.95.) A saga of Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal men, who inhabited Europe 35,000 years ago.	9	9
13	THE SECOND LADY, by Irving Wallace. (New American Library, \$11.95.) The American President's wife is kidnapped in Moscow and a look-alike substituted.	13	9
14	THE TENTH COMMANDMENT, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$12.95.) The pint-sized investigator of a large law firm sets out to unravel the strange conduct of some of its most important clients.	11	14
15	THE RING, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$10.95.) Members of a German family torn asunder by the Nazis find each other and romance in present-day America.		6

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1	COSMOS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$19.95.) Thirteen billion years of the universe's evolution explained by the NASA medal-winning space scientist: tie-in to the current PBS television series.	1	7
2	CRISIS INVESTING, by Douglas R. Casey. (Stratford Press/Harper, \$12.50.) "Opportunities for investing in the coming Great Depression."	2	16
3	SIDE EFFECTS, by Woody Allen. (Random House, \$8.95.) The comedian's observations on sex, death, religion and almost everything else.	3	10
4	THE SKY'S THE LIMIT, by Wayne Dyer. (Simon & Schuster, \$10.95.) Prescription for "achieving perfection of body and mind."	4	12
5	PETER THE GREAT, by Robert K. Massie. (Knopf, \$17.95.) The life of the 18th-century Czar who brought Russia into the modern world.	6	7
6	AMERICAN DREAMS, by Studs Terkel. (Pantheon, \$14.95.) One hundred ordinary men and women talk about their hopes and fears.	10	9
7	GOODBYE, DARKNESS, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$14.95.) A memoir of the Pacific war.	7	12
8	INGRID BERGMAN: MY STORY, by Ingrid Bergman and Alan Burgess. (Delacorte, \$14.95.) The actress's personal life as well as her career.	9	13
9	CRAIG CLAIBORNE'S GOURMET DIET, by Craig Claiborne with Pierre Franey. (Times Books, \$10.95.) Recipes for eating well, losing weight and maintaining good health.	5	19
10	BETTY CROCKER'S INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK. (Random House, \$12.95.) A completely new collection of recipes under a long-established name.	8	5
11	FREE TO CHOOSE, by Milton & Rose Friedman. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$9.95.) The Nobel laureate economist and his wife discuss the relationship of government and the economy: tie-in to the PBS television series.	11	46
12	A FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIRDS, by Roger Tory Peterson. (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.) Completely revised guide for eastern North America.	14	5
13	THE COMING CURRENCY COLLAPSE, by Jerome F. Smith. (Books in Focus, \$12.95.) An "investment survival manual" for the 80's.	13	2
14	MUSIC FOR CHAMELEONS, by Truman Capote. (Random House, \$10.95.) Reminiscences, vignettes and a long fact-crime piece.		16
15	NOTHING DOWN, by Robert G. Allen. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) How to buy real estate with little or no cash.	12	33