

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 13, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	I, ALEX CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Tracking the murderer of a relative, Alex Cross discovers a wild Washington scene with explosive secrets.	1	2
2	PIRATE LATITUDES, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon; this manuscript was found in Crichton's files after his death in 2008.	--	1
3	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	3	11
4	UNDER THE DOME, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$35.) When a Maine town is trapped by an invisible force field, a sanctimonious and hypocritical politician takes over.	2	3
5	BREATHLESS, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$28.) Mysterious animals in the Colorado Rockies set off intrigue and suspense.	--	1
6	FORD COUNTY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi.	4	4
7	FIRST LORD'S FURY, by Jim Butcher. (Ace, \$25.95.) With their survival at stake, Alerans prepare for a final battle in the sixth book of the Alera fantasy cycle.	--	1
8	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	5	35
9	THE WRECKER, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In 1907, a detective tracks a mysterious saboteur all over the West.	6	2
10	THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love.	12	12
11	PURSUIT OF HONOR, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$27.99.) The counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp must teach politicians about national security following a new Qaeda attack.	10	7
12	THE GATHERING STORM, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.99.) Book 12 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	9	5
13	THE LACUNA, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A young American growing up in Mexico becomes friends with Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky; later, in the United States, he is menaced by McCarthyism.	8	4
14	TRUE BLUE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) An ex-cop in Washington struggles to clear her name.	7	5
15	THE SCARPETTA FACTOR, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Apparent threats on Kay Scarpetta's life make her hesitate when a TV producer wants her to star in a show.	11	6

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1	GOING ROGUE, by Sarah Palin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$28.99.) A memoir by the former Alaska governor and vice-presidential candidate.	1	2
2	HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	3	9
3	OPEN, by Andre Agassi. (Knopf, \$28.95.) The tennis champion's autobiography.	2	3
4	SUPERFREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$29.99.) A scholar and a journalist apply economic thinking to everything: the sequel.	7	6
5	ARGUING WITH IDIOTS, written and edited by Glenn Beck, Kevin Balfe and others. (Mercury Radio Arts/Threshold Editions, \$29.99.) The case against big government.	4	10
6	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	11	11
7	A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$19.95.) Christmas memories from the former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential aspirant.	5	3
8	WHAT THE DOG SAW, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A decade of New Yorker essays.	6	6
9	THE IMPERIAL CRUISE, by James Bradley. (Little, Brown, \$29.99.) In 1905, during a diplomatic journey organized by Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft negotiated secret agreements with several Asian countries.	--	1
10	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	9	54
11	LAST WORDS, by George Carlin with Tony Hendra. (Free Press, \$26.99.) The life of the comedian, who died in 2008.	8	3
12	TOO BIG TO FAIL, by Andrew Ross Sorkin. (Viking, \$32.95.) The 2008 financial implosion on Wall Street and in Washington, by a New York Times reporter and columnist.	10	6
13	WHEN THE GAME WAS OURS, by Larry Bird and Earvin "Magic" Johnson with Jackie MacMullan. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26.) Two great basketball players discuss their careers, their long rivalry and their eventual friendship.	13	4
14	THE BOOK OF BASKETBALL, by Bill Simmons. (Ballantine/ESPN, \$30.) ESPN.com's Sports Guy crunches big questions in N.B.A. history.	12	5
15	THE NATIONAL PARKS, by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns. (Knopf, \$50.) A companion to the PBS series.	--	4