

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	January 12, 1997 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	AIRFRAME, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$26.) A young woman investigates a near disaster that befell a plane on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.	1	4
2	EXECUTIVE ORDERS, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the President and most of the Cabinet, Congress, the Joint Chiefs and the Supreme Court.	2	20
3	DESPERATION, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$27.95.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.	5	14
4	SILENT HONOR, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$24.95.) The attack on Pearl Harbor has tragic consequences for Japanese-American families.	4	8
5	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.	3	22
6	THE CHRISTMAS TREE, by Julie Salamon. (Random House, \$12.95.) The lifelong friendship between a nun and a fir tree reaches a happy conclusion at Rockefeller Center.	8	4
7	THE NOTEBOOK, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.	6	12
8	THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN, by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Viking, \$23.95.) The disappearance of a 3-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.	9	16
9	THE REGULATORS, by Richard Bachman. (Dutton, \$24.95.) Killings and other horrors disrupt a quiet suburban town in Ohio.	12	14
10	THE FALLEN MAN, by Tony Hillerman. (HarperCollins, \$24.) Two Navajo policemen investigate the mysterious death of a man atop a sacred mountain.	7	6
11	THE LAWS OF OUR FATHERS, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.95.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 60's.	11	11
12	MY GAL SUNDAY, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) An ex-President and his Congresswoman wife investigate four crimes in the capital.	10	11
13	THE RUNAWAY JURY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$26.95.) A woman in a Mississippi Gulf Coast town sues a tobacco company for causing her husband's death.	--	23
14	"M" IS FOR MALICE, by Sue Grafton. (Wood/Holt, \$25.) Murder results when sons in line to inherit a family fortune seek their long-missing black sheep brother.	--	7
15	THE THIRD TWIN, by Ken Follett. (Crown, \$25.95.) A research scientist's study of genetic components brings her frightening experiences and romance.	15	10

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1	A REPORTER'S LIFE, by Walter Cronkite. (Knopf, \$26.95.) From Kansas City newsboy to newspaper reporter to television anchorman: a memoir.	1	4
2	THE DILBERT PRINCIPLE, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$22.) A satirical look, in words and cartoons, at the current foibles of business and management.	3	37
3	MY SERGEI, by Ekaterina Gordeeva with E. M. Swift. (Warner, \$18.95.) A memoir of the Russian ice skater Sergei Grinkov, who died in 1995, by his longtime partner and wife.	2	9
4	ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.	4	17
5	DOGBERT'S TOP SECRET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$16.) More observations on the foibles of the business world, reported in words and cartoons.	5	12
6	I'M NOT REALLY HERE, by Tim Allen. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) Discussions of the irritations and delights of middle-aged men by the star of "Home Improvement."	9	6
7	FOREVER, ERMA, by Erma Bombeck. (Andrews & McMeel, \$22.95.) More than 190 pieces written over 31 years by the syndicated columnist, who died last year.	6	9
8	LIVING FAITH, by Jimmy Carter. (Times Books/Random House, \$23.) The former President looks back at his life through the lens of his religious beliefs.	8	6
9	EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO MY OPINION, by David Brinkley. (Knopf, \$20.) Commentaries on events during the past 15 years by the television newscaster.	7	7
10	DOWN IN THE GARDEN, by Anne Geddes. (Cedco, \$49.95.) A collection of photographs of infants dressed up as flora and fauna, with brief comments.	10	8
11	THE SOUL'S CODE, by James Hillman. (Random House, \$23.) A psychologist analyzes the elements that make up each person's essence.	--	8
12	SLOUCHING TOWARDS GOMORRAH, by Robert H. Bork. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$25.) An indictment of modern liberalism by the former judge.	14	15
13	JAMES HERRIOT'S FAVORITE DOG STORIES, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$17.95.) Ten tales recounted by the Yorkshire veterinarian, who died in 1995.	12	15
14	UNDAUNTED COURAGE, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark's exploration.	11	42
15	MY STORY, by Sarah, the Duchess of York, with Jeff Coplon. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.) The autobiography of the former member of the British royal family.	15	7