

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 28, 2008 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	SCARPETTA, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$27.95.) The forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta takes an assignment in New York City.	1	2
2	THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright. (Threshold Editions, \$19.99.) A boy learns from his disappointment with his mother's gift.	2	5
3	CROSS COUNTRY, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Alex Cross chases the leader of a lethal teenage gang.	3	4
4	THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE, by David Wroblewski. (Ecco, \$25.95.) A mute takes refuge with three dogs in the Wisconsin woods after his father's death.	4	27
5	THE HOST, by Stephenie Meyer. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) One woman won't surrender to the aliens who have taken control.	8	31
6	JUST AFTER SUNSET, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28.) Short stories blending fantasy and psychological realism.	6	5
7	ARCTIC DRIFT, by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In his 20th adventure, Dirk Pitt searches for a crucial element that will help reverse global warming.	5	3
8	THE LUCKY ONE, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A marine returning home sets out to track down the woman whose photo he found in Iraq.	12	11
9	THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED, by Wally Lamb. (Harper, \$29.95.) A man reconstructs five generations of family history.	7	5
10	A MERCY, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, \$23.95.) In 17th-century America, a slave mother urges a Northern farmer to buy her daughter so that she can have a better life.	13	5
11	DIVINE JUSTICE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.) Members of Washington's Camel Club rally to save their leader, who is hiding out in the town of Divine, Va.	11	6
12	THE CHARLEMAGNE PURSUIT, by Steve Berry. (Ballantine, \$26.) The former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone searches for the truth about his father's death on a secret submarine mission to the Antarctic.	9	2
13	YOUR HEART BELONGS TO ME, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$27.) A man is stalked by a woman who resembles the donor of the heart he received in a transplant operation.	10	3
14	THE GATE HOUSE, by Nelson DeMille. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) In a sequel to "The Gold Coast" (1990) a tax attorney and his ex-wife explore a reconciliation.	15	7
15	THE PRIVATE PATIENT, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25.95.) Cmdr. Adam Dalgliesh investigates the murder of a journalist who had been a patient at a private clinic.	14	4
16	THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. (Dial, \$22.) After World War II, a journalist travels to the island of Guernsey to meet residents who resisted the Nazi occupation.	--	15

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This Week	December 28, 2008 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed — it has to do with luck and opportunity — from the author of “Blink” and “The Tipping Point.”	1	4
2	DEWEY, by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. (Grand Central, \$19.99.) The kitten left freezing in the returned-book slot of an Iowa public library and his rise to fame.	2	13
3	AMERICAN LION, by Jon Meacham. (Random House, \$30.) Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, in the White House, by the editor of Newsweek.	3	5
4	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	5	12
5	MULTIPLE BLESSINGS, by Jon Gosselin, Kate Gosselin and Beth Carson. (Zondervan, \$19.) A couple has sextuplets.	4	8
6	TOO FAT TO FISH, by Artie Lange with Anthony Bozza. (Spiegel & Grau, \$24.95.) Humorous memories from the comedian, a member of the cast of “The Howard Stern Show.”	6	5
7	WHY WE SUCK, by Denis Leary. (Viking, \$26.95.) Sardonic essays from the actor and comedian, currently the co-creator and star of the TV series “Rescue Me.”	7	4
8	HOT, FLAT, AND CROWDED, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.95.) How a green revolution can renew America, by the New York Times columnist.	10	14
9	THE SNOWBALL, by Alice Schroeder. (Bantam, \$35.) The life of Warren Buffett.	8	11
10	DO THE RIGHT THING, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$25.95.) A campaign memoir and statement of principles from the former Republican presidential aspirant.	9	4
11	NO LIMITS, by Michael Phelps with Alan Abrahamson. (Free Press, \$26.) Secrets of the swimmer's success.	--	1
12	THE AMERICAN JOURNEY OF BARACK OBAMA, by the editors of Life magazine. (Little, Brown, \$24.99.) Photographs and essays, starting with Obama's birth in Hawaii.	12	6
13	WISHFUL DRINKING, by Carrie Fisher. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.) A memoir based on Fisher's one-woman show.	--	1
14	ANNIE LEIBOVITZ AT WORK, by Annie Leibovitz. (Random House, \$40.) Memorable photographs, and a text — part memoir, part commentary.	15	4
15	THE ASCENT OF MONEY, by Niall Ferguson. (Penguin Press, \$29.95.) A financial history of the world, stressing the link between politics and economics.	14	3