

The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | April 5, 1981 Fiction | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1 | THE COVENANT, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$17.95.) Fifteen thousand years of South African history. | 1 | 24 |
| 2 | MASQUERADE, by Kit Williams. (Schocken Books, \$9.95.) A fantastic tale about the Sun, the Moon and a lost treasure. | 4 | 12 |
| 3 | CENTURY, by Fred Mustard Stewart. (Morrow, \$13.95.) Saga of an Italian-American family. | 3 | 7 |
| 4 | BRAIN, by Robin Cook. (Putnam's, \$11.95.) A young physician copes with a conspiracy of medical researchers who steal young women's brains to create an artificial intelligence. | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | THE COMPANY OF WOMEN, by Mary Gordon. (Random House, \$12.95.) One modern young woman's experience with the manners and mores of Roman Catholicism. | 5 | 4 |
| 6 | ANSWER AS A MAN, by Taylor Caldwell. (Putnam's, \$12.95.) A man who has made it big in early 20th-century America struggles against the corruption that engulfs his life. | 6 | 15 |
| 7 | THE KEY TO REBECCA, by Ken Follett. (Morrow, \$12.95.) German espionage in Cairo during the desert campaigns of 1942. | 7 | 28 |
| 8 | THE DELTA DECISION, by Wilbur Smith. (Doubleday, \$12.95.) A plot to unite international terrorist groups into one global organization. | 9 | 2 |
| 9 | CREATION, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$15.95.) A journey through that greatest of all ages, the fifth century B.C., in the company of a man critical of it all. | -- | 1 |
| 10 | COME POUR THE WINE, by Cynthia Freeman. (Arbor House, \$12.95.) A woman's long journey to self-discovery. | 8 | 25 |
| 11 | UNFINISHED TALES, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.) Hitherto unpublished fragments of writing about Middle-earth. | 14 | 20 |
| 12 | CONGO, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$10.95.) Three intrepid Americans search for lost diamonds in the jungles of modern Africa. | 13 | 12 |
| 13 | FIRESTARTER, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$13.95.) Eight year old Charlie can look at anything and turn it into flames. | 11 | 33 |
| 14 | THE AVIATOR, by Ernest K. Gann. (Arbor House, \$10.95.) Romance and adventure in the early days of the U.S. airmail service. | 10 | 2 |
| 15 | RAGE OF ANGELS, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$12.95.) An idealistic young woman lawyer triumphs over two vengeful men. | 12 | 41 |

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| 1 | NEVER-SAY-DIET BOOK, by Richard Simmons. (Warner, \$14.95.) Regimen for exercise, diet and life style. | 2 | 9 |
| 2 | COSMOS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$19.95.) Thirteen billion years of the universe's evolution explained by the NASA medal-winning space scientist. | 1 | 21 |
| 3 | THE LAST MAFIOSO, by Ovid Demaris. (Times Books, \$15.) The story of Jimmy Fratianno, professional hit man who turned Government witness. | 6 | 8 |
| 4 | NICE GIRLS DO, by Irene Kassorla. (Stratford Press, \$9.95.) "How women may solve their own sexual problems." | 4 | 10 |
| 5 | BEST EVIDENCE, by David S. Lifton. (Macmillan, \$16.95.) An account of the author's effort to prove that J.F.K.'s death was part of a plot by high-level Government conspirators. | 5 | 8 |
| 6 | WILLIAM E. DONOGHUE'S COMPLETE MONEY MARKET GUIDE, by William E. Donoghue with Thomas Tilling. (Harper & Row, \$12.95.) "How to profit from inflation and fluctuating interest rates." | 3 | 2 |
| 7 | ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE IRS, 1981 Edition, by Paul N. Strassels and Robert Wool. (Random House, \$11.95.) A taxpayer's guide. | 7 | 2 |
| 8 | YOU CAN NEGOTIATE ANYTHING, by Herb Cohen. (Lyle Stuart, \$12.) "How to get an edge on life." | 11 | 6 |
| 9 | SECOND OPINION, by Isadore Rosenfeld, M.D. (Linden Press, \$14.95.) Alternative treatments for important common disorders. | -- | 1 |
| 10 | MARIA CALLAS, by Arianna Stassinopoulos. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.95.) A gossip biography of an extraordinary singer and electrifying personality. | -- | 1 |
| 11 | BETTY CROCKER'S INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK. (Random House, \$13.95.) A new collection of recipes under a long established name. | 8 | 20 |
| 12 | 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. | 13 | 34 |
| 13 | NOTHING DOWN, by Robert G. Allen. (Simon & Schuster, \$11.95.) How to buy real estate with little or no cash. | 9 | 44 |
| 14 | THE SKY'S THE LIMIT, by Wayne Dyer. (Simon & Schuster, \$10.95.) Prescription for "achieving perfection of body and mind." | 10 | 27 |
| 15 | CRISIS INVESTING, by Douglas R. Casey. (Stratford Press, \$12.50.) "Opportunities for investing in the coming Great Depression." | 12 | 31 |