

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 6, 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	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.	1	2
3	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	2	10
4	FORD COUNTY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi.	3	3
5	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	4	34
6	THE WRECKER, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In 1907, a detective tracks a mysterious saboteur all over the West.	--	1
7	TRUE BLUE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) An ex-cop in Washington struggles to clear her name.	7	4
8	THE LACUNA, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A young American growing up in Mexico becomes friends with artists and radicals; later, in the United States, he is menaced by McCarthyism.	5	3
9	THE GATHERING STORM, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.99.) Book 12 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	6	4
10	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	6
11	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.	12	5
12	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.	13	11
13	KINDRED IN DEATH, by J. D. Robb. (Putnam, \$26.95.) Lt. Eve Dallas investigates the brutal murder of a colleague's daughter; by Nora Roberts, writing pseudonymously.	9	3
14	HEAT WAVE, by Richard Castle. (Hyperion, \$19.99.) An N.Y.P.D. homicide detective investigates the death of a real estate tycoon and flirts with a magazine journalist.	11	5
15	HALF BROKE HORSES, by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$26.) A re-creation of the life of the author's grandmother in the Southwest, by the author of "The Glass Castle."	16	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	OPEN, by Andre Agassi. (Knopf, \$28.95.) The tennis champion's autobiography.	1	2
3	HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	2	8
4	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.	6	9
5	A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$19.95.) Christmas memories from the former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential aspirant.	3	2
6	WHAT THE DOG SAW, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A decade of New Yorker essays.	5	5
7	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.	4	5
8	LAST WORDS, by George Carlin with Tony Hendra. (Free Press, \$26.99.) The life of the comedian, who died in 2008.	7	2
9	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	10	53
10	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.	9	5
11	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	12	10
12	THE BOOK OF BASKETBALL, by Bill Simmons. (Ballantine/ESPN, \$30.) ESPN.com's Sports Guy crunches big questions in N.B.A. history.	8	4
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.	11	3
14	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	--	49
15	HARD WORK, by Roy Williams with Tim Crothers. (Algonquin, \$24.95.) A life story, taking Williams from the mountains of western North Carolina to success as a basketball coach.	--	1