

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 17, 2004 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE DARK TOWER, by Stephen King. (Donald M. Grant/Scribner, \$35.) Volume 7 of "The Dark Tower," a series about time travel and a heroic quest.	1	2
2	INCUBUS DREAMS, by Laurell K. Hamilton. (Berkley, \$23.95.) Is a vampire serial killer preying on strippers?	--	1
3	TRACE, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$26.95.) The inept man who replaced Dr. Kay Scarpetta as chief medical examiner of Virginia asks for her help in investigating the unexplained death of a 14-year-old girl.	2	4
4	THE DA VINCI CODE, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The murder of a curator at the Louvre leads to a trail of clues found in the work of Leonardo and to the discovery of a centuries-old secret society.	3	81
5	JONATHAN STRANGE & MR. NORRELL, by Susanna Clarke. (Bloomsbury, \$27.95.) A literary fantasy involving a Yorkshire magician and the Napoleonic Wars.	5	5
6	THE PLOT AGAINST AMERICA, by Philip Roth. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.) The experiences of a Jewish family in Newark after Charles A. Lindbergh defeats Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1940 presidential election.	13	2
7	THE FIVE PEOPLE YOU MEET IN HEAVEN, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$19.95.) An old man who died while trying to rescue a little girl from danger discovers that all will be explained to him in the afterlife.	7	54
8	ARE YOU AFRAID OF THE DARK? by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$25.95.) Two women are caught in a web of mysterious deaths and disappearances that are linked to the world's largest think tank.	6	3
9	SHOPAHOLIC & SISTER, by Sophie Kinsella. (Dial, \$23.) The return of Becky Bloomwood, whose long-lost sibling hates shopping.	--	1
10	NIGHTS OF RAIN AND STARS, by Maeve Binchy. (Dutton, \$25.95.) Life on a small Greek island is changed forever after tragedy strikes.	4	2
11	THE SUNDAY PHILOSOPHY CLUB, by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$19.95.) An Edinburgh woman investigates the death of a young man at a concert hall.	--	1
12	THE RULE OF FOUR, by Ian Caldwell and Dustin Thomason. (Dial, \$24.) Two Princeton students who are trying to unravel the mysteries of a Renaissance text become ensnared in murderous intrigue.	10	21
13	MELANCHOLY BABY, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$24.95.) Murders occur after the private eye Sunny Randall begins to search for a woman's birth parents.	--	1
14	ANGELS & DEMONS, by Dan Brown. (Atria, \$17.95.) A Harvard scholar tries to save the Vatican from the machinations of an underground society.	8	40
15	BLIND ALLEY, by Iris Johansen. (Bantam, \$25.) Eve Duncan, "probably the best forensic sculptor in the world," battles a serial killer.	11	3

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1	AMERICA (THE BOOK), by Jon Stewart, Ben Karlin and David Javerbaum. (Warner, \$24.95.) "The Daily Show" offers a lavishly illustrated parody of a civics textbook.	1	2
2	THE FAMILY, by Kitty Kelley. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) The author of biographies of Frank Sinatra and Nancy Reagan tells "the real story of the Bush dynasty."	2	3
3	UNFIT FOR COMMAND, by John E. O'Neill and Jerome R. Corsi. (Regnery, \$27.95.) A negative appraisal of John Kerry's conduct in Vietnam.	3	8
4	BETWEEN A ROCK AND A HARD PLACE, by Aron Ralston. (Atria, \$26.) A mountaineer describes a nightmarish experience in Utah and the extreme measure he took in order to save his life.	4	4
5	CHAIN OF COMMAND, by Seymour M. Hersh. (HarperCollins, \$25.95.) From 9/11 to Abu Ghraib: the investigative reporter tracks President Bush's war on terror.	8	3
6	EATS, SHOOTS & LEAVES, by Lynne Truss. (Gotham, \$17.50.) An Englishwoman expounds on the use and misuse of punctuation marks.	7	26
7	AMERICAN SOLDIER, by Tommy Franks with Malcolm McConnell. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$27.95.) A memoir by the former head of the United States Central Command.	5	9
8	CONFESSIONS OF AN HEIRESS, by Paris Hilton with Merle Ginsberg. (Fireside/Simon & Schuster, \$22.) The celebrity jet-setter and star of "The Simple Life" tells what it's like to be young, rich and beautiful.	9	4
9	PATRIOT REIGN, by Michael Holley. (Morrow, \$23.95.) Behind the scenes with Bill Belichick and his New England Patriot coaching staff.	14	2
10	MY LIFE, by Bill Clinton. (Knopf, \$35.) From Hope, Ark., to the White House: the autobiography of the 42nd president.	10	15
11	ON THE WING, by Alan Tennant. (Knopf, \$25.) Studying the migratory patterns of the peregrine falcon, from the Gulf Coast of Texas to the Arctic.	--	1
12	GREEN RIVER, RUNNING RED, by Ann Rule. (Free Press, \$26.) The story of the Green River killer, who murdered some four dozen young women in the Pacific Northwest before he was captured in 2001.	--	1
13	RUNNING ON EMPTY, by Peter G. Peterson. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$24.) The author, who was secretary of commerce under President Nixon, says Democrats and Republicans "are bankrupting our future."	--	7
14	WILL IN THE WORLD, by Stephen Greenblatt. (Norton, \$26.95.) A Harvard humanities professor sets out to explain how Shakespeare became the greatest of all playwrights.	--	1
15	BUSHWORLD, by Maureen Dowd. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A journalist's assessment of President Bush, based on her columns and articles in The New York Times.	12	9