

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	May 3, 1981 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	GORKY PARK, by Martin Cruz Smith. (Random House, \$13.95.) A triple murder in Moscow leads to a chase across two continents.	1	4
2	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.	4	5
3	THE COVENANT, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$17.95.) Fifteen thousand years of South African history.	3	28
4	MASQUERADE, by Kit Williams. (Schocken Books, \$9.95.) A fantastic tale about the Sun, the Moon and a lost treasure.	2	16
5	REFLEX, by Dick Francis. (Putnam's, \$11.95.) A British jockey copes with blackmail and discovers his own missing past.	5	4
6	FREE FALL IN CRIMSON, by John D. MacDonald. (Harper & Row, \$10.95.) Travis McGee investigates the murder of an ailing tycoon.	11	2
7	GOD EMPEROR OF DUNE, by Frank Herbert. (Putnam's, \$12.95.) Leto continues as guardian and savior of the human race in the fourth novel about the planet Dune.	14	2
8	CENTURY, by Fred Mustard Stewart. (Morrow, \$13.95.) Saga of an Italian-American family.	6	11
9	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.	8	12
10	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.	7	8
11	THE WHITE HOTEL, by D.M. Thomas. (Viking, \$12.95.) Sigmund Freud treats a young woman whose case epitomizes the neuroses of the 20th century.	10	2
12	TAR BABY, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, \$11.95.) A black fable of race and eroticism set on a Caribbean island.	9	3
13	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.	12	19
14	THE MIDWIFE, by Gay Courter. (Houghton Mifflin, \$12.95.) A Jewish midwife practices her art in Russia and America at the turn of the century.	15	2
15	THE OFFICERS' WIVES, by Thomas Fleming. (Doubleday, \$15.95.) The fluctuating fortunes of three West Pointers and their wives over the last 30 years.	--	1

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1	NEVER-SAY-DIET BOOK, by Richard Simmons. (Warner, \$14.95.) Regimen for exercise, diet and life style.	1	13
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.	2	25
3	PAPER MONEY, by Adam Smith. (Summit, \$13.95.) An economist throws light on that mysterious thing, money.	3	6
4	NICE GIRLS DO, by Irene Kassorla. (Stratford Press, \$9.95.) "How women may solve their own sexual problems."	6	14
5	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."	4	6
6	DR. ATKINS' NUTRITION BREAKTHROUGH, by Robert C. Atkins, M.D. (Perigord/Morrow, \$10.95.) How common illnesses can be treated without drugs, but with diets supplemented by vitamins and minerals.	14	2
7	MARIA CALLAS, by Arianna Stassinopoulos. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.95.) A gossip biography of an extraordinary singer and electrifying personality.	13	4
8	THE LAST MAFIOSO, by Ovid Demaris. (Times Books, \$15.) The story of Jimmy Fratianno, professional hit man who turned Government witness.	5	12
9	PAVAROTTI: My Own Story, by Luciano Pavarotti with William Wright. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) The leading tenor, "King of the High C's," talks about his life and his art.	8	2
10	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.	--	37
11	BETTY CROCKER'S INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK. (Random House, \$13.95.) A new collection of recipes under a long established name.	12	24
12	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.	9	6
13	MONEY DYNAMICS FOR THE 1980s, by Venita VanCaspel. (Reston Publishing Co., \$15.) A money management guide for individuals.	--	7
14	WEALTH AND POVERTY, by George Gilder. (Basic Books, \$16.95.) The case for capitalism and for a reduction in the tax rate.	7	4
15	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.	10	12