

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 18, 2011 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE DROP, by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Harry Bosch of the L.A.P.D. uncovers both the operations of a sadistic killer and a political conspiracy.	--	1
2	11/22/63, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$35.) An English teacher travels back to 1958 by way of a time portal in a Maine diner. His assignment is to stop Lee Harvey Oswald.	2	4
3	EXPLOSIVE EIGHTEEN, by Janet Evanovich. (Bantam, \$28.) After a disastrous vacation in Hawaii, Stephanie Plum becomes the target of an international killer.	1	2
4	THE LITIGATORS, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$28.95.) Partners in a small law firm take on a big case after a fast-track burnout joins them.	4	6
5	KILL ALEX CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$28.99.) Alex Cross investigates when the president's children are kidnapped, but the F.B.I. and C.I.A. stand in his way.	3	3
6	THE BEST OF ME, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$25.99.) Twenty-five years after their high school romance ended, a man and woman who have gone their separate ways return to their North Carolina town for the funeral of a friend.	7	8
7	V IS FOR VENGEANCE, by Sue Grafton. (Marian Wood/Putnam, \$27.95.) Pursuing a shoplifter, Kinsey Millhone discovers that retail crime is run by organized gangs.	5	3
8	THE SCOTTISH PRISONER, by Diana Gabaldon. (Delacorte, \$28.) Jamie Fraser, a paroled Jacobite prisoner, and Lord John Grey collaborate uneasily on a mission to Ireland.	--	1
9	MICRO, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$28.99.) Seven graduate students, miniaturized by an evil entrepreneur, do battle with insects in the Hawaiian rain forest.	6	2
10	ZERO DAY, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) A military investigator uncovers a conspiracy.	8	5
11	1Q84, by Haruki Murakami. (Knopf, \$30.5.) In 1980s Tokyo, a woman who punishes perpetrators of domestic violence has ties to an aspiring novelist with an unusual project.	12	6
12	A DANCE WITH DRAGONS, by George R. R. Martin. (Bantam, \$35.) After a colossal battle, the Seven Kingdoms face new threats; Book 5 of "A Song of Ice and Fire."	14	20
13	THE MARRIAGE PLOT, by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$28.) Three Brown graduates in the early 1980s wrestle with love, religion and coming of age.	15	8
14	DEVIL'S GATE, by Clive Cussler and Graham Brown. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In the ninth NUMA Files novel, Kurt Austin and his crew uncover a plan to blackmail major nations.	9	3
15	THE SNOW ANGEL, by Glenn Beck. (Threshold Editions/Mercury Radio Arts, \$21.) A woman re-evaluates her life.	11	6
16	THE CHRISTMAS WEDDING, by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) A widow keeps the identity of the new man she is about to marry a secret.	10	7

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1	STEVE JOBS, by Walter Isaacson. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) A biography of the recently deceased entrepreneur.	1	6
2	KILLING LINCOLN, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. (Holt, \$28.) The heart-stopping events surrounding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln.	2	10
3	BEING GEORGE WASHINGTON, by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe. (Threshold Editions/Mercury Radio Arts, \$26.) How Washington turned himself into the indispensable man.	3	2
4	UNBROKEN, by Laura Hillenbrand. (Random House, \$27.) An Olympic runner's story of survival as a prisoner of the Japanese in World War II.	4	55
5	JACK KENNEDY, by Chris Matthews. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.5.) An admiring portrait.	5	5
6	CATHERINE THE GREAT, by Robert K. Massie. (Random House, \$35.) The life of the minor 18th-century German princess who became Empress of All the Russias.	10	3
7	THINKING, FAST AND SLOW, by Daniel Kahneman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$30.) The winner of the Nobel in economic science discusses how we make choices in business and personal life and when we can and cannot trust our intuitions.	15	6
8	BACK TO WORK, by Bill Clinton. (Knopf, \$23.95.) The former president argues that cooperation between the private sector and government is necessary to restore prosperity.	7	4
9	BOOMERANG, by Michael Lewis. (Norton, \$25.95.) A look at some of the places hardest hit by the financial collapse of 2008.	13	9
10	THEN AGAIN, by Diane Keaton. (Random House, \$26.) The actress uses her mother's diaries as a springboard for the examination of her own life.	8	3
11	THROW THEM ALL OUT, by Peter Schweizer. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26.) Insider trading in Congress.	6	3
12	HEAVEN IS FOR REAL, by Todd Burpo with Lynn Vincent. (Thomas Nelson, \$21.99.) A boy's encounter with Jesus and the angels.	--	1
13	HOW I GOT THIS WAY, by Regis Philbin. (It Books/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) The recently retired co-host of "Live! With Regis and Kelly" looks back.	9	3
14	IMPERFECT JUSTICE, by Jeff Ashton with Lisa Pulitzer. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A prosecutor's account of the Casey Anthony trial.	11	3
15	JACQUELINE KENNEDY: HISTORIC CONVERSATIONS ON LIFE WITH JOHN F. KENNEDY, . (Hyperion, \$60.) Recordings and transcripts of a seven-part interview with Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. in 1964.	--	9
16	GABBY, by Gabrielle Giffords and Mark Kelly with Jeffrey Zaslow. (Scribner, \$26.99.) The Arizona representative and her astronaut husband describe their lives in the aftermath of the assassination attempt against her in January 2011.	12	3