

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 8, 1991 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SUM OF ALL FEARS, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$24.95.) Middle Eastern terrorists edge the world to the brink of nuclear war, and a floundering President may not be able to cope.	1	3
2	THE FIRM, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A young lawyer learns that his firm is engaged in secret, possibly illegal activities.	2	26
3	THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$22.95.) A Chinese-American matriarch tells the harrowing story of her life.	3	11
4	SAINT MAYBE, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$22.) The struggles of a young man to atone for the wrong he feels he has done his older brother.	--	1
5	LOVES MUSIC, LOVES TO DANCE, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) Two Manhattan women, doing research into personal ads, get caught in the snare of a serial killer.	7	18
6	MAXIMUM BOB, by Elmore Leonard. (Delacorte, \$20.) A woman probation officer pursues the people trying to kill a redneck Florida judge.	4	6
7	HEIR TO THE EMPIRE, by Timothy Zahn. (Spectra/Bantam, \$15.) The survival of the "Star Wars" galaxy is menaced by new forces.	6	16
8	OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO! by Dr. Seuss. (Random House, \$12.95.) The problems of finding your way through life; in verse and pictures.	11	76
9	OUTER BANKS, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$19.95.) An interior decorator comes to terms with herself at a college reunion.	5	7
10	PARADISE, by Judith McNaught. (Pocket, \$19.95.) The heirs of two family dynasties find true love when one of their businesses is threatened.	9	11
11	AS THE CROW FLIES, by Jeffrey Archer. (HarperCollins, \$22.95.) A man strives to create the biggest store in the world.	15	18
12	PASTIME, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The private eye Spenser learns much about his own past while helping a young man track down his mother, who has disappeared.	10	7
13	FLOWERS IN THE RAIN, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (Dunne/St. Martin's, \$20.) Short stories, many of them set in Scotland and dealing with family relationships.	--	1
14	BEAST, by Peter Benchley. (Random House, \$21.) The disappearance of a couple off Bermuda raises a question: is a creature from the deep responsible?	8	11
15	THE GARDEN OF RAMA, by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee. (Spectra/Bantam, \$20.) For the third time in the 23d century, astronauts from Earth contend with alien forces.	--	1

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1	UH-OH, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$19.) Reflections on life's commonplaces, from meat loaf to pet dogs to fireflies.	5	2
2	PARLIAMENT OF WHORES, by P. J. O'Rourke. (Entrekin/Atlantic Monthly, \$19.95.) A humorist's attempt to explain the Federal Government.	2	12
3	IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly. (Addison-Wesley, \$19.95.) The passage of the male from boyhood into manhood, as practiced in various cultures.	4	42
4	WHEN YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR PASSPORT PHOTO, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME, by Erma Bombeck. (HarperCollins, \$19.95.) The tribulations of travel suffered in all parts of the world.	1	7
5	CHUTZPAH, by Alan M. Dershowitz. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) A prominent law professor's reflections on the lot of Jews in America.	3	12
6	TOUJOURS PROVENCE, by Peter Mayle. (Knopf, \$20.) The charms of rustic Provence, as savored by a London advertising man who moved there.	6	10
7	FIRE IN THE BELLY, by Sam Keen. (Bantam, \$19.95.) A philosopher explores the changing role of the male in today's society.	7	17
8	ANNE SEXTON, by Diane Wood Middlebrook. (Davison/Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95.) The life of a poorly educated, mentally ill woman who was a gifted poet.	--	1
9	A QUESTION OF CHARACTER, by Thomas C. Reeves. (Free Press, \$24.95.) A biography of John F. Kennedy.	10	10
10	DAVE BARRY TALKS BACK, by Dave Barry. (Crown, \$18.) A collection of columns by the syndicated humorist.	12	10
11	THE COMMANDERS, by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) How President Bush and his commanders have made military decisions.	11	17
12	SILENT COUP, by Len Colodny and Robert Gettlin. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) The events that led to the resignation of President Richard Nixon.	8	11
13	BOSS OF BOSSES, by Joseph F. O'Brien and Andris Kurins. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) The downfall of the mobster Paul Castellano.	9	9
14	THE MANSIONS OF LIMBO, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$22.) A collection of pieces about currently celebrated people.	--	1
15	WOODY ALLEN, by Eric Lax. (Knopf, \$24.) The life of the film director, writer and actor.	13	14
16	ILLIBERAL EDUCATION, by Dinesh D'Souza. (Free Press, \$19.95.) A critical account of the way matters of race and sex are treated on campus.	--	14