

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 17, 1995 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE CHRISTMAS BOX, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$12.95.) When a young family moves in with a widow, they all learn about the significance of Christmas.	2	7
2	FIVE DAYS IN PARIS, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$15.95.) A chance encounter between two Americans at the Ritz changes their lives forever.	1	3
3	THE LOST WORLD, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$25.95.) Scientists visit a Costa Rican jungle that is the breeding ground of dinosaurs; a sequel to "Jurassic Park."	3	11
4	SILENT NIGHT, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$16.) A family finds adversity and renewed courage during a Christmastime visit to New York.	4	9
5	POLITICALLY CORRECT HOLIDAY STORIES, by James Finn Garner. (Macmillan, \$9.95.) Five classic Christmas stories retold to avoid offending current sensibilities.	5	9
6	THE CHILDREN'S BOOK OF VIRTUES, edited by William J. Bennett. Illustrated by Michael Hague. (Simon & Schuster, \$20.) Stories and poems.	6	6
7	THE HUNDRED SECRET SENSES, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$24.95.) The changing relationship between a Chinese-American woman and her older Chinese half sister.	8	7
8	THE HORSE WHISPERER, by Nicholas Evans. (Delacorte, \$23.95.) A troubled woman seeks solace for herself, her daughter and their horse from a wrangler in Montana.	7	13
9	MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$24.) The mysterious drowning of a respected tycoon leads to the revelation of a tangle of scandals.	9	13
10	THE CELESTINE PROPHECY, by James Redfield. (Warner, \$17.95.) An ancient manuscript, found in Peru, provides insights into achieving a fulfilling life.	10	94
11	COMING HOME, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (Dunne/St. Martin's, \$25.95.) A British woman comes of age during World War II.	12	15
12	A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA, by Tom Hegg. (Waldman House, \$10.95.) A Christmas story in verse, illustrated by Warren Hanson.	--	8
13	THE FINAL JUDGMENT, by Richard North Patterson. (Knopf, \$25.) After a young woman is charged with killing her boyfriend, legal and familial problems result.	--	1
14	THE ISLAND OF THE DAY BEFORE, by Umberto Eco. (Wolff/Harcourt Brace, \$25.) The wanderings of a 17th-century Italian castaway on a derelict ship.	11	4
15	BEACH MUSIC, by Pat Conroy. (Talese/Doubleday, \$27.50.) An American living in Rome returns to South Carolina and tries to cope with his past.	13	22

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1	THE ROAD AHEAD, by Bill Gates with Nathan Myhrvold and Peter Rinearson. (Viking, \$29.95.) What's ahead on the information highway; CD-ROM included.	4	2
2	MISS AMERICA, by Howard Stern. (Regan Books, \$27.50.) Anecdotes and fulminations from the radio talk show host.	2	4
3	CHARLES KURALT'S AMERICA, by Charles Kuralt. (Putnam, \$24.95.) From Alaska to Florida: the most recent travels of the itinerant television reporter.	3	7
4	MY AMERICAN JOURNEY, by Colin L. Powell with Joseph E. Persico. (Random House, \$25.95.) The autobiography of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.	1	12
5	DAVID BRINKLEY, by David Brinkley. (Knopf, \$25.) From a boyhood in North Carolina through five decades as a television newscaster: a memoir.	5	5
6	MY POINT ... AND I DO HAVE ONE, by Ellen DeGeneres. (Bantam, \$19.95.) Observations on life and the pursuit of happiness by the television star and stand-up comedian.	7	15
7	EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam, \$23.95.) Factors other than I.Q. that contribute to a successful and happy life.	6	11
8	SISTERS. Essays by Carol Saline. Photographs by Sharon J. Wohlmuth. (Running Press, \$27.50.) The relationships of 36 sets of sisters of varied callings and backgrounds.	8	51
9	A SIMPLE PATH, by Mother Teresa. Compiled by Lucinda Vardey. (Ballantine, \$20.) The thoughts, experiences and beliefs of the Nobel Prize-winning nun.	11	3
10	RETURN WITH HONOR, by Scott O'Grady with Jeff Coplon. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The ordeal of a United States fighter pilot shot down over Bosnia in June.	10	3
11	LINCOLN, by David Herbert Donald. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) The life of the 16th President.	9	7
12	A GOOD WALK SPOILED, by John Feinstein. (Little, Brown, \$23.95.) A sportswriter reports on the P.G.A. Tour in 1993 and 1994.	13	26
13	DAYS OF OUR LIVES, by Lorraine Zenka. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$25.) An album of facts and pictures celebrating the television show's first 30 years.	12	4
14	ALL I KNOW ABOUT ANIMAL BEHAVIOR I LEARNED IN LOEHMANN'S DRESSING ROOM, by Erma Bombeck. (HarperCollins, \$22.) Life in the 1990's.	--	4
15	MINDHUNTER, by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker. (Drew/Scribner, \$24.) The memoirs of the former leader of an F.B.I. team charged with studying the behavior of serial killers and assassins.	14	4