

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 15, 1974 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	CENTENNIAL, by James Michener. (Random House, \$12.50.) Dioramic historical novel covering the land and people around Centennial, Colo.	1	16
2	SOMETHING HAPPENED, by Joseph Heller. (Knopf, \$10.) A man's obsession with the past: a revelation of a type and a time.	2	8
3	THE SEVEN-PER-CENT SOLUTION, edited by Nicholas Meyer. (Dutton, \$6.95.) Droll resurrection of Sherlock Holmes, in which he kicks cocaine, foils a grand plot against world peace.	4	13
4	THE PIRATE, by Harold Robbins. (Simon & Schuster, \$8.95.) Middle Eastern melodrama laced with sex, money and power.	3	9
5	TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$7.95.) Thinking man's spy story about the search for a Soviet "mole."	5	26
6	THE DOGS OF WAR, by Frederick Forsyth. (Viking, \$7.95.) Authenticity is the main virtue of the thriller about an African coup d'etat.	6	23
7	HARLEQUIN, by Morris West. (Morrow, \$7.95.) Business-world thriller involving corporate espionage and other dirty tricks.	7	6
8	JAWS, Peter Benchley. (Doubleday, \$6.95.) "Better close for winter, Caleb. Big shark et up all the summer people."	9	40
9	THE RHINEMANN EXCHANGE, by Robert Ludlum. (Dial Press, \$8.95.) Entertaining espionage thriller positing a Nazi-American wartime deal.	--	9
10	LADY, by Thomas Tryon. (Knopf, \$7.95.) Intimations of evil about her that are slow in revealing themselves.	8	2

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1	ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's Press, \$8.95.) Pleasant memoirs of a Yorkshire veterinarian.	1	10
2	A BRIDGE TOO FAR, by Cornelius Ryan. (Simon & Schuster, \$12.50.) A disastrous Allied action in World War II, vividly retold.	2	11
3	TALES OF POWER, by Carlos Castaneda. (Simon & Schuster, \$7.95.) How to remember the things you'd rather not forget.	3	6
4	THE BERMUDA TRIANGLE, by Charles Berlitz. (Doubleday, \$7.95.) Uncritical theorizing about allegedly mysterious ship-plane disappearances.	7	5
5	THE PALACE GUARD, by Dan Rather and Gary Paul Gates. (Harper & Row, \$8.95.) Juicy anecdotes about the Nixon White House; debatable theorizing.	6	4
6	THE MEMORY BOOK, by Harry Lorayne and Jerry Lucas. (Stein & Day, \$7.95.) How to remember the things you'd rather not forget.	5	25
7	ALL THE PRESIDENT'S MEN, by Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$8.95; also in paper, Warner (\$1.95.) Post reporters vs. the Nixon cover-up.	4	29
8	STRICTLY SPEAKING, by Edwin Newman. (Bobbs-Merrill, \$7.95.) A plea for good English, with a plenitude of funny-horrible examples.	9	3
9	THE WOMAN HE LOVED, by Ralph G. Martin. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Gossipy retelling of the Windsors' antique passion.	8	18
10	CAVETT, by Dick Cavett and Christopher Porterfield. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$8.95.) The TV host remembers in some sparkling, occasionally acerbic dialogue.	--	7