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This Week	October 4, 1992 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	WHERE IS JOE MERCHANT? by Jimmy Buffett. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) A couple on a wild chase through the Caribbean on the trail of a deceased rock star who has been sighted there.	2	6
2	THE PELICAN BRIEF, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$22.50.) A woman law student probes the murder of two Supreme Court justices.	1	30
3	WAITING TO EXHALE, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$22.) The friendships and romances of four black women in Phoenix.	4	19
4	GERALD'S GAME, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$23.50.) Twenty-eight hours of horror suffered by a woman handcuffed to a bedpost.	3	12
5	THE SECRET HISTORY, by Donna Tartt. (Knopf, \$23.) Close friends at a small college must deal with the consequences of a crime they committed.	6	3
6	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$14.95.) A photographer and a lonely farmer's wife in Iowa.	8	8
7	ALL THAT REMAINS, by Patricia D. Cornwell. (Scribners, \$20.) Searching for the truth behind the strange deaths of five young couples in Virginia.	5	6
8	THE VOLCANO LOVER, by Susan Sontag. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) The story of Lord Nelson, his lover Emma Hamilton and her spouse.	7	6
9	TANGLED VINES, by Janet Dailey. (Little, Brown, \$21.95.) Visiting her native Napa Valley, a television star encounters shades of her unhappy childhood and romance with the heir to a winery.	10	4
10	THE LEGACY, by R. A. Salvatore. (TSR, \$15.95.) A fantasy tale about a spider queen's war to stop a band of elves in their quest for peace and security.	9	2
11	THE CAT WHO WASN'T THERE, by Lilian Jackson Braun. (Putnam, \$18.95.) Jim Qwilleran has to contend with a series of crimes that occur during a bus tour of Scotland.	14	2
12	BEFORE AND AFTER, by Rosellen Brown. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$21.) A tragic event in a New England town pits members of a family against one another.		2
13	SWEET LIAR, by Jude Deveraux. (Pocket, \$22.) In New York, a Kentucky woman copes with a mystery dating back to the Roaring Twenties.	11	6
14	LIVE FROM GOLGOTHA, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$22.) The Gospel according to St. Timothy, recorded in A.D. 96 amid intrusions by 20th-century religious and media personalities.		1
15	COLONY, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$20.) A 90-year-old woman recalls what she saw as the doyenne of a Maine summer retreat.	13	12

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1	THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE, by Rush H. Limbaugh 3d. (Pocket, \$22.) Anecdotes and opinions offered by the radio talk show host.	1	3
2	EVERY LIVING THING, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$22.95.) Continuing the memoirs of the Yorkshire veterinarian.	2	5
3	THE SILENT PASSAGE, by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$16.) The psychological and social significance of menopause for today's women.	3	19
4	TRUMAN, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the 33d President.	4	16
5	EARTH IN THE BALANCE, by Al Gore. (Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The Vice-Presidential candidate discusses factors affecting the environment and what must be done to save it.	5	17
6	THE TE OF PIGLET, by Benjamin Hoff. (Dutton, \$16.) Aspects of Taoist philosophy explained through the actions of A. A. Milne's character Piglet.	10	2
7	DIANA: HER TRUE STORY, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.) A biography of the Princess of Wales.	9	14
8	WOMEN WHO RUN WITH THE WOLVES, by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. (Ballantine, \$20.) A Jungian analyst reinterprets myths and folk tales to enable women to understand their psyches.	7	8
9	THE LAST TSAR, by Edvard Radzinsky. (Doubleday, \$25.) The life of Nicholas II and his family, and their assassination in 1918; based in part on newly available material.	8	9
10	YOUNG MEN & FIRE, by Norman Maclean. (University of Chicago, \$19.95.) An account of a disastrous fire in a Montana forest in 1949.	6	5
11	UP IN THE OLD HOTEL, by Joseph Mitchell. (Pantheon, \$27.50.) Three dozen pieces about Manhattan life, published in The New Yorker during the past half-century.		2
12	CARE OF THE SOUL, by Thomas Moore. (HarperCollins, \$20.) A psychotherapist's discussion of spirituality and everyday life.	13	3
13	HEAD TO HEAD, by Lester Thurow. (Morrow, \$25.) The upcoming economic battle among Japan, Europe and the United States.	12	21
14	WHO WILL TELL THE PEOPLE, by William Greider. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) A journalist's account of how powerful monied interests and elite groups dominate the Federal Government.		19
15	KISSINGER, by Walter Isaacson. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the former national security adviser and Secretary of State.	15	2