

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	May 20, 2007 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	SIMPLE GENIUS, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$26.99.) Two former Secret Service agents investigate a scientist's murder while one battles her own demons.	1	2
2	THE YIDDISH POLICEMEN'S UNION, by Michael Chabon. (HarperCollins, \$26.95.) A detective investigates the murder of a neighbor in a Jewish settlement in Alaska.	--	1
3	THE CHILDREN OF HÚRIN, by J. R. R. Tolkien. Edited by Christopher Tolkien. Illustrated by Alan Lee. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.) In Middle-earth, an evil lord wants to destroy his rival's children.	2	3
4	THE WOODS, by Harlan Coben. (Dutton, \$26.95.) A prosecutor must confront family secrets when new evidence surfaces about a murder and disappearance at a summer camp 20 years earlier.	3	3
5	RANT, by Chuck Palahniuk. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The "oral biography" of a serial killer.	--	1
6	ALL TOGETHER DEAD, by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$24.95.) Sookie Stackhouse, a New Orleans cocktail waitress, is swept up in the intrigue of a vampire summit.	--	1
7	THE GOOD HUSBAND OF ZEBRA DRIVE, by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$21.95.) The eighth novel in the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series.	4	3
8	I HEARD THAT SONG BEFORE, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.95.) A woman marries a childhood acquaintance suspected of several murders.	5	5
9	BODY SURFING, by Anita Shreve. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) A woman takes a job as a tutor and becomes involved in a wealthy family's tensions and rivalries.	6	2
10	NINETEEN MINUTES, by Jodi Picoult. (Atria, \$26.95.) The aftermath of a high school shooting reveals the fault lines in a small New Hampshire town.	7	9
11	BACK ON BLOSSOM STREET, by Debbie Macomber. (Mira, \$24.95.) More stories of life and love from a Seattle knitting class.	8	2
12	THE RIVER KNOWS, by Amanda Quick. (Putnam, \$24.95.) In Victorian England, an investigative reporter and a wealthy Londoner feign a romance while they investigate a man they suspect of murder.	10	2
13	FRESH DISASTERS, by Stuart Woods. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Stone Barrington, the New York cop turned lawyer, tangles with a mob boss.	9	4
14	NO HUMANS INVOLVED, by Kelley Armstrong. (Bantam, \$20.) A necromancer struggles to free the trapped ghosts of six murdered children.	--	1
15	DREAM WHEN YOU'RE FEELING BLUE, by Elizabeth Berg. (Random House, \$24.95.) Three Irish-American sisters in World War II Chicago.	--	1
16	KINGDOM COME, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$25.99.) The final title in the "Left Behind" series.	11	5

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1	AT THE CENTER OF THE STORM, by George Tenet. (HarperCollins, \$30.) The former director of the Central Intelligence Agency looks back on his career.	--	1
2	EINSTEIN, by Walter Isaacson. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) A biography based on newly released personal letters.	1	4
3	GOD IS NOT GREAT, by Christopher Hitchens. (Twelve, \$24.99.) Religion as a malignant force in the world.	--	1
4	ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE, by Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver. (HarperCollins, \$26.95) The novelist and her family spend a year eating homegrown or local food; an argument for diversified farms and sustainable agriculture.	--	1
5	PAULA DEEN: IT AIN'T ALL ABOUT THE COOKIN', by Paula Deen with Sherry Suib Cohen. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) A memoir with recipes from the Southern cooking impresario (Food Network shows, restaurants, cookbooks, magazine).	3	5
6	A LONG WAY GONE, by Ishmael Beah. (Sarah Crichton/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) A former child soldier from Sierra Leone describes his drug-crazed killing spree and his return to humanity.	4	12
7	WHERE HAVE ALL THE LEADERS GONE?, by Lee Iacocca. (Scribner, \$25.) The former C.E.O. of Chrysler protests the lack of political and business leadership on issues like health care and energy policy.	2	3
8	SILENT PARTNER, by Dina Matos McGreevey. (Hyperion, \$23.95.) The former wife of the former governor of New Jersey, Jim McGreevey, tells the story of her marriage to a man who resigned his office and came out as a "gay American."	--	1
9	THE BLACK SWAN, by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. (Random House, \$26.95.) The role of the unexpected.	5	2
10	KABUL BEAUTY SCHOOL, by Deborah Rodriguez with Kristin Ohlson. (Random House, \$24.95.) To aid Afghan women, an American runs a beauty school in Kabul.	--	3
11	HOW DOCTORS THINK, by Jerome Groopman. (Houghton Mifflin, \$26.) A doctor and New Yorker staff writer describes how doctors arrive at diagnoses.	7	8
12	I FEEL BAD ABOUT MY NECK, by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A witty look at aging from a novelist and screenwriter ("When Harry Met Sally").	11	40
13	CRAZIES TO THE LEFT OF ME, WIMPS TO THE RIGHT, by Bernard Goldberg. (HarperCollins, \$25.95.) The author of "100 People Who Are Screwing Up America" attacks liberals and accuses Republicans of betraying conservative principles.	6	3
14	BIG PAPI, by David Ortiz with Tony Massarotti. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) From a childhood in the Dominican Republic to success as a Boston Red Sox slugger.	8	2
15	THE AUDACITY OF HOPE, by Barack Obama. (Crown, \$25.) The Illinois junior senator proposes that Americans move beyond their political divisions.	13	29