

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	March 3, 1974 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	BURR, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$8.95.) A wicked entertainment about the conventional textbook villain.	1	16
2	COME NINEVEH, COME TYRE, by Allen Drury. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) Another political melodrama, this time about a dim-witted President and a pacifist cabal.	2	15
3	THE HONORARY CONSUL, by Graham Greene. (Simon & Schuster, \$7.95.) God works in devious ways in this thriller-comedy about a kidnapped British diplomat.	3	22
4	THE FIRST DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Kinky sex and dogged detection keep the pot boiling in this New York murder mystery.	6	19
5	THEOPHILUS NORTH, by Thornton Wilder. (Harper & Row, \$7.95.) Old-fashioned novel about a compulsive Good Samaritan in ca. 1920's Newport.	8	17
6	POSTERN OF FATE, Agatha Christie. (Dodd, Mead, \$6.95.) Agatha keeps turning them out and this is as good as the last -- or next -- one.	4	11
7	THE HOLLOW HILLS, by Mary Stewart. (Morrow, \$7.95.) A young King Arthur and his faithful magician Merlin do battle with a host of problems.	5	34
8	NICKEL MOUNTAIN, by John Gardner. (Knopf, \$6.95.) A modern pastoral set in upstate New York about a middle-aged man who marries a young girl.	7	7
9	I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME, by Margaret Craven. (Doubleday, \$4.95.) A dying young Anglican priest living among Pacific coast Indians learns from their culture.	--	1
10	BEULAH LAND, by Lonnie Coleman. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) Droning saga about an ante bellum family in the Old South.	9	9

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This Week	March 3, 1974 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	PLAIN SPEAKING, by Merle Miller. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) An "oral biography" of Harry Truman, with some salty opinions on a variety of things.	1	6
2	HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND, by Mildred Newman, Bernard Berkowitz with Jean Owen. (Random House, \$4.95.) Stop defeating yourself and start living!	2	32
3	THE JOY OF SEX, by Alex Comfort. (Crown, \$12.95.) Sophisticated eroticism but basically just another how-to.	3	63
4	IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER, by Sam Levenson. (Simon & Schuster, \$6.95.) A mishmash of funny stories and haimishe homilies that may just be your glass tea.	5	24
5	UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, by J.B. West with Mary Lynn Kotz. (Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, \$8.95.) Reminiscences of five Presidents by a former White House major domo.	4	17
6	PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE, by Nigel Nicolson. (Atheneum, \$10.) Father was a homophile, mother liked women but somehow it worked.	7	18
7	ALISTAIR COOKE'S AMERICA, by Alistair Cooke. (Knopf, \$15.) The debonair television commentator's ramble through American history.	6	16
8	YOU CAN PROFIT FROM A MONETARY CRISIS, Harry Browne. (Macmillan, \$8.95.) Investment strategies that will allegedly keep you solvent.	10	2
9	THE BEST OF LIFE, by David E. Scherman. (Time/Life Books, \$19.95.) A sumptuous, nostalgic collection of the most memorable photographs from the magazine.	8	11
10	PENTIMENTO, by Lilian Hellman. (Little, Brown, \$7.95.) Old-fashioned virtues of loyalty and courage shine through these portraits of old friends.	--	19