The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 4, 1988 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SANDS OF TIME, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$19.95.) Four nuns become pawns in a struggle between the Spanish Army and Basque separatists.	1	3
2	THE QUEEN OF THE DAMNED, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$18.95.) Continuing the chronicle of 6,000 years of vampirism begun in "Interview With the Vampire" and "The Vampire Lestat."	2	7
3	THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan races to the rescue of an American secret agent.	3	18
4	ONE, by Richard Bach. (Silver Arrow/Morrow, \$17.95.) A man and his wife find themselves in a fantasy world.	4	5
5	THE POLAR EXPRESS, written and illustrated by Chris Van Allsburg. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.95.) A small boy's Christmas Eve train ride.		14
6	DEAR MILI, by Wilhelm Grimm. (di Capua/ Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$16.95.) A recently discovered tale by the 19th-century folklorist, illustrated by Maurice Sendak.	5	3
7	ANYTHING FOR BILLY, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) The exploits of Billy the Kid, as shared by a dime-novel writer.	7	7
8	ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.	9	23
9	MITLA PASS, by Leon Uris. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A writer's struggles with his heritage and two loves reach a climax during the 1956 Sinai War.	6	5
10	FINAL FLIGHT, by Stephen Coonts. (Doubleday, \$18.95.) Colonel Qazi, an "international terrorist," plots to steal American nuclear weapons.	8	8
11	BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.	10	11
12	DRAGONSDAWN, by Anne McCaffrey. (Del Rey/ Ballantine, \$18.95.) The colonists who settle on a paradisiacal planet make plans to defend it.	11	5
13	THE SHELL SEEKERS, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A woman and a painting tie together three generations of an English family.	12	42
14	TILL WE MEET AGAIN, by Judith Krantz. (Crown, \$19.95.) The exploits of a woman and her two daughters from pre-World War I Paris to present-day Los Angeles.	13	17
15	LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, \$18.95.) A Colombian poet's perdurable love for a woman is tested by life's changing conditions.		30

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1	GRACIE, by George Burns. (Putnam, \$16.95.) The life of the comedian Gracie Allen, recalled by her widower and show business partner.	5	3
2	ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$15.95.) Inspirational essays about everyday matters.	4	5
3	THE LAST LION, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) The second volume of a biography of Winston Churchill, covering the years 1932-40.	1	7
4	CHILD STAR, by Shirley Temple Black. (McGraw- Hill, \$19.95.) The autobiography of the No. 1 film actress of the mid-1930's.	3	4
5	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A scientist's review of efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	2	33
6	DON'T BEND OVER IN THE GARDEN, GRANNY, YOU KNOW THEM TATERS GOT EYES, by Lewis Grizzard. (Villard, \$15.95.) Humor with a Southern accent.	10	3
7	TALKING STRAIGHT, by Lee Iacocca with Sonny Kleinfield. (Bantam, \$21.95.) More experiences and opinions of the Chrysler chairman.	11	22
8	THE FIRST SALUTE, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Knopf, \$22.95.) A historian's view of the American Revolution.	6	8
9	A BRIGHT SHINING LIE, by Neil Sheehan. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of Lieut. Col. John Paul Vann that is also a history of American involvement in Vietnam.	9	6
10	GOLDWATER, by Barry M. Goldwater with Jack Casserly. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The autobiography of the longtime Senator from Arizona.	8	6
11	"WHAT DO YOU CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK?" by Richard P. Feynman with Ralph Leighton. (Norton, \$17.95.) Memoirs of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist.		1
12	SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE, by Leo Damore. (Regnery Gateway, \$19.95.) A reporter's reassessment of the 1969 accident on Chappaquiddick Island.	7	17
13	A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, \$13.50.) Light verse, with drawings by the author.		182
14	LONG TIME GONE, by David Crosby and Carl Gottlieb. (Doubleday, \$18.95.) The autobiography of the rock star.		1
15	THE RAGMAN'S SON, by Kirk Douglas. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) The actor recalls his life as poor immigrant's son, waiter, steel mill worker, haberdashery salesman, film star, father and man.	12	15