The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 20, 1981 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	AN INDECENT OBSESSION, by Colleen McCullough. (Harper & Row, \$13.50.) A nurse and her charges in a special-care ward of a World War II hospital.	1	9
2	THE HOTEL NEW HAMPSHIRE, by John Irving. (Dutton/Henry Robbins, \$15.50.) Life with an eccentric family.	2	14
3	CUJO, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$13.95.) Monsters haunt a New York family seeking peace in rural Maine.	3	19
4	NO TIME FOR TEARS, by Cynthia Freeman. (Arbor House, \$14.95.) A dauntless woman leads her family from Czarist Russia to Palestine to New York's diamond center.	4	6
5	NOBLE HOUSE, by James Clavell. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) A British-Chinese struggle for control of one of Hong Kong's oldest trading houses.	5	33
6	SPRING MOON, by Bette Bao Lord. (Harper & Row, \$14.95.) Tradition and revolution in modern China seen through the life of an upper-class family.	8	4
7	REMEMBRANCE, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$14.95.) An Italian princess, in quest of romance, finds frustration, then fulfillment in America.	6	7
8	MASQUERADE, by Kit Williams. (Schocken Books, \$10.95.) An illustrated fable about the sun, the moon and a hidden treasure.	13	34
9	THE LEGACY, by Howard Fast. (Houghton Mifflin, \$14.95.) The Lavette family of "The Immigrants" and "The Establishment" reaches the turbulent 60's.	7	11
10	GORKY PARK, by Martin Cruz Smith. (Random House, \$13.95.) A triple murder in Moscow leads to a chase on two continents.	11	37
11	RABBIT IS RICH, by John Updike. (Knopf, \$13.95.) Harry Angstrom of "Rabbit, Run" returns in the chips but unfulfilled.	9	9
12	THE CARDINAL SINS, by Andrew M. Greeley. (Warner/Bernard Geis, \$12.95.) The triumphs and tragedies of two Chicago boys as priests in the Catholic Church.	10	26
13	THE BOOK OF LIGHTS, by Chaim Potok. (Knopf, \$13.50.) A young rabbi searches for a mission in the turbulence of the modern world.		2
14	RED DRAGON, by Thomas Harris. (Putnam's, \$13.95.) An ex-F.B.I. man on the trail of a psychopathic killer.		1
15	THE THIRD DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$13.95.) On the trail of the elusive killer of o out-of-town businessmen visiting New York.	15	21

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1	A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, \$10.95.) Humor in cartoons and verse.	1	7
2	THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$13.95.) The further adventures of the Yorkshire vet at home and behind the Iron Curtain.	2	33
3	COSMOS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$22.95.) Thirteen billion years of the universe's evolution explained by the NASA medal-winning space scientist.	4	58
4	NEVER-SAY-DIET BOOK, by Richard Simmons. (Warner, \$14.95.) A regimen for exercise, diet and life style devised by a Hollywood television personality.	3	46
5	A FEW MINUTES WITH ANDY ROONEY, by Andrew A. Rooney. (Atheneum, \$12.95.) Commonsensical comments on American life by the television personality.	12	2
6	FROM BAUHAUS TO OUR HOUSE, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$10.95.) A critical look at contemporary architecture.	6	8
7	PATHFINDERS, by Gail Sheehy. (Morrow, \$15.95.) How ordinary people cope with the normal crises of life.	5	7
8	THE BEST OF DEAR ABBY, by Abigail Van Buren. (Andrews & McMeel, \$9.95.) A cornucopia of advice on all sorts of personal matters from the syndicated columnist.	8	4
9	MISS PIGGY'S GUIDE TO LIFE, by Miss Piggy as told to Henry Beard. (Knopf/ Muppet Press, \$12.95.) Amusing advice about everything from the superstar porcine personality.	13	25
10	FONDA: My Life, by Henry Fonda as told to Howard Teichmann. (New American Library, \$15.95.) Memoirs of the film star.		1
11	ELIZABETH TAYLOR: The Last Star, by Kitty Kelley. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) A gossipy biography.	9	4
12	TEENAGE ROMANCE, by Delia Ephron. (Viking, \$9.95.) The embarrassments of adolescence recalled in words, and in drawings by Edward Koren.		3
13	HOW TO MAKE LOVE TO A MAN, by Alexandra Penney. (Clarkson N. Potter, \$10.) How-to.	7	18
14	ELVIS, by Albert Goldman. (McGraw-Hill, \$14.95.) The life and death of Elvis Presley.	10	5
15	THE SOUL OF A NEW MACHINE, by Tracy Kidder. (Atlantic-Little, Brown, \$13.95.) The making of a microcomputer.	11	9