

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 8, 2006 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE THIRTEENTH TALE, by Diane Setterfield. (Atria, \$26.) A biographer struggles to discover the truth about an aging writer who has mythologized her past.	1	2
2	THE BOOK OF FATE, by Brad Meltzer. (Warner, \$25.99.) The apparent murder of a presidential aide reveals Masonic secrets in Washington and a 200-year-old code invented by Thomas Jefferson.	2	3
3	THE MISSION SONG, by John le Carré. (Little, Brown, \$26.99.) An English translator, born in Congo, is sent by British intelligence to work for a corporate syndicate that wants to subvert Congolese elections.	--	1
4	RISE AND SHINE, by Anna Quindlen. (Random House, \$24.95.) The lives of two sisters, one the host of a television show and the other a social worker.	4	4
5	JUDGE & JURY, by James Patterson and Andrew Gross. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) An aspiring actress and an F.B.I. agent join forces against a powerful mobster.	5	8
6	THE GUY NOT TAKEN, by Jennifer Weiner. (Atria, \$24.95.) Stories about women and relationships from the author of "In Her Shoes."	8	3
7	IMPERIUM, by Robert Harris. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) A fictional life of Marcus Cicero, the Roman statesman and orator, as told by a household slave.	--	1
8	THE MEPHISTO CLUB, by Tess Gerritsen. (Ballantine, \$25.95.) A Boston medical examiner and a detective must solve a series of murders involving apocalyptic messages and a sinister cabal.	3	2
9	DARK CELEBRATION, by Christine Feehan. (Berkley, \$23.95.) Carpathians from around the world join together to oppose their enemies' plot to kill all Carpathian women.	6	3
10	WORLD WAR Z, by Max Brooks. (Crown, \$24.95.) An "oral history" of an imagined Zombie War that nearly destroys civilization.	11	2
11	THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TO RAIN, by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$21.95.) The third novel featuring the philosopher Isabel Dalhousie is a mystery about the meaning of happiness.	--	1
12	THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN, by Claire Messud. (Knopf, \$25.) A group of privileged 30-somethings try to make their way in literary New York just before 9/11.	9	4
13	THE AFGHAN, by Frederick Forsyth. (Putnam, \$26.95.) To foil a Qaeda plot, a British operative masquerades as a Taliban commander just released from Guantánamo.	10	5
14	RICOCHE, by Sandra Brown. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.95.) A detective is attracted to a judge's wife who he also suspects is not telling the truth about a fatal shooting.	7	6
15	A SPOT OF BOTHER, by Mark Haddon. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The world of a mild-mannered British family man falls apart; from the author of "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time."	12	2

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1	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").	2	8
2	THE GREATEST STORY EVER SOLD, by Frank Rich. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.) A Times columnist attacks the Bush administration's approach to message management.	--	1
3	THE CONFESSION, by James E. McGreevey. (Regan, \$26.95.) The former New Jersey governor comes out.	--	1
4	MARLEY & ME, by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog.	1	49
5	THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50; updated and expanded edition, \$30.) A columnist for The Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy.	4	77
6	STATE OF EMERGENCY, by Patrick J. Buchanan. (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's, \$24.95.) The conservative commentator argues against unchecked immigration.	5	5
7	LETTER TO A CHRISTIAN NATION, by Sam Harris. (Knopf, \$16.95.) The author of "The End of Faith" responds to Christians' arguments in defense of their beliefs.	--	1
8	I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DOING THIS! by Bob Newhart. (Hyperion, \$23.95.) A memoir by the comedian.	--	1
9	FREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A maverick scholar applies economic thinking to everything from sumo wrestlers who cheat to legalized abortion and the falling crime rate.	6	76
10	THE LOOMING TOWER, by Lawrence Wright. (Knopf, \$27.95.) The road to 9/11 as seen through the lives of terrorists planners and the F.B.I. counterterrorism chief.	3	7
11	THE GOD DELUSION, by Richard Dawkins. Houghton Mifflin, \$27.) An Oxford scientist asserts that belief in God is irrational and that religion has done great harm in the world.	--	1
12	HUBRIS, by Michael Isikoff and David Corn. (Crown, \$25.95.) The planning and marketing of the invasion of Iraq, featuring the president, administration officials, neoconservatives, Iraqi exiles and credulous journalists.	8	2
13	FIASCO, by Thomas E. Ricks. (The Penguin Press, \$27.95.) How the Bush administration's and the military's failure to understand the developing Iraqi insurgency contributed to its further growth.	7	9
14	AIR AMERICA: THE PLAYBOOK, by David Bender, Chuck D, Thom Hartmann et al. (Rodale, \$26.95.) Essays, transcripts and interviews from "a bunch of left-wing media types."	--	1
15	THE WAY WE WERE, by Paul Burrell. (Morrow, \$25.95.) Diana's former butler reminisces.	9	2
16	THE LOST, by Daniel Mendelsohn. (HarperCollins, \$27.95.) A critic tracks down the story of a great-uncle and his family, who were killed in the Holocaust.	--	1