

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	April 26, 1998 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE LONG ROAD HOME, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$25.95.) A woman who grew up in a fractured family tries to find the courage to confront the past.	3	2
2	BLACK AND BLUE, by Anna Quindlen. (Random House, \$23.) After her husband turns violent, a woman flees to Florida with her young son to start a new life under a new name.	9	11
3	PANDORA, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A 2,000-year-old vampire recounts her experiences, from imperial Rome to 20th-century Paris and New Orleans.	2	5
4	THE STREET LAWYER, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) A young lawyer comes to terms with himself after discovering his prestigious firm's dirty secret.	1	10
5	MESSAGE IN A BOTTLE, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$20.) After finding a seaborne bottle containing an enigmatic letter, a divorced woman encounters love.	--	1
6	COLD MOUNTAIN, by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love and a new world.	4	42
7	PARADISE, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, \$25.) A small black utopia in rural Oklahoma experiences tragedy and regeneration when it encounters the "real" world.	5	14
8	MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA, by Arthur Golden. (Knopf, \$25.) The life of a young woman growing up in Kyoto who has to reinvent herself after World War II begins.	8	23
9	HOMEPORT, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam, \$23.95.) An art expert's troubles, personal and professional, lead her to seek counsel from a seductive art thief.	7	4
10	TOXIN, by Robin Cook. (Putnam, \$24.95.) When his daughter becomes seriously ill after eating fast food, a physician takes on a hospital and the meat industry.	6	3
11	BLOOD WORK, by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, \$23.95.) A retired F.B.I. agent undertakes to solve the murder of an alluring woman's sister.	12	6
12	AN INSTANCE OF THE FINGERPOST, by Iain Pears. (Riverhead, \$27.) The mysterious murder of an Oxford don in the 17th century.	13	4
13	WITH THIS RING, by Amanda Quick. (Bantam, \$23.95.) A Gothic novelist faces horrors not of her own invention when she tries to find a missing mythic treasure.	10	2
14	CAVEDWELLER, by Dorothy Allison. (Dutton, \$24.95.) Fleeing California with her young daughter, a woman finds new challenges in her native Georgia backwater.	--	2
15	SUDDEN MISCHIEF, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$22.95.) The private eye Spenser comes to the aid of his girlfriend's former husband, a shady businessman.	11	5

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1	TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.	2	27
2	TALKING TO HEAVEN, by James Van Praagh. (Dutton, \$22.95.) A "world-famous medium" discusses communication with the other side.	1	16
3	ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$25.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.	3	84
4	THE GIFTS OF THE JEWS, by Thomas Cahill. (Talese/ Doubleday, \$23.50.) What Western civilization owes an ancient nomadic tribe.	11	2
5	SPIN CYCLE, by Howard Kurtz. (Free Press, \$25.) A journalist reports on how "the Clinton propaganda machine" deals with scandals and contends with the press.	4	6
6	THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.	5	66
7	AMAZING GRACE, by Kathleen Norris. (Riverhead, \$24.95.) A poet reflects on her discovery of religious faith and the meaning of its language.	--	1
8	APHRODITE, by Isabel Allende. (Harper Flamingo, \$26.) A novelist celebrates the pleasures of food and sex.	--	1
9	CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of life and love, good and evil, guilt and sin.	9	71
10	INTO THIN AIR, by Jon Krakauer. (Villard, \$24.95.) A journalist's account of his ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.	7	51
11	MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$25.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.	6	197
12	THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES, by Monty Roberts. (Random House, \$23.) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer.	8	36
13	THE PERFECT STORM, by Sebastian Junger. (Norton, \$23.95.) The story of the nor'easter of 1991, focusing on a crew of fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.	10	46
14	TITANIC: Legacy of the World's Greatest Ocean Liner, by Susan Wels. (Time-Life, \$34.95.) An illustrated account of the disaster and of present-day explorations.	12	12
15	CONSILIENCE, by Edward O. Wilson. (Knopf, \$26.) The biologist argues that a few fundamental natural laws govern the principles of every branch of learning.	--	1