

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 29, 1996 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	AIRFRAME, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$26.) A young woman investigates a near disaster that befell a plane on its way from Hong Kong to Denver.	2	2
2	THE CHRISTMAS BOX, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) When a family moves in with a widow, they all learn the significance of Christmas.	3	20
3	SILENT HONOR, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$24.95.) The attack on Pearl Harbor has tragic consequences for Japanese-American families.	1	6
4	EXECUTIVE ORDERS, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the President and most of the Cabinet, Congress, the Joint Chiefs and the Supreme Court.	4	18
5	THE NOTEBOOK, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.	9	10
6	DESPERATION, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$27.95.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.	6	12
7	THE FALLEN MAN, by Tony Hillerman. (HarperCollins, \$24.) Two Navajo policemen investigate the mysterious death of a man atop a sacred mountain.	5	4
8	THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN, by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Viking, \$23.95.) The disappearance of a 3-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.	7	14
9	THE CHRISTMAS TREE, by Julie Salamon. (Random House, \$12.95.) The lifelong friendship between a nun and a fir tree reaches a happy conclusion at Rockefeller Center.	8	2
10	MY GAL SUNDAY, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) An ex-President and his Congresswoman wife investigate four crimes in the capital.	10	9
11	THE LAWS OF OUR FATHERS, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.95.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 60's.	12	9
12	FALLING UP, by Shel Silverstein. (HarperCollins, \$16.95.) Poems and drawings, for children and grown-ups, celebrating strange characters and experiences.	--	27
13	THE THIRD TWIN, by Ken Follett. (Crown, \$25.95.) A research scientist's study of genetic components brings her frightening experiences and romance.	11	8
14	THE REGULATORS, by Richard Bachman. (Dutton, \$24.95.) Killings and other horrors disrupt a quiet suburban town in Ohio.	15	12
15	THIS YEAR IT WILL BE DIFFERENT, by Maeve Binchy. (Delacorte, \$15.95.) Fifteen stories about the life of contemporary families at Christmastime.	14	3

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1	A REPORTER'S LIFE, by Walter Cronkite. (Knopf, \$26.95.) From Kansas City newsboy to newspaper reporter to television anchorman: a memoir.	2	2
2	MY SERGEI, by Ekaterina Gordeeva with E. M. Swift. (Warner, \$18.95.) A memoir of the Russian ice skater Sergei Grinkov, who died last year, by his longtime partner and wife.	1	7
3	FOREVER, ERMA, by Erma Bombeck. (Andrews & McMeel, \$22.95.) More than 190 pieces written over 31 years by the syndicated columnist, who died this year.	3	7
4	EVERYONE IS ENTITLED TO MY OPINION, by David Brinkley. (Knopf, \$20.) Commentaries on events during the past 15 years by the television newscaster.	7	5
5	THE DILBERT PRINCIPLE, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$22.) Observations on the foibles of the business world, reported in words and cartoons.	6	35
6	DOGBERT'S TOP SECRET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$16.) A satirical look, in words and cartoons, at the current foibles of business and management.	4	10
7	ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.	5	15
8	I'M NOT REALLY HERE, by Tim Allen. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) Discussions of the irritations and delights of middle-aged men by the star of "Home Improvement."	10	4
9	DOWN IN THE GARDEN, by Anne Geddes. (Cedco, \$49.95.) A collection of photographs of infants dressed up as flora and fauna, with brief comments.	8	6
10	LIVING FAITH, by Jimmy Carter. (Times Books/Random House, \$23.) The former President looks back at his life through the lens of his religious beliefs.	13	4
11	MY STORY, by Sarah, the Duchess of York, with Jeff Coplon. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.) The autobiography of the former member of the British royal family.	12	5
12	JAMES HERRIOT'S FAVORITE DOG STORIES, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$17.95.) Ten tales recounted by the Yorkshire veterinarian, who died last year.	14	13
13	THE SOUL'S CODE, by James Hillman. (Random House, \$23.) A psychologist analyzes the elements that make up each person's essence.	9	7
14	UNDAUNTED COURAGE, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark's exploration.	15	40
15	SLOUCHING TOWARDS GOMORRAH, by Robert H. Bork. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$25.) An indictment of modern liberalism by the former judge.	11	13