

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	February 17, 1991 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	COLD FIRE, by Dean R. Koontz. (Putnam, \$22.95.) A despondent reporter finds hope and romance while she tracks the course of a good Samaritan.	1	4
2	THE SECRET PILGRIM, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$21.95.) A member of British intelligence recalls his three decades as a spy.	2	6
3	BATTLEGROUND, by W. E. B. Griffin. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The experiences of marines from Midway to Guadalcanal.	4	4
4	FORGIVING, by LaVyrle Spencer. (Putnam, \$19.95.) When she establishes a newspaper in Dakota Territory, a young woman finds familial problems and romance.	--	1
5	THE PLAINS OF PASSAGE, by Jean M. Auel. (Crown, \$24.95.) A couple on horseback trek across Europe in the Ice Age.	3	18
6	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, by Maeve Binchy. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) The coming of age of women in an Irish village and in Dublin's academia.	6	4
7	POSSESSION, by A. S. Byatt. (Random House, \$22.95.) A pair of British academics pursue the relationship between two Victorian poets.	7	9
8	THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES, by Martha Grimes. (Little, Brown, \$19.95.) Scotland Yard's Richard Jury finds himself a suspect in the strange death of a widow from England's Lake District.	--	1
9	THE FOURTH K, by Mario Puzo. (Random House, \$22.) The tumultuous career of President Francis Xavier Kennedy, cousin of John and Robert.	5	6
10	MAGIC HOUR, by Susan Isaacs. (HarperCollins, \$21.95.) The romantic and professional lives of a homicide detective become entangled as he investigates a murder in the Hamptons.	14	2
11	MIDDLE PASSAGE, by Charles Johnson. (Atheneum, \$17.95.) A newly liberated slave learns about himself and the world during a voyage to Africa in the early 19th century.	11	3
12	DAZZLE, by Judith Krantz. (Crown, \$21.95.) The familial, professional and romantic life of a California woman who becomes a photographer.	8	12
13	VITAL SIGNS, by Robin Cook. (Putnam, \$21.95.) A physician's quest for fertility brings her horrifying adventures in America, Australia and China.	9	5
14	THE WITCHING HOUR, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$22.95.) The relationship of a professional woman, the descendant of witches, and a rich man she brings back to life after he drowns.	12	15
15	JURASSIC PARK, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A biotechnician uses genetic engineering to clone dinosaurs for a theme park.	10	12

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1	IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly. (Addison-Wesley, \$18.95.) The passage of the male from boyhood into manhood, as practiced in various cultures.	2	13
2	THE PRIZE, by Daniel Yergin. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) The role that oil has played in world history from the mid-19th century to the present.	1	3
3	A LIFE ON THE ROAD, by Charles Kuralt. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The memoirs of the itinerant television newscaster.	3	14
4	YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, by Deborah Tannen. (Morrow, \$18.95.) The different languages men and women speak.	4	28
5	PATRIMONY, by Philip Roth. (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) The novelist tells of his father's struggle with a fatal brain tumor.	12	4
6	THE CIVIL WAR, by Geoffrey C. Ward with Ric Burns and Ken Burns. (Knopf, \$50.) From Fort Sumter to Appomattox, in words and pictures.	5	19
7	MILLIE'S BOOK, as dictated to Barbara Bush. (Morrow, \$17.95.) The memoirs of the English springer spaniel who lives in the White House.	7	21
8	THE NEW RUSSIANS, by Hedrick Smith. (Random House, \$24.95.) A former Moscow correspondent surveys the profound changes in the Soviet Union during the past 15 years.	6	5
9	THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHILDREN, by Robert Coles. (Davison/Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The nature of God and salvation as perceived by Christian, Jewish and Muslim children.	9	5
10	BO KNOWS BO, by Bo Jackson and Dick Schaap. (Doubleday, \$18.95.) The autobiography of the athlete who plays both baseball and football.	8	14
11	POWERSHIFT, by Alvin Toffler. (Bantam, \$22.95.) How the changes currently occurring throughout the world are altering our daily lives.	11	14
12	AND THE SEA WILL TELL, by Vincent Bugliosi with Bruce B. Henderson. (Norton, \$22.95.) An enigmatic 1974 murder case involving two American couples on a Pacific atoll.	--	1
13	DARKNESS VISIBLE, by William Styron. (Random House, \$15.95.) The novelist's memoir of a period of severe depression.	10	17
14	THE JAPAN THAT CAN SAY NO, by Shintaro Ishihara. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) A Japanese politician contends his homeland will surpass the United States and become "first among equals."	--	1
15	GOD, COUNTRY, NOTRE DAME, by Theodore M. Hesburgh with Jerry Reedy. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The autobiography of the theologian and former president of the University of Notre Dame.	15	6