

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 27, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	2	13
2	"U" IS FOR UNDERTOW, by Sue Grafton. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Kinsey Millhone investigates the case of a 4-year-old girl who disappeared 21 years earlier.	1	2
3	I, ALEX CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Tracking the murderer of a relative, Alex Cross discovers a wild Washington scene with explosive secrets.	3	4
4	UNDER THE DOME, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$35.) When a Maine town is trapped by an invisible force field, a sanctimonious and hypocritical politician takes over.	4	5
5	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	5	37
6	DIVINE MISDEMEANORS, by Laurell K. Hamilton. (Ballantine, \$26.) In the eighth Meredith Gentry paranormal romance, Meredith, who has left the faerie court, is asked by the L.A.P.D. for assistance in solving a series of crimes.	--	1
7	PIRATE LATITUDES, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon; this manuscript was found in Crichton's files after his death in 2008.	6	3
8	THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright. (Threshold Editions, \$19.99.) A boy learns from his disappointment with his mother's gift.	16	11
9	FORD COUNTY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi.	7	6
10	THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love.	12	14
11	THE LACUNA, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A young American growing up in Mexico becomes friends with artists and radicals; later, in the United States, he is menaced by McCarthyism.	10	6
12	BREATHLESS, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$28.) Mysterious animals in the Colorado Rockies set off intrigue and suspense.	8	3
13	PURSUIT OF HONOR, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$27.99.) The counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp must teach politicians about national security following a new Qaeda attack.	11	9
14	TRUE BLUE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) An ex-cop in Washington struggles to clear her name.	13	7
15	THE GATHERING STORM, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.99.) Book 12 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	14	7

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1	GOING ROGUE, by Sarah Palin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$28.99.) A memoir by the former Alaska governor and vice-presidential candidate.	1	4
2	STONES INTO SCHOOLS, by Greg Mortenson. (Viking, \$26.95.) Building schools, many of them for girls, in northeast Afghanistan; takes up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off.	2	2
3	HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	3	11
4	ARGUING WITH IDIOTS, written and edited by Glenn Beck, Kevin Balfe and others. (Mercury Radio Arts/Threshold Editions, \$29.99.) The case against big government.	6	12
5	OPEN, by Andre Agassi. (Knopf, \$28.95.) The tennis champion's autobiography.	4	5
6	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	5	13
7	SUPERFREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$29.99.) A scholar and a journalist apply economic thinking to everything: the sequel.	7	8
8	WHAT THE DOG SAW, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A decade of New Yorker essays.	8	8
9	THE NATIONAL PARKS, by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns. (Knopf, \$50.) A companion to the PBS series.	15	6
10	HALF THE SKY, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. (Knopf, \$27.95.) Women fighting sexual oppression in Asia and Africa.	9	6
11	WHEN THE GAME WAS OURS, by Larry Bird and Earvin "Magic" Johnson with Jackie MacMullan. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26.) Two great basketball players discuss their careers, their long rivalry and their eventual friendship.	12	6
12	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	10	56
13	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	--	50
14	A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$19.95.) Christmas memories from the former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential aspirant.	11	5
15	THE IMPERIAL CRUISE, by James Bradley. (Little, Brown, \$29.99.) In 1905, during a diplomatic journey organized by Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft negotiated secret agreements with several Asian countries.	13	3