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This Week	October 23, 1988 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan races to the rescue of an American secret agent.	1	12
2	THE QUEEN OF THE DAMNED, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$18.95.) Continuing the chronicle of 6,000 years of vampirism begun in "Interview With the Vampire" and "The Vampire Lestat."		1
3	BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.	2	5
4	FINAL FLIGHT, by Stephen Coonts. (Doubleday, \$18.95.) Colonel Qazi, an "international terrorist," plots to steal American nuclear weapons.	11	2
5	TILL WE MEET AGAIN, by Judith Krantz. (Crown, \$19.95.) The exploits of a woman and her two daughters.	3	11
6	ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.	4	17
7	THE SHELL SEEKERS, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A woman and a painting tie together three generations of an English family.	10	36
8	THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$19.95.) A bond trader caught in the jungles of New York.	8	51
9	LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, \$18.95.) A Colombian poet's perdurable love for a woman is tested.	9	27
10	SPOCK'S WORLD, by Diane Duane. (Pocket, \$16.95.) An emergency meeting of the planet Vulcan's ruling council exposes its secret history.	5	7
11	ANYTHING FOR BILLY, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) The exploits of Billy the Kid, as shared by a dime-novel writer from Philadelphia.		1
12	KOKO, by Peter Straub. (Dutton, \$19.95.) Three Vietnam veterans on the trail of a friend who may be responsible for a series of murders.	6	4
13	THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS, by Thomas Harris. (St. Martin's, \$18.95.) A young woman F.B.I. trainee pursues a serial killer.	7	7
14	PRIME TIME, by Joan Collins. (Linden/Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) Five actresses compete for a glamorous role in Hollywood.	16	3
15	TRACKS, by Louise Erdrich. (Holt, \$18.95.) The mysterious life of Fleur Pillager, a Chippewa woman with the powers of a shaman.	14	3

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1	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A British scientist's review of efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	1	27
2	THE RAGMAN'S SON, by Kirk Douglas. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) The actor recalls his life as poor immigrant's son, waiter, steel mill worker, haberdashery salesman, film star, father and man.	2	9
3	PRESS ON! by Chuck Yeager and Charles Leerhsen. (Bantam, \$17.95.) The legendary pilot on flying, the outdoors and his West Virginia roots.	11	4
4	THE LIVES OF JOHN LENNON, by Albert Goldman. (Morrow, \$22.95.) The rock-and-roll star as legend and as human being.	3	7
5	THE BOZ, by Brian Bosworth with Rick Reilly. (Doubleday, \$17.95.) The autobiography of the Seattle Seahawks football player.	4	8
6	SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE, by Leo Damore. (Regnery Gateway, \$19.95.) A reporter's reassessment of the 1969 accident on Chappaquiddick Island.	6	11
7	LANDSLIDE, by Jane Mayer and Doyle McManus. (Houghton Mifflin, \$21.95.) Two Washington reporters on "the unmaking of the President, 1984- 1988."	8	3
8	SURVIVING THE GREAT DEPRESSION OF 1990, by Ravi Batra. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) What Americans and their Government should do in the face of economic disaster.	5	2
9	THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR, by Charles Higham. (McGraw-Hill, \$17.95.) The life of the woman who married King Edward VIII.	7	14
10	THEY WENT THAT-A-WAY, by Malcolm Forbes with Jeff Bloch. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) How the famous (and the infamous) met their end.	13	4
11	GENERATION OF SWINE, by Hunter S. Thompson. (Summit, \$18.95.) Commentary on the current decade.	9	15
12	TRANSFORMATION, by Whitley Strieber. (Beech Tree/Morrow, \$18.95.) The author of "Communion" tells of more confrontations with "intelligent nonhumans."	10	8
13	THE LAST LION, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) The second volume of a biography of Winston Churchill, covering the years 1932-40.		1
14	TRUMP, by Donald J. Trump with Tony Schwartz. (Random House, \$19.95.) The career and business style of the New York entrepreneur.	12	45
15	THE FIRST SALUTE, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Knopf, \$22.95.) A historian's view of the American Revolution.	14	2