The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 11, 1992 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	WHERE IS JOE MERCHANT? by Jimmy Buffett. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) A couple on a wild chase through the Caribbean on the trail of a deceased rock star who has been sighted there.	1	7
2	THE PELICAN BRIEF, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$22.50.) A woman law student probes the murder of two Supreme Court justices.	2	31
3	WAITING TO EXHALE, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$22.) The friendships and romances of four black women in Phoenix.	3	20
4	THE SECRET HISTORY, by Donna Tartt. (Knopf, \$23.) Close friends at a small college must deal with the consequences of a crime they committed.	5	4
5	GERALD'S GAME, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$23.50.) Twenty-eight hours of horror suffered by a woman handcuffed to a bedpost.	4	13
6	ALL THAT REMAINS, by Patricia D. Cornwell. (Scribners, \$20.) Searching for the truth behind the strange deaths of five young couples in Virginia.	7	7
7	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$14.95.) A photographer and a lonely farmer's wife in Iowa.	6	9
8	TANGLED VINES, by Janet Dailey. (Little, Brown, \$21.95.) Visiting her native Napa Valley, a television star encounters shades of her unhappy childhood and romance with the heir to a winery.	9	5
9	THE LEGACY, by R. A. Salvatore. (TSR, \$15.95.) A fantasy tale about a spider queen's war to stop a band of elves in their quest for peace and security.	10	3
10	THE VOLCANO LOVER, by Susan Sontag. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) The story of Lord Nelson, his lover Emma Hamilton and her spouse.	8	7
11	BEFORE AND AFTER, by Rosellen Brown. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$21.) A tragic event in a New England town pits members of a family against one another.	12	3
12	LIVE FROM GOLGOTHA, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$22.) The Gospel according to St. Timothy, recorded in A.D. 96 amid intrusions by 20th-century religious and media personalities.	14	2
13	THE CAT WHO WASN'T THERE, by Lilian Jackson Braun. (Putnam, \$18.95.) Jim Qwilleran has to contend with a series of crimes in Scotland.	11	3
14	THE SILKEN WEB, by Sandra Brown. (Warner, \$16.95.) Kathleen Haley faces a difficult choice: marriage to a secure well-to-do man or to a passionate old flame.		1
15	SWEET LIAR, by Jude Deveraux. (Pocket, \$22.) In New York, a Kentucky woman copes with a mystery dating back to the Roaring Twenties.	13	7

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1	THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE, by Rush H. Limbaugh 3d. (Pocket, \$22.) Anecdotes and opinions offered by the radio talk show host.	1	4
2	EVERY LIVING THING, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$22.95.) The veterinarian's new memoir.	2	6
3	THE SILENT PASSAGE, by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$16.) A discussion of menopause.	3	20
4	TRUMAN, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the 33d President.	4	17
5	IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO, by H. Norman Schwarzkopf with Peter Petre. (Linda Grey/ Bantam, \$25.) The autobiography of the general who commanded the allied forces in the gulf war.		1
6	THE TE OF PIGLET, by Benjamin Hoff. (Dutton, \$16.) Aspects of Taoist philosophy explained through the actions of an A. A. Milne character.	6	3
7	EARTH IN THE BALANCE, by Al Gore. (Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The Vice-Presidential candidate discusses the environment.	5	18
8	WOMEN WHO RUN WITH THE WOLVES, by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. (Ballantine, \$20.) A Jungian analyst reinterprets myths and folk tales.	8	9
9	YOUNG MEN & FIRE, by Norman Maclean. (University of Chicago, \$19.95.) An account of a disastrous fire in a Montana forest in 1949.	10	6
10	DIANA: HER TRUE STORY, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.) A life of the Princess.	7	15
11	THE LAST TSAR, by Edvard Radzinsky. (Doubleday, \$25.) The life and death of Nicholas II.	9	10
12	CARE OF THE SOUL, by Thomas Moore. (HarperCollins, \$20.) Spirituality in everyday life.	12	4
13	UP IN THE OLD HOTEL, by Joseph Mitchell. (Pantheon, \$27.50.) Three dozen pieces about Manhattan life, first published in The New Yorker.	11	3
14	HEAD TO HEAD, by Lester Thurow. (Morrow, \$25.) The upcoming economic battle among Japan, Europe and the United States.	13	22
15	WHO WILL TELL THE PEOPLE, by William Greider. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) How powerful monied interests dominate the Government.	14	20
16	THE CREATORS, by Daniel J. Boorstin. (Random House, \$30.) Three thousand years in the history of religion, philosophy, literature and the arts, told through the lives of those who made it.		1
17	SHADOWS OF FORGOTTEN ANCESTORS, by Carl Sagan and Ann Druyan. (Random House, \$23.) The origins of human life on earth; an excursion through more than a billion years of evolution.		1