

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	August 18, 1991 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$22.95.) A Chinese-American matriarch tells the harrowing story of her life.	1	8
2	THE FIRM, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A young lawyer learns that his firm is engaged in secret, possibly illegal activities.	2	23
3	MAXIMUM BOB, by Elmore Leonard. (Delacorte, \$20.) A woman probation officer pursues the people trying to kill a redneck Florida judge.	9	3
4	PASTIME, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The private eye Spenser learns much about his own past while helping a young man track down his mother, who has disappeared.	8	4
5	HEIR TO THE EMPIRE, by Timothy Zahn. (Spectra/Bantam, \$15.) The survival of the "Star Wars" galaxy is menaced by new forces.	3	13
6	OUTER BANKS, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$19.95.) An interior decorator comes to terms with herself at a college reunion.	6	4
7	BEAST, by Peter Benchley. (Random House, \$21.) The disappearance of a couple off Bermuda raises a question: is a creature from the deep responsible?	5	8
8	LOVES MUSIC, LOVES TO DANCE, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) Two Manhattan women, doing research into personal ads, get caught in the snare of a serial killer.	4	15
9	PARADISE, by Judith McNaught. (Pocket, \$19.95.) The heirs of two family dynasties find true love when one of their businesses is threatened.	7	8
10	SKY MASTERS, by Dale Brown. (Fine/Putnam, \$21.95.) The United States Air Force comes to the aid of the Philippines in a war with China in 1994.	14	4
11	AS THE CROW FLIES, by Jeffrey Archer. (HarperCollins, \$22.95.) Inspired by his grandfather, a London vendor, a man strives to create the biggest store in the world.	12	15
12	TEXAS! SAGE, by Sandra Brown. (Doubleday, \$18.) A young woman who has always been able to wrap men around her finger meets her match on a visit to her hometown.	11	2
13	THE WILD ROSE, by Doris Mortman. (Bantam, \$20.) The professional and romantic life of a woman pianist in Budapest and New York.	--	1
14	OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO! by Dr. Seuss. (Random House, \$12.95.) The problems of finding your way through life; in verse and pictures.	10	73
15	MAMISTA, by Len Deighton. (HarperCollins, \$21.95.) Three Americans caught in a tangle of drug trafficking, espionage and guerrilla warfare in the jungles of South America.	--	1

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1	CHUTZPAH, by Alan M. Dershowitz. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) A prominent law professor's reflections on the lot of Jews in America.	2	9
2	PARLIAMENT OF WHORES, by P. J. O'Rourke. (Entrekin/Atlantic Monthly, \$19.95.) A humorist's attempt to explain the Federal Government.	3	9
3	WHEN YOU LOOK LIKE YOUR PASSPORT PHOTO, IT'S TIME TO GO HOME, by Erma Bombeck. (HarperCollins, \$19.95.) The tribulations of travel suffered in all parts of the world.	5	4
4	IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly. (Addison-Wesley, \$19.95.) The passage of the male from boyhood into manhood, as practiced in various cultures.	1	39
5	TOUJOURS PROVENCE, by Peter Mayle. (Knopf, \$20.) The charms of rustic Provence, as savored by a London advertising man who moved there.	4	7
6	FIRE IN THE BELLY, by Sam Keen. (Bantam, \$19.95.) A philosopher explores the changing role of the male in today's society.	6	14
7	BOSS OF BOSSES, by Joseph F. O'Brien and Andris Kurins. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) The downfall of the mobster Paul Castellano.	8	6
8	A QUESTION OF CHARACTER, by Thomas C. Reeves. (Free Press, \$24.95.) A biography of John F. Kennedy.	7	7
9	THE COMMANDERS, by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) How President Bush and his commanders have made military decisions.	10	14
10	AND THE BEAT GOES ON, by Sonny Bono. (Pocket, \$19.95.) The veteran pop star and current Mayor of Palm Springs, Calif., recalls his roller-coaster career with and without Cher.	--	1
11	DAVE BARRY TALKS BACK, by Dave Barry. (Crown, \$18.) A collection of columns by the syndicated humorist.	--	7
12	COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT, by Clark Clifford with Richard Holbrooke. (Random House, \$25.) The memoirs of the Democratic adviser.	12	10
13	WOODY ALLEN, by Eric Lax. (Knopf, \$24.) The life of the film director, writer and actor.	9	11
14	UNDER THE INFLUENCE, by Peter Hernon and Terry Ganey. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) An unauthorized account of Anheuser-Busch.	15	6
15	PETER LAWFORD, by James Spada. (Bantam, \$22.50.) The life of the British-born actor, Hollywood man about town and Kennedy in-law.	14	3
16	PAUL HARVEY'S FOR WHAT IT'S WORTH, edited by Paul Harvey Jr. (Bantam, \$15.) Anecdotes told by the radio broadcaster.	--	6