

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	January 17, 2010 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	1	16
2	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	4	40
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.	2	7
4	SIZZLE, by Julie Garwood. (Ballantine, \$26.) A film student who witnessed a crime is aided by a handsome F.B.I. agent.	--	1
5	FIRE UP, by Jayne Ann Krentz. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A venture capitalist who believes he has inherited an ancestor's psychic powers searches for an elusive artifact.	--	1
6	THE HONOR OF SPIES, by W. E. B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth IV. (Putnam, \$26.95.) An O.S.S. agent seeks information from a German prisoner of war; the fifth book in the Honor Bound series.	--	1
7	DEEPER THAN THE DEAD, by Tami Hoag. (Dutton, \$26.95.) An F.B.I. investigator and a teacher track a series of murders in California in 1985.	--	1
8	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.	8	17
9	ALTAR OF EDEN, by James Rollins. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) A Louisiana veterinarian discovers a wrecked fishing trawler filled with genetically altered animals.	--	1
10	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.	3	8
11	"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.	7	5
12	PIRATE LATITUDES, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon.	5	6
13	FORD COUNTY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi.	6	9
14	I, SNIPER, by Stephen Hunter. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) Bob Lee Swagger discovers that the murder of four '60s radicals is more complicated than it seems.	--	1
15	THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Swedish hacker becomes a murder suspect.	--	12

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1	HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	2	14
2	GOING ROGUE, by Sarah Palin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$28.99.) A memoir by the former Alaska governor and vice-presidential candidate.	1	7
3	WHAT THE DOG SAW, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A decade of New Yorker essays.	7	11
4	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.	6	11
5	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.	8	5
6	OPEN, by Andre Agassi. (Knopf, \$28.95.) The tennis champion's autobiography.	5	8
7	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	4	16
8	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	9	59
9	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.	3	15
10	TOO BIG TO FAIL, by Andrew Ross Sorkin. (Viking, \$32.95.) The 2008 financial implosion on Wall Street and in Washington, by a New York Times reporter and columnist.	15	8
11	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.	10	6
12	THE BOOK OF BASKETBALL, by Bill Simmons. (Ballantine/ESPN, \$30.) ESPN.com's Sports Guy crunches big questions in N.B.A. history.	13	9
13	HALF THE SKY, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. (Knopf, \$27.95.) Women fighting sexual oppression in Asia and Africa.	--	8
14	BORN TO RUN, by Christopher McDougall. (Knopf, \$24.95.) Secrets of distance running from a Mexican Indian tribe.	--	17
15	LAST WORDS, by George Carlin with Tony Hendra. (Free Press, \$26.99.) The life of the comedian, who died in 2008.	14	5