

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 12, 2010 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	CROSS FIRE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Alex Cross investigates a professional assassination in Washington, and gets a chilling call from his deadliest adversary.	1	2
2	THE CONFESSION, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$28.95.) A criminal wants to save an innocent man on death row, but he must convince the authorities he's telling the truth.	2	5
3	FULL DARK, NO STARS, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$27.99.) Four long stories, light on the supernatural and dealing mostly with grisly human behavior.	5	3
4	HELL'S CORNER, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) Recalled to duty, Oliver Stone hunts for those responsible for a bomb detonated near the White House.	3	3
5	THE GIRL WHO KICKED THE HORNET'S NEST, by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$27.95.) The third volume of a trilogy about a Swedish hacker and a journalist.	6	27
6	CRESCENT DAWN, by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Dirk Pitt seeks a tie between a trove of ancient Roman artifacts and a series of mosque explosions.	4	2
7	TOWERS OF MIDNIGHT, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor, \$29.99.) Book 13 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	7	4
8	THE EMPEROR'S TOMB, by Steve Berry. (Ballantine, \$26.) The former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone travels to China after a woman close to him is tortured for the return of a mysterious artifact.	--	1
9	FALL OF GIANTS, by Ken Follett. (Dutton, \$36.) Five interrelated families from five countries are caught in the upheavals of World War I and the Russian Revolution.	10	9
10	THE ATHENA PROJECT, by Brad Thor. (Atria, \$27.99.) An all-female American counterterrorism unit searches for an arms dealer connected with a deadly attack in Rome.	--	1
11	SAFE HAVEN, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$25.99.) The arrival of a mysterious young woman in a small North Carolina town raises questions about her past.	13	11
12	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young Southern white woman and two black maids.	11	87
13	SQUIRREL SEEKS CHIPMUNK, by David Sedaris. (Little, Brown, \$21.99.) The humorist looks at human nature through stories with animals as characters.	8	9
14	AMERICAN ASSASSIN, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$27.99.) In the wake of the Lockerbie bombing, Mitch Rapp takes on his first antiterrorist assignment.	12	7
15	AN OBJECT OF BEAUTY, by Steve Martin. (Grand Central, \$26.99.) A young, beautiful and ambitious woman ruthlessly ascends the heights of the Manhattan art world.	--	1

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1	DECISION POINTS, by George W. Bush. (Crown, \$35.) The former president's memoir discusses his Christianity; his drinking; his family relationships; and 9/11, Iraq and Katrina.	1	3
2	AMERICA BY HEART, by Sarah Palin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) The former vice-presidential candidate reflects on family, faith and patriotism.	--	1
3	AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MARK TWAIN, VOL. 1, by Mark Twain. (University of California, \$34.95.) Twain is pointedly political and willing to play the angry prophet.	5	6
4	UNBROKEN, by Laura Hillenbrand. (Random House, \$27.) An Olympic runner's story of survival as a prisoner of the Japanese in World War II.	2	2
5	LIFE, by Keith Richards with James Fox. (Little, Brown, \$29.99.) The Rolling Stones guitarist's revealing autobiography is also a portrait of the era when rock 'n' roll came of age.	4	5
6	DECODED, by Jay-Z. (Spiegel & Grau, \$35.) The hip-hop star leads a narrative journey through his lyrics and his life.	3	2
7	BROKE, by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe. (Threshold/Mercury Radio Arts, \$29.99.) The Fox News host's plan for fixing the country's financial woes.	6	5
8	EARTH (THE BOOK), by Jon Stewart, David Javerbaum, Rory Albanese, Steve Bodow and Josh Lieb. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) A visitor's guide to the human race, presented by "The Daily Show."	9	10
9	CLEOPATRA, by Stacy Schiff. (Little, Brown, \$29.99.) A biography of the last queen of ancient Egypt.	8	4
10	COLONEL ROOSEVELT, by Edmund Morris. (Random House, \$35.) The third and concluding volume of Morris's monumental biography of Theodore Roosevelt.	--	1
11	I REMEMBER NOTHING, by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$22.95.) Reflections on age and memory, from the author of "I Feel Bad About My Neck."	7	3
12	ALL THE DEVILS ARE HERE, by Bethany McLean and Joe Nocera. (Portfolio/Penguin, \$32.95.) Two business journalists examine the financial crisis of 2008.	10	2
13	SH*T MY DAD SAYS, by Justin Halpern. (It Books/HarperCollins, \$15.99.) A coming-of-age memoir organized around the musings, purveyed on Twitter, of the author's father.	13	30
14	PINHEADS AND PATRIOTS, by Bill O'Reilly. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) The Fox News commentator scrutinizes the meaning of change in the era of Obama.	11	11
15	THE LAST BOY, by Jane Leavy. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) A biography of the Yankees star Mickey Mantle.	14	7
16	THE EMPEROR OF ALL MALADIES, by Siddhartha Mukherjee. (Scribner, \$30.) An oncologist's history of cancer and its treatment.	12	2