

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 3, 2006 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Alex Cross, retired from the F.B.I., has a chance to track a rapist who may have murdered his wife.	--	1
2	FOR ONE MORE DAY, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) A troubled man gets a last chance to reconnect and restore his relationship with his dead mother.	4	8
3	DEAR JOHN, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$24.99.) An unlikely romance between a soldier and an idealistic young woman is tested in the aftermath of 9/11.	1	3
4	NATURE GIRL, by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A single mother takes revenge on her lecherous ex-boss and an annoying telemarketer in the Florida Keys.	--	1
5	WILD FIRE, by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, \$26.99.) Detective John Corey and his wife, an F.B.I. agent, help to foil a nuclear plot against the United States.	2	2
6	BORN IN DEATH, by J. D. Robb. (Putnam, \$24.95.) Lt. Eve Dallas investigates the disappearance of a pregnant woman; by Nora Roberts, writing pseudonymously.	3	2
7	LISEY'S STORY, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28.) A widow's journey through grief after the death of her husband, a famous novelist with terrible memories.	5	4
8	SANTA CRUISE, by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark. (Scribner, \$22.) Passengers on a Christmas cruise for charity, including an amateur sleuth, manage to foil two escaping felons.	--	1
9	THE COLLECTORS, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$26.99.) The members of the Camel Club reunite to solve a murder at the Library of Congress.	6	5
10	FIRST IMPRESSIONS, by Nora Roberts. (Silhouette, \$17.95.) Seeking peace, a wealthy businessman retreats to a small town, but his lovely and charitable neighbor won't stay away; reprint of a 1984 novel.	11	4
11	H.R.H., by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$27.) An American-educated European princess faces unexpected challenges when she works at an African Red Cross camp.	7	3
12	THE RISING TIDE, by Jeff Shaara. (Ballantine, \$27.95.) The first volume of a projected trilogy of novels about World War II focuses on campaigns in North Africa and Sicily.	8	2
13	ACT OF TREASON, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$25.95.) The C.I.A. operative Mitch Rapp makes surprising discoveries when he investigates an attack on a Democratic presidential candidate's motorcade.	10	6
14	THIRTEEN MOONS, by Charles Frazier. (Random House, \$26.95.) A man raised in the North Carolina wilderness travels America in defense of his adopted Indian people and broods over an elusive woman.	12	7
15	ECHO PARK, by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, \$26.99.) The Los Angeles detective Harry Bosch returns to an old unsolved case with unexpected results.	9	6

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1	THE AUDACITY OF HOPE, by Barack Obama. (Crown, \$25.) The Illinois junior senator proposes that Americans move beyond their political divisions.	1	5
2	THE INNOCENT MAN, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$28.95.) Grisham's first nonfiction book concerns a man sentenced to death for a crime he did not commit.	2	6
3	CULTURE WARRIOR, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The host of "The O'Reilly Factor" describes a culture war between traditionalists and secular-progressives.	3	8
4	THE GOD DELUSION, by Richard Dawkins. Houghton Mifflin, \$27.) An Oxford scientist asserts that belief in God is irrational and that religion has done great harm in the world.	7	9
5	MARLEY & ME, by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog.	4	57
6	I FEEL BAD ABOUT MY NECK, by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A witty look at aging from a novelist and screenwriter ("When Harry Met Sally").	6	16
7	STATE OF DENIAL, by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) The third "Bush at War" volume by the longtime Washington Post reporter and editor describes a dysfunctional administration's inept conduct of the invasion and occupation of Iraq.	5	8
8	THE MR. AND MRS. HAPPY HANDBOOK, by Steve Doocy. (Morrow, \$23.95.) Humorous observations on marriage and family life.	9	5
9	THUNDERSTRUCK, by Erik Larson. (Crown, \$25.95.) Intertwined stories of early-20th-century murder and scientific intrigue intersect in a sea chase on the North Atlantic; from the author of "The Devil in the White City."	8	4
10	I LIKE YOU, by Amy Sedaris. (Warner, \$27.99.) The actress's wacky approach to entertaining.	15	5
11	PALESTINE PEACE NOT APARTHEID, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.) The former president calls for revitalizing the peace process.	--	1
12	THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50; updated and expanded edition, \$30.) A columnist for The Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy.	12	85
13	A HAND TO GUIDE ME, by Denzel Washington with Daniel Paisner. (Meredith, \$24.95.) Seventy-four stories by celebrities and leaders about people who inspired them, introduced by the Academy Award winning actor.	10	3
14	THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE THUNDERBOLT KID, by Bill Bryson. (Broadway, \$25.) A memoir of growing up in mid-America at midcentury by the author of "A Short History of Nearly Everything."	11	5
15	FREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$27.95.) A maverick scholar and a journalist apply economic theory to everything from cheating suomo wrestlers to the falling crime rate.	16	80
16	SEA OF THUNDER, by Evan Thomas. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.) The naval war in the South Pacific, 1941-45.	--	1