The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 15, 1991 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SUM OF ALL FEARS, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$24.95.) Middle Eastern terrorists edge the world to the brink of nuclear war, and a floundering President may not be able to cope.	1	4
2	THE DOOMSDAY CONSPIRACY, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$22.) An American naval officer, assigned to investigate a balloon accident in the Alps, has to contend with a mysterious force.		1
3	THE FIRM, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A young lawyer learns that his firm is engaged in secret, possibly illegal activities.	2	27
4	SAINT MAYBE, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$22.) The struggles of a young man to atone for the wrong he feels he has done his older brother.	4	2
5	THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$22.95.) A Chinese-American matriarch tells the harrowing story of her life.	3	12
6	HEIR TO THE EMPIRE, by Timothy Zahn. (Spectra/Bantam, \$15.) The survival of the "Star Wars" galaxy is menaced by new forces.	7	17
7	FLOWERS IN THE RAIN, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (Dunne/St. Martin's, \$20.) A collection of short stories, many of them set in Scotland.	13	2
8	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.	8	77
9	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.	5	19
10	MAXIMUM BOB, by Elmore Leonard. (Delacorte, \$20.) A woman probation officer pursues the people trying to kill a redneck Florida judge.	6	7
11	OUTER BANKS, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$19.95.) An interior decorator comes to terms with herself at a college reunion.	9	8
12	RUSSKA, by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown, \$25.) Eighteen centuries in the lives of four families of different cultures residing in a Russian village.		1
13	THE GARDEN OF RAMA, by Arthur C. Clarke and Gentry Lee. (Spectra/Bantam, \$20.) For the third time in the 23d century, astronauts from Earth contend with alien forces.	15	2
14	PARADISE, by Judith McNaught. (Pocket, \$19.95.) The heirs of two family dynasties find true love when one of their businesses is threatened.	10	12
15	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.		5

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1	UH-OH, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$19.) Reflections on life's commonplaces, from meat loaf to pet dogs to fireflies.	1	3
2	PARLIAMENT OF WHORES, by P. J. O'Rourke. (Entrekin/Atlantic Monthly, \$19.95.) A humorist's attempt to explain the Federal Government.	2	13
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.	4	8
4	IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly. (Addison-Wesley, \$19.95.) The passage of the male from boyhood into manhood, as practiced in various cultures.	3	43
5	CHUTZPAH, by Alan M. Dershowitz. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) A prominent law professor's reflections on the lot of Jews in America, past, present and future.	5	13
6	FIRE IN THE BELLY, by Sam Keen. (Bantam, \$19.95.) A philosopher explores the changing role of the male in today's society.	7	18
7	TOUJOURS PROVENCE, by Peter Mayle. (Knopf, \$20.) The charms of rustic Provence, as savored by a London advertising man who moved there.	6	11
8	DAVE BARRY TALKS BACK, by Dave Barry. (Crown, \$18.) A collection of columns by the syndicated humorist.	10	11
9	ANNE SEXTON, by Diane Wood Middlebrook. (Davison/Houghton Mifflin, \$24.95.) The life of a gifted poet who was hampered by mental illness.	8	2
10	A QUESTION OF CHARACTER, by Thomas C. Reeves. (Free Press, \$24.95.) A biography of John F. Kennedy.	9	11
11	HARD COURTS, by John Feinstein. (Villard, \$22.50.) A journalist's behind-the-scenes look at a year of professional tennis.		1
12	BOSS OF BOSSES, by Joseph F. O'Brien and Andris Kurins. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) Two former F.B.I. agents report on the downfall of Paul Castellano, head of the Gambino crime family.	13	10
13	THE BEAUTY MYTH, by Naomi Wolf. (Morrow, \$21.95.) An argument against our society's emphasis on the importance of women's physical appearance.		3
14	THE MANSIONS OF LIMBO, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$22.) A collection of pieces about currently celebrated people.	14	2
15	ILLIBERAL EDUCATION, by Dinesh D'Souza. (Free Press, \$19.95.) A critical account of the way matters of race and sex are being taught and treated on many campuses.	16	15