The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 18,1992 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE STARS SHINE DOWN, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$23.) The fortunes of a successful businesswoman are suddenly imperiled by secrets from her past and present relationships.		1
2	WAITING TO EXHALE, by Terry McMillan. (Viking, \$22.) The friendships and romances of four black women in Phoenix.	3	21
3	THE SECRET HISTORY, by Donna Tartt. (Knopf, \$23.) Close friends at a small college must deal with the consequences of a crime they committed.	4	5
4	WHERE IS JOE MERCHANT? by Jimmy Buffett. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) A couple on a wild chase through the Caribbean on the trail of a deceased rock star who has been sighted there.	1	8
5	THE PELICAN BRIEF, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$22.50.) A woman law student probes the murder of two Supreme Court justices.	2	32
6	GERALD'S GAME, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$23.50.) Twenty-eight hours of horror suffered by a woman handcuffed to a bedpost.	5	14
7	THE BRIDGES OF MADISON COUNTY, by Robert James Waller. (Warner, \$14.95.) A photographer and a lonely farmer's wife in Iowa.	7	10
8	ALL THAT REMAINS, by Patricia D. Cornwell. (Scribners, \$20.) Searching for the truth behind the strange deaths of five young couples in Virginia.	6	8
9	SABINE'S NOTEBOOK, by Nick Bantock. (Chronicle Books, \$17.95.) Continuing the epistolary romance between two talented people begun in "Griffin & Sabine."		1
10	LEAVING COLD SASSY, by Olive Ann Burns. (Ticknor & Fields, \$21.) The story of a marriage that survives many strains; a sequel to the 1984 novel "Cold Sassy Tree."		1
11	THE SHADOW RISING, by Robert Jordan. (Tor/ Doherty, \$24.95.) Book Four of "The Wheel of Time," a fantasy saga.		1
12	THE SILKEN WEB, by Sandra Brown. (Warner, \$16.95.) Kathleen Haley faces a difficult choice: marriage to a secure well-to-do man or to a passionate old flame.	14	2
13	THE VOLCANO LOVER, by Susan Sontag. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) The story of Lord Nelson, his lover Emma Hamilton and her spouse.	10	8
14	THE CAT WHO WASN'T THERE, by Lilian Jackson Braun. (Putnam, \$18.95.) Jim Qwilleran has to contend with a series of crimes in Scotland.	13	4
15	THE LEGACY, by R. A. Salvatore. (TSR, \$15.95.) A fantasy tale about a spider queen's war to stop a band of elves in their quest for peace and security.	9	4

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1	THE WAY THINGS OUGHT TO BE, by Rush H. Limbaugh 3d. (Pocket, \$22.) Anecdotes and opinions offered by the radio talk show host.	1	5
2	IT DOESN'T TAKE A HERO, by H. Norman Schwarzkopf with Peter Petre. (Linda Grey/ Bantam, \$25.) The autobiography of the general who commanded the allied forces in the gulf war.	5	2
3	THE SILENT PASSAGE, by Gail Sheehy. (Random House, \$16.) The psychological and social significance of menopause for today's women.	3	21
4	EVERY LIVING THING, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$22.95.) Continuing the memoirs of the Yorkshire veterinarian.	2	7
5	THE TE OF PIGLET, by Benjamin Hoff. (Dutton, \$16.) Aspects of Taoist philosophy explained through the actions of an A. A. Milne character.	6	4
6	THE SENATOR, by Richard E. Burke with William and Marilyn Hoffer. (St. Martin's, \$23.95.) The recollections of a man who served as an aide to Edward M. Kennedy for 10 years.		1
7	TRUMAN, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the 33d President.	4	18
8	WOMEN WHO RUN WITH THE WOLVES, by Clarissa Pinkola Estes. (Ballantine, \$20.) A Jungian analyst reinterprets myths and folk tales to enable women to understand their psyches.	8	10
9	YOUNG MEN & FIRE, by Norman Maclean. (University of Chicago, \$19.95.) An account of a disastrous fire in a Montana forest in 1949.	9	7
10	THE LAST TSAR, by Edvard Radzinsky. (Doubleday, \$25.) The life of Nicholas II and his family, and their assassination in 1918.	11	11
11	DIANA: HER TRUE STORY, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.) A biography of the Princess of Wales.	10	16
12	FACES AT THE BOTTOM OF THE WELL, by Derrick Bell. (Basic Books, \$20.) A law professor argues that racism is an integral, permanent and irradicable component of our society.		1
13	THE CREATORS, by Daniel J. Boorstin. (Random House, \$30.) Three thousand years in the history of religion, philosophy, literature and the arts, told through the lives of those who made it.	16	2
14	EARTH IN THE BALANCE, by Al Gore. (Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The Vice-Presidential candidate discusses factors affecting the environment and what must be done to save it.	7	19
15	KISSINGER, by Walter Isaacson. (Simon & Schuster, \$30.) A biography of the former national security adviser and Secretary of State.		3