

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 18, 2005 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	MARY, MARY, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.95.) The F.B.I. agent Alex Cross tracks a Hollywood killer who announces the crimes via e-mail.	1	3
2	AT FIRST SIGHT, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$24.95.) The young couple from "True Believer," who are now expecting a child, receive a disturbing message.	2	7
3	LIGHT FROM HEAVEN, by Jan Karon. (Viking, \$26.95.) Father Tim's bishop asks him to revive a long-closed mountain church; the final novel in the Mitford series.	3	4
4	FOREVER ODD, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$27.) Odd Thomas, a character from Koontz's 2003 novel of the same name who can communicate with the dead, searches for a missing friend.	--	1
5	THE DA VINCI CODE, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) A murder at the Louvre leads to a trail of clues found in the work of Leonardo and to the discovery of a secret society.	8	141
6	PREDATOR, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$26.95.) On the trail of a possible serial killer, Dr. Kay Scarpetta turns to a jailed psychopath for advice.	4	6
7	THE LIGHTHOUSE, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25.95.) Commander Adam Dalgliesh is called in to solve a murder (or two) on a remote Cornish island.	5	2
8	THE CAMEL CLUB, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$26.95.) A group of eccentric conspiracy theorists stumbles across an actual plot reaching to the highest levels of government.	6	6
9	CHRIST THE LORD: OUT OF EGYPT, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$25.95.) What happened in Bethlehem; a story narrated by a 7-year-old who discovers that he is the Prince of Peace.	7	5
10	A FEAST FOR CROWS, by George R. R. Martin. (Bantam, \$28.) In the aftermath of war, a motley collection of outlaws and renegades plots to seize control of the Seven Kingdoms; Book 4 of a fantasy series.	9	4
11	DARK LORD: THE RISE OF DARTH VADER, by James Luceno. (Lucas/Del Rey/Ballantine, \$25.95.) How the Jedi knight Anakin Skywalker crossed over to the dark side: a Star Wars novel.	11	2
12	SON OF A WITCH, by Gregory Maguire. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.95.) Liir makes his way through the dangerous land of Oz; a sequel to "Wicked."	13	10
13	THE REGIME: EVIL ADVANCES, by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins. (Tyndale, \$25.99.) The second prequel to the "Left Behind" series continues the story of the rise of the Antichrist and follows the series' other major characters.	10	3
14	KNIFE OF DREAMS, by Robert Jordan. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.95.) Book 11 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	14	8
15	ORDINARY HEROES, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$25.) A man reconstructs the story of his father's service in World War II, including his pursuit of a rogue intelligence agent and his role in the Battle of the Bulge.	--	4

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This Week	December 18, 2005 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	TEACHER MAN, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$26.) The author of "Angela's Ashes" remembers his years teaching high school English in New York City.	2	3
2	OUR ENDANGERED VALUES, by Jimmy Carter. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) The former president warns against blurring politics and fundamentalist religion.	1	5
3	TEAM OF RIVALS, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) The political genius of Abraham Lincoln, revealed in his relationship with his cabinet, from the author of "No Ordinary Time."	3	6
4	THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50.) A columnist for The New York Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy and presents an overview of globalization trends.	4	35
5	MARLEY & ME, by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog.	7	7
6	THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING, by Joan Didion. (Knopf, \$23.95.) The author's attempts to come to terms with the death of her husband and the grave illness of their only daughter.	5	9
7	FREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A maverick scholar applies economic thinking to everything from sumo wrestlers who cheat to legalized abortion and the falling crime rate.	9	34
8	1776, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) An account of America's founding year by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, focusing on the inexperienced George Washington and heroic citizen soldiers.	10	28
9	THE TRUTH (WITH JOKES), by Al Franken. (Dutton, \$25.95.) A comic attack on the Bush administration from the author of "Lies (and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them)."	8	6
10	MY FRIEND LEONARD, by James Frey. (Riverhead, \$24.95.) The author of the addiction memoir "A Million Little Pieces" remembers a helpful mobster friend.	12	9
11	700 SUNDAYS, by Billy Crystal. (Warner, \$21.95.) A childhood memoir from the actor and entertainer, based on his Tony-winning play.	6	5
12	THE EDUCATION OF A COACH, by David Halberstam. (Hyperion, \$24.95.) A profile of Bill Belichick, the coach of the New England Patriots.	11	2
13	ARE MEN NECESSARY?, by Maureen Dowd. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A New York Times columnist considers the relationship between the sexes.	13	4
14	DEAN AND ME (A LOVE STORY), by Jerry Lewis and James Kaplan. (Doubleday, \$26.95.) The funnier half of Martin and Lewis remembers his time with the man he calls "my partner."	--	2
15	THE BEATLES, by Bob Spitz. (Little, Brown, \$29.95.) A biography of four lads who shook the world.	--	1