

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 29, 2002 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	PREY, by Michael Crichton. (HarperCollins, \$26.95.) In the Nevada desert, a team of scientists tries to undo an experiment involving nanoparticles — moleculesized robots — that has gone disastrously wrong.	1	3
2	SKIPPING CHRISTMAS, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) A husband and wife discover that their decision to forgo Christmas comes with consequences.	3	24
3	THE LOVELY BONES, by Alice Sebold. (Little, Brown, \$21.95.) A 14-year-old girl looks down from heaven as she describes what happens in the aftermath of her kidnapping and murder.	4	25
4	FOUR BLIND MICE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.95.) Detective Alex Cross and his partner, John Sampson, try to prove that one of Sampson's oldest friends has been framed for murder.	2	4
5	THE CHRISTMAS TRAIN, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$19.95.) A disillusioned journalist goes on a journey of self-discovery during the holidays.	5	6
6	HORNET FLIGHT, by Ken Follett. (Dutton, \$26.95.) In 1941, as the Luftwaffe is shooting down R.A.F. bombers, a young Dane stumbles upon a German installation whose secrets he must try to convey to England.	6	2
7	ESTHER'S GIFT, by Jan Karon. (Viking, \$10.95.) A woman decides to bake orange marmalade cakes for friends and neighbors; a Mitford Christmas story.	8	7
8	THE CHRISTMAS SHOES, by Donna VanLiere. (St. Martin's, \$14.95.) On Christmas Eve, a materialistic lawyer meets an 8-year-old boy whose mother is dying.	7	2
9	RED RABBIT, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$28.95.) In the early 1980's, when he is a novice in the C.I.A., Jack Ryan must act to thwart a Soviet plot against Pope John Paul II.	13	15
10	FROM A BUICK 8, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28.) An abandoned 1954 Buick Roadmaster turns out to be a conduit to another, evil dimension.	12	9
11	ANSWERED PRAYERS, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$26.95.) A sophisticated New Yorker who has applied to law school against her husband's wishes finds the possibility of true love with a childhood friend.	9	7
12	VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A Christmas story featuring the New Jersey bounty hunter Stephanie Plum.	10	6
13	LIFE OF PI, by Yann Martel. (Harcourt, \$25.) An allegory on the high seas, in which a teenage boy and a 450-pound tiger are thrown together in a lifeboat as the only survivors of a shipwreck.	--	1
14	REVERSIBLE ERRORS, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$28.) A corporate lawyer agrees to represent a man who is on death row for having committed a triple murder in Kindle County in 1991.	11	7
15	QUENTINS, by Maeve Binchy. (Dutton, \$25.95.) An Irishwoman wants to make a documentary film about the history of a Dublin restaurant.	--	6

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This Week	December 29, 2002 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	BUSH AT WAR, by Bob Woodward. (Simon & Schuster, \$28.) Behind the scenes at the White House as the president and his advisers responded to the 9/11 attacks.	1	4
2	LEADERSHIP, by Rudolph W. Giuliani with Ken Kurson. (Miramax/Hyperion, \$25.95.) The former mayor of New York discusses what it takes to be a leader and addresses subjects like the crime rate and 9/11.	3	11
3	PORTRAIT OF A KILLER, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$27.95.) The crime novelist presents evidence that the artist Walter Sickert was Jack the Ripper.	2	5
4	A LONG WAY FROM HOME, by Tom Brokaw. (Random House, \$24.95.) The NBC News anchor recalls growing up in South Dakota in the 1940's and 50's.	4	6
5	JOURNALS, by Kurt Cobain. (Riverhead, \$29.95.) A selection of drawings, lyrics and other writings left behind by the lead singer of Nirvana, who committed suicide in 1994.	5	6
6	THE CONQUERORS, by Michael Beschloss. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.95.) How Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman worked to ensure the destruction of Hitler's Germany.	9	7
7	MY LOSING SEASON, by Pat Conroy. (Nan A. Talese/ Doubleday, \$27.95.) The novelist remembers his last year playing basketball, as a point guard for the Citadel in 1966-67.	7	9
8	LIVE FROM NEW YORK, by Tom Shales and James Andrew Miller. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.) An oral history of "Saturday Night Live."	11	11
9	SANDY KOUFAX, by Jane Leavy. (HarperCollins, \$23.95.) A biography of the great pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers.	10	13
10	LET FREEDOM RING, by Sean Hannity. (ReganBooks/ HarperCollins, \$25.95.) The conservative commentator surveys domestic and foreign issues after Sept. 11.	--	15
11	TO AMERICA, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.) The historian, who died in October, reflects on his career and his country.	--	2
12	ABRAHAM, by Bruce Feiler. (Morrow, \$23.95.) Judaism, Christianity and Islam as seen through the story of one man.	8	11
13	I MAY BE WRONG BUT I DOUBT IT, by Charles Barkley. Edited by Michael Wilbon. (Random House, \$22.95.) Observations by the former N.B.A. star and current basketball commentator.	14	7
14	THE SEA HUNTERS II, by Clive Cussler and Craig Dirgo. (Putnam, \$27.95.) More accounts of the searches made for famous shipwrecks.	6	2
15	LET'S ROLL! by Lisa Beamer with Ken Abraham. (Tyndale, \$24.99.) A memoir by the wife of Todd Beamer, one of the passengers on United Flight 93, the hijacked jet that crashed in a field in Pennsylvania on Sept. 11.	15	15