

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 4, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	--	1
2	THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love.	1	2
3	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	3	25
4	ALEX CROSS'S TRIAL, by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) The detective Alex Cross writes a novel about his great-uncle, who fought the Klan.	4	4
5	SOUTH OF BROAD, by Pat Conroy. (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, \$29.95.) An unlikely group's friendship from the '60s to the '80s, by the author of "The Prince of Tides."	2	6
6	SPARTAN GOLD, by Clive Cussler with Grant Blackwood. (Putnam, \$26.96.) Husband-and-wife treasure hunters search for bottles of wine from Napoleon's "lost cellar."	5	3
7	THE WHITE QUEEN, by Philippa Gregory. (Touchstone/Simon & Schuster, \$25.99.) Palace intrigue during the War of the Roses, by the author of "The Other Boleyn Girl."	7	5
8	DEAD AND GONE, by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$25.95.) Sookie Stackhouse searches for the killer of a werepanther.	10	20
9	THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Swedish hacker becomes a murder suspect.	9	8
10	A GATE AT THE STAIRS, by Lorrie Moore. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Midwestern college student takes a job as a nanny with a couple on the eve of adoption, from the author of "Birds of America."	11	3
11	DARK SLAYER, by Christine Feehan. (Berkley, \$25.95.) A slayer who travels with a wolf pack frees a Dragonseeker from prison and falls in love with him; a Carpathian novel.	6	3
12	206 BONES, by Kathy Reichs. (Scribner, \$26.99.) Temperance Brennan is accused of mishandling an autopsy.	12	4
13	THE ELEVENTH VICTIM, by Nancy Grace. (Hyperion, \$25.99.) A prosecutor turned therapist is drawn back to crime-fighting when her clients start getting murdered one by one.	14	6
14	HOMER & LANGLEY, by E. L. Doctorow. (Random House, \$26.) The lives of the reclusive Collyer brothers, by the author of "Ragtime."	13	3
15	THAT OLD CAPE MAGIC, by Richard Russo. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A long-married couple wrestle with dissatisfactions during a Cape Cod weekend, by the author of "Empire Falls."	15	7

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1	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	--	1
2	WHERE MEN WIN GLORY, by Jon Krakauer. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) The story of Pat Tillman, the N.F.L. player who enlisted after 9/11, and the Army's cover-up of his death by friendly fire in Afghanistan.	--	1
3	OFFICIAL BOOK CLUB SELECTION, by Kathy Griffin. (Ballantine, \$25.) A humorous memoir from the star of "My Life on the D-List."	1	2
4	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	3	44
5	CULTURE OF CORRUPTION, by Michelle Malkin. (Regnery, \$27.95.) President Obama and his team of tax cheats, petty crooks, influence peddlers and Wall Street cronies.	2	8
6	END THE FED, by Ron Paul. (Grand Central, \$21.99.) Abolishing the Federal Reserve, by the Texas congressman and presidential candidate.	--	1
7	LIBERTY AND TYRANNY, by Mark R. Levin. (Threshold Editions, \$25.) A conservative manifesto from a talk-show host and president of Landmark Legal Foundation.	5	26
8	IN THE PRESIDENT'S SECRET SERVICE, by Ronald Kessler. (Crown, \$26.) Agents and the presidents they protect.	4	7
9	SHOOTING STARS, by LeBron James and Buzz Bissinger. (Penguin Press, \$26.95.) James and his friends as young basketball players; the co-author wrote "Friday Night Lights."	13	2
10	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	8	47
11	THE HEALING OF AMERICA, by T. R. Reid. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.) How other industrialized democracies provide health care for all at a reasonable cost.	11	4
12	BORN TO RUN, by Christopher McDougall. (Knopf, \$24.95.) Secrets of distance running from a Mexican Indian tribe.	7	14
13	NURTURESHOCK, by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman. (Twelve, \$24.99.) A report on recent research that challenges the conventional wisdom about child-rearing.	12	3
14	STRENGTH IN WHAT REMAINS, by Tracy Kidder. (Random House, \$26.) A medical student survives civil war and genocide in Burundi, and flourishes in the United States.	6	4
15	TRAVELING WITH POMEGRANATES, by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor. (Viking, \$25.95.) The novelist ("The Secret Life of Bees") and her daughter travel together in Europe at a difficult time in both their lives.	10	2
16	INSIDE OF A DOG, by Alexandra Horowitz. (Scribner, \$27.) What the world is like from a dog's point of view.	--	1