

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 21, 2008 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	SCARPETTA, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$27.95.) The forensic pathologist Kay Scarpetta takes an assignment in New York City.	--	1
2	THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright. (Threshold Editions, \$19.99.) A boy learns from his disappointment with his mother's gift.	2	4
3	CROSS COUNTRY, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Alex Cross chases the leader of a lethal teenage gang.	1	3
4	THE STORY OF EDGAR SAWTELLE, by David Wroblewski. (Ecco, \$25.95.) A mute takes refuge with three dogs in the Wisconsin woods after his father's death.	7	26
5	ARCTIC DRIFT, by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In his 20th adventure, Dirk Pitt searches for a crucial element that will help reverse global warming.	3	2
6	JUST AFTER SUNSET, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$28.) Short stories blending fantasy and psychological realism.	4	4
7	THE HOUR I FIRST BELIEVED, by Wally Lamb. (Harper, \$29.95.) A man reconstructs five generations of family history.	5	4
8	THE HOST, by Stephenie Meyer. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) Aliens have taken control of the minds and bodies of most humans, but one woman won't surrender.	10	30
9	THE CHARLEMAGNE PURSUIT, by Steve Berry. (Ballantine, \$26.) The former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone searches for the truth about his father's death on a secret submarine mission to the Antarctic; an underground city, Nazis and an artifact from Charlemagne's tomb are involved.	--	1
10	YOUR HEART BELONGS TO ME, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$27.) A man is stalked by a woman who resembles the donor of the heart he received in a transplant operation.	6	2
11	DIVINE JUSTICE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.) Members of Washington's Camel Club rally to save their leader, who is hiding out in the town of Divine, Va.	8	5
12	THE LUCKY ONE, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A marine returning home sets out to track down the woman whose photo he found in Iraq.	9	10
13	A MERCY, by Toni Morrison. (Knopf, \$23.95.) In 17th-century America, a slave mother urges a Northern farmer to buy her daughter so that she can have a better life.	15	4
14	THE PRIVATE PATIENT, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25.95.) Cmdr. Adam Dalgliesh investigates the murder of a journalist who had been a patient at a private clinic.	11	3
15	THE GATE HOUSE, by Nelson DeMille. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) In a sequel to "The Gold Coast" (1990) a tax attorney and his ex-wife explore a reconciliation.	12	6

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1	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed — it has to do with luck and opportunity — from the author of “Blink” and “The Tipping Point.”	1	3
2	DEWEY, by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter. (Grand Central, \$19.99.) The kitten left freezing in the returned-book slot of an Iowa public library and his rise to fame.	3	12
3	AMERICAN LION, by Jon Meacham. (Random House, \$30.) Andrew Jackson, the seventh president, in the White House, by the editor of Newsweek.	2	4
4	MULTIPLE BLESSINGS, by Jon Gosselin, Kate Gosselin and Beth Carson. (Zondervan, \$19.) A couple has sextuplets.	13	7
5	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	8	11
6	TOO FAT TO FISH, by Artie Lange with Anthony Bozza. (Spiegel & Grau, \$24.95.) Humorous memories from the comedian, a member of the cast of “The Howard Stern Show.”	5	4
7	WHY WE SUCK, by Denis Leary. (Viking, \$26.95.) Sardonic essays from the actor and comedian, currently the co-creator and star of the TV series “Rescue Me.”	7	3
8	THE SNOWBALL, by Alice Schroeder. (Bantam, \$35.) The life of Warren Buffett.	9	10
9	DO THE RIGHT THING, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$25.95.) A campaign memoir and statement of principles from the former Republican presidential aspirant.	4	3
10	HOT, FLAT, AND CROWDED, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.95.) How a green revolution can renew America, by the New York Times columnist.	6	13
11	CALL ME TED, by Ted Turner with Bill Burke. (Grand Central, \$30.) The entrepreneur's personal story.	16	4
12	THE AMERICAN JOURNEY OF BARACK OBAMA, by the editors of Life magazine. (Little, Brown, \$24.99.) Photographs and essays, starting with Obama's birth in Hawaii.	15	5
13	LETTER TO MY DAUGHTER, by Maya Angelou. (Random House, \$25.) Reminiscences, appreciations and poems from the author of “I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings.”	12	10
14	THE ASCENT OF MONEY, by Niall Ferguson. (Penguin Press, \$29.95.) A financial history of the world, stressing the link between politics and economics.	10	2
15	ANNIE LEIBOVITZ AT WORK, by Annie Leibovitz. (Random House, \$40.) Memorable photographs, and a text — part memoir, part commentary — based on conversations with the book's editor.	14	3
16	DECIDING THE NEXT DECIDER, by Calvin Trillin. (Random House, \$13.) The 2008 presidential race in rhyme.	--	1