

The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | March 31, 1974 Fiction | Last Week | Weeks On List |
|-----------|---|-----------|---------------|
| 1 | BURR, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$8.95.) A wicked entertainment about the conventional textbook villain. | 1 | 20 |
| 2 | JAWS, by Peter Benchley. (Doubleday, \$6.95.) "Better close for winter, Caleb. Big shark et up all the summer people." | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | THE SNARE OF THE HUNTER, by Helen MacInnes. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$7.50.) Thrust and counterthrust, chases and Byzantine maneuvers and a reliable pro at work. | 4 | 4 |
| 4 | COME NINEVEH, COME TYRE, by Allen Drury. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) Another political melodrama, this time about a dim-witted President and a pacifist cabal. | 2 | 19 |
| 5 | POSTERN OF FATE, by Agatha Christie. (Dodd, Mead, \$6.95.) Agatha keeps turning them out and this is as good as the last -- or next -- one. | -- | 14 |
| 6 | THE PARTNERS, by Louis Auchincloss. (Houghton Mifflin, \$6.95.) The gentle moralist of Wall Street charts the destinies within a big law firm. | 7 | 2 |
| 7 | THE FIRST DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Kinky sex and dogged detection keep the pot boiling in this New York murder mystery. | -- | 22 |
| 8 | I HEARD THE OWL CALL MY NAME, by Margaret Craven. (Doubleday, \$4.95.) A dying young Anglican priest living among Pacific coast Indians learns from their culture. | -- | 3 |
| 9 | THE HONORARY CONSUL, by Graham Greene. (Simon & Schuster, \$7.95.) God works in devious ways in this thriller-comedy about a kidnapped British diplomat. | 5 | 26 |
| 10 | THE EYE OF THE STORM, by Patrick White. (Viking, \$8.95.) The 1973 Nobel Prize-winner's novel about a dying tyrannical old woman. | 10 | 4 |

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| This Week | March 31, 1974 Non-Fiction | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1 | PLAIN SPEAKING, by Merle Miller. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) An "oral biography" of Harry Truman, with some salty opinions on a variety of things. | 1 | 10 |
| 2 | YOU CAN PROFIT FROM A MONETARY CRISIS, Harry Browne. (Macmillan, \$8.95.) Investment strategies that will allegedly keep you solvent. | 2 | 6 |
| 3 | HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND, by Mildred Newman, Bernard Berkowitz with Jean Owen. (Random House, \$4.95.) Stop defeating yourself and start living! | 3 | 36 |
| 4 | THE JOY OF SEX, by Alex Comfort. (Crown, \$12.95.) Sophisticated eroticism but basically just another how-to. | 4 | 67 |
| 5 | ALISTAIR COOKE'S AMERICA, by Alistair Cooke. (Knopf, \$15.) The debonair television commentator's ramble through American history. | 5 | 20 |
| 6 | MANAGEMENT, by Peter F. Drucker. (Harper & Row, \$15.) A rather ponderous but ambitious attempt to systematize the study of management. | 6 | 3 |
| 7 | UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, by J.B. West with Mary Lynn Kotz. (Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, \$8.95.) Reminiscences of five Presidents by a former White House major domo. | 8 | 21 |
| 8 | THE SECRET LIFE OF PLANTS, by Peter Tompkins and Christopher Bird. (Harper & Row, \$8.95.) Fascinating experiments in communication with plants. | 7 | 2 |
| 9 | IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER, by Sam Levenson. (Simon & Schuster, \$6.95.) A mishmash of funny stories and haimishe homilies that may just be your glass tea. | 9 | 28 |
| 10 | CREATIVE DIVORCE, by Mel Krantzler. (M. Evans & Co., \$6.95.) The traumas of divorce -- and how to recover from them. | -- | 2 |