

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 18, 1977 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE SILMARILLION, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Houghton Mifflin, \$10.95.) Middle Earth in pre-Hobbit days.	1	13
2	THE THORN BIRDS, by Colleen McCullough. (Harper & Row, \$9.95.) Australian family saga.	2	31
3	THE HONOURABLE SCHOOLBOY, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$10.) Espionage in Hong Kong.	3	11
4	BEGGARMAN, THIEF, by Irwin Shaw. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) The next generation of Jordaches takes over.	4	9
5	DANIEL MARTIN, by John Fowles. (Little, Brown, \$12.95.) English screenwriter reviews his life.	5	13
6	ILLUSIONS, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$5.95.) Messiah barnstorms Middle America.	7	27
7	DREAMS DIE FIRST, by Harold Robbins. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Hustler-type girlie magazine publisher.	6	8
8	THE BOOK OF MERLYN, by Terence H. White. (University of Texas Press, \$9.95.) Missing book of "The Once and Future King."	11	11
9	THE IMMIGRANTS, by Howard Fast. (Houghton Mifflin, \$6.95.) Ambition and love in turn-of-the-century San Francisco.	8	10
10	THE SECOND DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$9.95.) Cop tracks down a painter's murderer.	12	14
11	DYNASTY, by Robert S. Elegant. (McGraw-Hill, \$10.95.) Saga of a Eurasian family in Hong Kong over three generations.	9	18
12	THE HOBBIT, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Harry N. Abrams, \$29.95.) Illustrated edition derived from the TV show.	--	1
13	DELTA OF VENUS, by Anais Nin. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$10.) Elegant erotica written for a wealthy patron.	13	20
14	THE WOMEN'S ROOM, by Marilyn French. (Summit Books, \$10.95.) Woman's rough road to liberation.	10	3
15	THE PROFESSOR OF DESIRE, by Phillip Roth. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$8.95.) The paradoxal male.	--	3

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1	ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's Press, \$10.) More adventures of a Yorkshire vet.	1	16
2	THE BOOK OF LISTS, by David Wallechinsky, Irving Wallace and Amy Wallace. (Morrow, \$10.95.) Facts that entertain.	2	27
3	GNOMES, text by Wil Huygen, illustrated by Rien Poortvliet. (Harry N. Abrams, \$14.95.) Everything you wanted to know about the little people.	5	4
4	THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUNNING, by James F. Fixx. (Random House, \$10.) For fun and health.	3	4
5	LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE, by Robert Ringer. (Cromwell, \$9.95.) How to get yours.	4	24
6	THE AMITYVILLE HORROR, by Jay Anson. (Prentice-Hall, \$7.95.) Haunted house in suburbia.	7	7
7	THE COUNTRY DIARY OF AN EDWARDIAN LADY, by Edith Holden. (Holt, \$14.95.) Record kept by a nature lover and illustrator.	8	6
8	THE DRAGONS OF EDEN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$8.95.) How human intelligence evolved: a scientist's speculation.	6	27
9	DOWN THE SEINE AND UP THE POTOMAC WITH ART BUCHWALD, by Art Buchwald. (Putnam's, \$10.95.) His best columns over 25 years.	--	1
10	THE WOMAN'S DRESS FOR SUCCESS BOOK, by John Malloy. (Follett, \$9.95.) Female guide to tasteful apparel.	10	5
11	SIX MEN, by Alistair Cooke. (Knopf, \$8.95.) Profiles of public men he knew.	9	10
12	THE CAMERA NEVER BLINKS, by Dan Rather with Mickey Herskowitz. (Morrow, \$10.) TV newsman's story.	15	21
13	THE SECOND RING OF POWER, by Carlos Castaneda. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Sorceress tests Castaneda.	--	1
14	ESSAYS OF E.B. WHITE, by E.B. White. (Harper & Row, \$12.50.) Observations on things large and small.	14	9
15	DESIGNING YOUR FACE, by Way Bandy. (Random House, \$8.95.) How to use cosmetics.	12	3