

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	March 8, 1981 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE COVENANT, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$17.95.) Fifteen thousand years of South African history.	1	20
2	MASQUERADE, by Kit Williams. (Schocken Books, \$9.95.) A fantastic tale about the Sun, the Moon and a lost treasure.	3	8
3	ANSWER AS A MAN, by Taylor Caldwell. (Putnam's, \$12.95.) A man who has made it big in early 20th-century America struggles against the corruption that engulfs his life.	2	11
4	BRAIN, by Robin Cook. (Putnam's, \$11.95.) A young physician copes with a conspiracy of medical researchers who steal young women's brains to create an artificial intelligence.	6	4
5	THE KEY TO REBECCA, by Ken Follett. (Morrow, \$12.95.) German espionage in Cairo during the desert campaigns of 1942.	5	24
6	COME POUR THE WINE, by Cynthia Freeman. (Arbor House, \$12.95.) A woman's long journey to self-discovery.	4	21
7	FIRESTARTER, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$13.95.) Eight year old Charlie can look at anything and turn it into flames.	7	29
8	CENTURY, by Fred Mustard Stewart. (Morrow, \$13.95.) Saga of an Italian-American family.	8	3
9	RAGE OF ANGELS, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$12.95.) An idealistic young woman lawyer triumphs over two vengeful men.	12	37
10	CONGO, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$10.95.) Three intrepid Americans search for lost diamonds in the jungles of modern Africa.	9	8
11	THE FIFTH HORSEMAN, by Larry Collins and Dominique Lapierre. (Simon & Schuster, \$13.95.) Libyan terrorists have planted a thermonuclear device in New York and there are only 24 hours to find it.	10	26
12	UNFINISHED TALES, by J.R.R. Tolkien. (Houghton Mifflin, \$15.) Hitherto unpublished fragments of writing about Middle-earth.	11	16
13	LOON LAKE, by E.L. Doctorow. (Random House, \$11.95.) The strange, lyrical adventures of a young man during the Depression.	13	23
14	THE COLLECTED STORIES OF EUDORA WELTY. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$17.50.) Five decades of storytelling by a Southern writer who is a magnificent American artist.	14	4
15	THE CLAN OF THE CAVE BEAR, by Jean M. Auel. (Crown, \$12.95.) A saga of Cro-Magnon and Neanderthal men and women, who inhabited Europe 35,000 years ago.	--	18

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1	NEVER-SAY-DIET BOOK, by Richard Simmons. (Warner, \$14.95.) Regimen for exercise, diet and life style.	2	5
2	COSMOS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$19.95.) Thirteen billion years of the universe's evolution explained by the NASA medal-winning space scientist.	1	17
3	THE LAST MAFIOSO, by Ovid Demaris. (Times Books, \$15.) The story of Jimmy Fratianno, professional hit man who turned government witness.	9	4
4	BETTY CROCKER'S INTERNATIONAL COOKBOOK. (Random House, \$12.95.) A completely new collection of recipes under a long-established name.	5	16
5	BEST EVIDENCE, by David S. Lifton. (Macmillan, \$16.95.) An account of the author's effort to prove that JFK's death was part of a plot by high-level government conspirators.	6	4
6	NICE GIRLS DO, by Irene Kassorla. (Stratford Press, \$9.95.) "How women may solve their own sexual problems."	4	6
7	CRISIS INVESTING, by Douglas R. Casey. (Stratford Press, \$12.50.) "Opportunities for investing in the coming Great Depression."	3	27
8	THE SKY'S THE LIMIT, by Wayne Dyer. (Simon & Schuster, \$10.95.) Prescription for "achieving perfection of body and mind."	7	23
9	THE COMING CURRENCY COLLAPSE, by Jerome F. Smith. (Books in Focus, \$13.95.) "Investment survival manual for an age of hyperinflation."	8	13
10	CRAIG CLAIBORNE'S GOURMET DIET, by Craig Claiborne with Pierre Franey. (Times Books, \$10.95.) Recipes for eating well, losing weight and maintaining good health.	10	30
11	SIDE EFFECTS, by Woody Allen. (Random House, \$8.95.) The comedian's observations on sex, death, religion and almost everything else.	13	21
12	YOU CAN NEGOTIATE ANYTHING, by Herb Cohen. (Lyle Stuart, \$12.) "How to get an edge on life."	11	2
13	MAIDA HEATTER'S BOOK OF GREAT CHOCOLATE DESSERTS. (Knopf, \$15.) The art of chocolate cookery.	--	2
14	PETER THE GREAT, by Robert K. Massie. (Knopf, \$17.95.) The life of the 18th-century Czar who brought Russia into the modern world.	12	18
15	NOTHING DOWN, by Robert G. Allen. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) How to buy real estate with little or no cash.	14	40