

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	February 12, 1989 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	MIDNIGHT, by Dean R. Koontz. (Putnam, \$19.95.) Inexplicable deaths and strange horrors take over a once idyllic California town.	1	3
2	THE SANDS OF TIME, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$19.95.) Four nuns become pawns in a struggle between the Spanish Army and Basque separatists.	2	13
3	RIVALRS, by Janet Dailey. (Little, Brown, \$18.95.) Feuding families compete in business and romance.	3	4
4	THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan races to the rescue of an American secret agent.	4	28
5	A SEASON IN HELL, by Jack Higgins. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) A young widow's quest for her stepson's killers leads to horrendous adventures across Europe.	5	4
6	MUTATION, by Robin Cook. (Putnam, \$18.95.) A physician's attempt to create a superior child results in a prodigy that turns into a terror.	6	3
7	BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.	7	21
8	THE LYRE OF ORPHEUS, by Robertson Davies. (Viking, \$19.95.) The staging of an unfinished Hoffmann opera causes its participants to relive the legend of King Arthur.	9	5
9	A TWIST IN THE TALE, by Jeffrey Archer. (Simon & Schuster, \$17.95.) Short stories set in a variety of locales and with surprising endings.	12	3
10	ONE, by Richard Bach. (Silver Arrow/Morrow, \$17.95.) A couple find themselves in a fantasy world where the possibilities of their pasts still exist.	8	15
11	SPY HOOK, by Len Deighton. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The agent Bernard Samson on the trail of a financial scam within the British secret service.	10	8
12	LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, \$18.95.) A Colombian poet's perdurable love for a woman is tested by life's changing conditions.	13	38
13	THE QUEEN OF THE DAMNED, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$18.95.) Continuing the chronicle of 6,000 years of vampirism begun in "Interview With the Vampire" and "The Vampire Lestat."	11	17
14	ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.	15	33
15	ANYTHING FOR BILLY, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) The exploits of Billy the Kid, as shared by a dime-novel writer.	14	17

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1	BLIND FAITH, by Joe McGinniss. (Putnam, \$21.95.) The family tragedy that came to light after the 1984 murder of a Toms River, N.J., woman.	2	3
2	ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$15.95.) Inspirational essays.	1	15
3	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A scientist reviews efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	3	43
4	GRACIE, by George Burns. (Putnam, \$16.95.) The life of the comedian Gracie Allen, recalled by her widower and show business partner.	4	13
5	THE LAST LION, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) The second volume of a biography of Winston Churchill, covering the years 1932-40.	5	17
6	PARTING THE WATERS, by Taylor Branch. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) The rise of the American civil rights movement under the leadership of Martin Luther King Jr.	6	5
7	"WHAT DO YOU CARE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK?" by Richard P. Feynman with Ralph Leighton. (Norton, \$17.95.) Memoirs of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist.	11	8
8	CHILD STAR, by Shirley Temple Black. (McGraw- Hill, \$19.95.) The former actress's autobiography.	7	14
9	A BRIGHT SHINING LIE, by Neil Sheehan. (Random House, \$24.95.) A biography of Lieut. Col. John Paul Vann that is also a history of American involvement in Vietnam.	8	16
10	DON'T BEND OVER IN THE GARDEN, GRANNY, YOU KNOW THEM TATERS GOT EYES, by Lewis Grizzard. (Villard, \$15.95.) Humor with a Southern accent.	12	13
11	LEGENDS, LIES, AND CHERISHED MYTHS OF AMERICAN HISTORY, by Richard Shenkman. (Morrow, \$15.95.) An expose of tall tales that have become part of our national heritage.	10	2
12	THE FIRST SALUTE, by Barbara W. Tuchman. (Knopf, \$22.95.) A historian's view of the American Revolution.	9	18
13	TALKING STRAIGHT, by Lee Iacocca with Sonny Kleinfield. (Bantam, \$21.95.) More experiences and opinions of the Chrysler chairman.	15	31
14	GOLDWATER, by Barry M. Goldwater with Jack Casserly. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The memoirs of the longtime Senator from Arizona.	13	16
15	SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE, by Leo Damore. (Regnery Gateway, \$19.95.) A reporter's reassessment of Chappaquiddick.	--	19