

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	March 17, 1991 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	HEARTBEAT, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$21.95.) A chance meeting of a man and a woman, both with successful careers in television, enables them to solve their marital and romantic problems.	1	4
2	FORGIVING, by LaVyrle Spencer. (Putnam, \$19.95.) A young woman finds familial problems and love in Dakota Territory.	3	5
3	COLD FIRE, by Dean R. Koontz. (Putnam, \$22.95.) A despondent reporter finds hope and romance while she tracks the course of a good Samaritan.	2	8
4	THE EAGLE HAS FLOWN, by Jack Higgins. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) A German general and an I.R.A. assassin plot a daring rescue attempt during World War II.	--	1
5	THE PLAINS OF PASSAGE, by Jean M. Auel. (Crown, \$24.95.) A couple on horseback trek across Europe in the Ice Age.	6	22
6	MAGIC HOUR, by Susan Isaacs. (HarperCollins, \$21.95.) The romantic and professional lives of a homicide detective become entangled.	4	6
7	THE OLD CONTEMPTIBLES, by Martha Grimes. (Little, Brown, \$19.95.) Scotland Yard's Richard Jury finds himself a suspect in the strange death of a widow from England's Lake District.	7	5
8	CIRCLE OF FRIENDS, by Maeve Binchy. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) The coming of age of women in an Irish village and in Dublin's academia.	11	8
9	POSSESSION, by A. S. Byatt. (Random House, \$22.95.) A pair of British academics pursue the relationship between two Victorian poets.	9	13
10	BATTLEGROUND, by W. E. B. Griffin. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The experiences of marines from Midway to Guadalcanal.	8	8
11	SLIVER, by Ira Levin. (Bantam, \$19.95.) A Manhattan editor is watched, haunted and menaced by the man who owns the building in which she lives.	--	1
12	THE FIRM, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A young lawyer learns that the firm he recently joined is engaged in secret, possibly illegal activities.	--	1
13	THE SECRET PILGRIM, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$21.95.) A member of British intelligence recalls his three decades as a spy.	5	10
14	THE DRUID OF SHANNARA, by Terry Brooks. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$19.95.) A new volume in a series about the fantasy land of Shannara.	--	1
15	THE STORIES OF EVA LUNA, by Isabel Allende. (Atheneum, \$18.95.) Twenty-three short tales with a variety of themes and settings.	--	2

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1	AND THE SEA WILL TELL, by Vincent Bugliosi with Bruce B. Henderson. (Norton, \$22.95.) An enigmatic 1974 murder case involving two American couples on a Pacific atoll.	2	5
2	IRON JOHN, by Robert Bly. (Addison-Wesley, \$18.95.) The passage of the male from boyhood into manhood, as practiced in various cultures.	1	17
3	THE PRIZE, by Daniel Yergin. (Simon & Schuster, \$24.95.) The role that oil has played in world history from the mid-19th century to the present.	3	7
4	THE NEXT CENTURY, by David Halberstam. (Morrow, \$16.95.) A journalist's assessment of the prospects for various countries, judged by the temperament of their inhabitants.	10	2
5	A LIFE ON THE ROAD, by Charles Kuralt. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The recollections of the itinerant television newscaster.	4	18
6	YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND, by Deborah Tannen. (Morrow, \$18.95.) The different languages men and women speak.	6	32
7	MILLIE'S BOOK, as dictated to Barbara Bush. (Morrow, \$17.95.) The White House dog's memoirs.	5	25
8	MAKE ROOM FOR DANNY, by Danny Thomas with Bill Davidson. (Putnam, \$22.95.) The late entertainer's autobiography.	--	3
9	THE CIVIL WAR, by Geoffrey C. Ward with Ric Burns and Ken Burns. (Knopf, \$50.) From Fort Sumter to Appomattox, in words and pictures.	8	23
10	PATRIMONY, by Philip Roth. (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) The novelist tells of his father's struggle with a fatal brain tumor.	7	8
11	THE NEW RUSSIANS, by Hedrick Smith. (Random House, \$24.95.) A former Moscow correspondent surveys the profound changes in the Soviet Union during the past 15 years.	13	9
12	THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF CHILDREN, by Robert Coles. (Davison/Houghton Mifflin, \$22.95.) The nature of God and salvation as perceived by Christian, Jewish and Muslim children.	9	9
13	THE JAPAN THAT CAN SAY NO, by Shintaro Ishihara. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) A Japanese politician contends his homeland will surpass the United States and become "first among equals."	11	5
14	BREAKING BARRIERS, by Carl T. Rowan. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) The memoirs of the black journalist who served as a Government official during the Kennedy and Johnson Administrations.	--	2
15	DARKNESS VISIBLE, by William Styron. (Random House, \$15.95.) The novelist's memoir of a period of severe depression.	14	21