

# The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | November 17, 1996<br>Fiction   | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1         | THE DEEP END OF THE OCEAN, by Jacquelyn Mitchard. (Viking, \$23.95.) The disappearance of a 3-year-old brings a family anguish and redemption.   | 1         | 8             |
| 2         | "M" IS FOR MALICE, by Sue Grafton. (Wood/Holt, \$25.) Murder results when sons in line to inherit a family fortune seek their long-missing black sheep brother.  | --        | 1             |
| 3         | DESPERATION, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$27.95.) Visitors to a small mining town in Nevada encounter terrifying forces.  | 3         | 6             |
| 4         | MY GAL SUNDAY, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.) An ex-President and his Congresswoman wife investigate four crimes in the capital.   | 4         | 3             |
| 5         | THE LAWS OF OUR FATHERS, by Scott Turow. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.95.) The trial of a probation officer for his mother's murder recalls the turbulent 60's.                                      | 2         | 3             |
| 6         | EXECUTIVE ORDERS, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Vice President Jack Ryan has problems after the deaths of the President and most of the Cabinet, Congress, the Joint Chiefs and the Supreme Court. | 5         | 12            |
| 7         | THE TAILOR OF PANAMA, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$25.) A London tailor, now living in Panama City, is blackmailed into becoming a spy for British intelligence.  | 7         | 3             |
| 8         | THE THIRD TWIN, by Ken Follett. (Crown, \$25.95.) A research scientist's study of genetic components brings her frightening experiences and romance.   | 15        | 2             |
| 9         | THE REGULATORS, by Richard Bachman. (Dutton, \$24.95.) Killings and other horrors disrupt a quiet suburban town in Ohio.   | 6         | 6             |
| 10        | THE NOTEBOOK, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.   | 9         | 4             |
| 11        | THE YELLOW ADMIRAL, by Patrick O'Brian. (Norton, \$24.) Jack Aubrey's naval ambitions and domestic happiness are endangered when peace threatens to break out during the Napoleonic Wars.              | 13        | 2             |
| 12        | THE CELESTINE PROPHECY, by James Redfield. (Warner, \$17.95.) An ancient manuscript, found in Peru, provides insights into achieving a fulfilling life.  | 11        | 142           |
| 13        | TO THE HILT, by Dick Francis. (Putnam, \$24.95.) Trials and tribulations await a reclusive painter summoned to the bedside of his dying stepfather.  | 8         | 6             |
| 14        | FALLING UP, by Shel Silverstein. (HarperCollins, \$16.95.) Poems and drawings, for children and grown-ups, celebrating strange characters and experiences.   | 12        | 24            |
| 15        | A SECRET AFFAIR, by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (HarperCollins, \$16.) A chance encounter in a Venetian bar transforms the lives of two Americans.  | --        | 3             |

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| This Week | November 17, 1996<br>Non-Fiction   | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1         | THE SOUL'S CODE, by James Hillman. (Random House, \$23.) A psychologist analyzes the elements that make up each person's essence.  | --        | 1             |
| 2         | DOGBERT'S TOP SECRET MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$16.) A satirical look, in words and cartoons, at the current foibles of business and management. | 4         | 4             |
| 3         | DON'T BLOCK THE BLESSINGS, by Patti LaBelle with Laura B. Randolph. (Riverhead, \$24.95.) The memoirs of the Grammy Award-winning singer.                                      | 5         | 4             |
| 4         | THE DILBERT PRINCIPLE, by Scott Adams. (Harper Business, \$20.) More observations on the foibles of the business world, reported in words and cartoons.                        | 2         | 29            |
| 5         | AMERICAN TRAGEDY, by Lawrence Schiller and James Willwerth. (Random House, \$27.50.) An inside look at the O. J. Simpson defense team.   | 1         | 3             |
| 6         | SLOUCHING TOWARDS GOMORRAH, by Robert H. Bork. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$25.) An indictment of modern liberalism by the former judge.                                      | 3         | 7             |
| 7         | HOW GOOD DO WE HAVE TO BE? by Harold S. Kushner. (Little, Brown, \$21.95.) How a new understanding of guilt and forgiveness can change our lives.                              | 6         | 8             |
| 8         | ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.  | 9         | 9             |
| 9         | MY SERGEI, by Ekaterina Gordeeva with E. M. Swift. (Warner, \$18.95.) A memoir of the Russian ice skater Sergei Grinkov, who died last year, by his longtime partner and wife. | --        | 1             |
| 10        | LOVE, LUCY, by Lucille Ball with Betty Hannah Hoffman. (Putnam, \$24.95.) The posthumous autobiography of the television star.   | 8         | 6             |
| 11        | UNLIMITED ACCESS, by Gary Aldrich. (Regnery, \$24.95.) Events in the Clinton White House as reported by an F.B.I. agent formerly on duty there.                                | 10        | 18            |
| 12        | FOREVER, ERMA, by Erma Bombeck. (Andrews & McMeel, \$22.95.) More than 190 pieces written over 31 years by the syndicated columnist, who died this year.                       | --        | 1             |
| 13        | MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.   | 12        | 132           |
| 14        | JAMES HERRIOT'S FAVORITE DOG STORIES, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$17.95.) Ten tales recounted by the Yorkshire veterinarian, who died last year.                        | 11        | 7             |
| 15        | UNDAUNTED COURAGE, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) The story of how Thomas Jefferson sponsored Lewis and Clark's exploration.                              | 14        | 36            |