

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	August 2, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	BEST FRIENDS FOREVER, by Jennifer Weiner. (Atria, \$26.99.) Childhood friends, estranged in high school, reunite years later when the popular one needs the mousy one's help.	--	1
2	SWIMSUIT, by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A former cop, now a reporter for The Los Angeles Times, investigates the disappearance of a supermodel.	2	3
3	BLACK HILLS, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam, \$26.95.) A South Dakota wildlife biologist and an ex-cop, childhood sweethearts, reunite to pursue a serial killer.	1	2
4	FINGER LICKIN' FIFTEEN, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$27.95.) The bounty hunter Stephanie Plum tracks a celebrity chef's killer.	3	4
5	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	8	16
6	RAIN GODS, by James Lee Burke. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.99.) A Texas sheriff investigates a mass murder of illegal aliens and tries to find the young Iraq war veteran who may have been involved — before the F.B.I. can.	--	1
7	THE DOOMSDAY KEY, by James Rollins. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) Sigma Force operatives attempt to solve an ancient mystery that has deadly consequences.	7	4
8	THE DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL, by Greg Iles. (Scribner, \$26.99.) The mayor of Natchez, Miss., pursues a killer who opposes his attempt to clean up riverboat gambling.	4	2
9	THE APOSTLE, by Brad Thor. (Atria, \$26.99.) Scot Harvath, a Homeland Security superagent, is asked to free an al Qaeda mastermind from an Afghan prison as part of a ransom deal.	5	3
10	GUARDIAN OF LIES, by Steve Martini. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) The lawyer Paul Madriani unravels a mystery involving gold coins, the C.I.A., and a weapon forgotten since the Cuban missile crisis.	--	1
11	THE CASTAWAYS, by Elin Hilderbrand. (Little, Brown, \$24.99.) A Nantucket couple drowns, raising questions and precipitating conflicts among their group of friends.	10	2
12	DEAD AND GONE, by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$25.95.) Sookie Stackhouse searches for the killer of a werepanther.	16	11
13	SHANGHAI GIRLS, by Lisa See. (Random House, \$25.) Two Chinese sisters in the 1930s are sold as wives to men from California, and leave their war-torn country to join them.	12	8
14	UNDONE, by Karin Slaughter. (Delacorte, \$26.) Dr. Sara Linton works with agents of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation to stop a killer who tortures his victims.	--	1
15	RETURN TO SULLIVANS ISLAND, by Dorothea Benton Frank. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) A young woman returns to her family's South Carolina island home.	9	3

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1	UNMASKED, by Ian Halperin. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$25.) Michael Jackson's final years.	--	1
2	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	1	35
3	LIBERTY AND TYRANNY, by Mark R. Levin. (Threshold Editions, \$25.) A conservative manifesto from a talk-show host and president of Landmark Legal Foundation.	2	17
4	CATASTROPHE, by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) Stopping President Obama before he transforms America into a socialist state.	3	4
5	THE ACCIDENTAL BILLIONAIRES, by Ben Mezrich. (Doubleday, \$25.) How two Harvard undergraduates created Facebook.	--	1
6	HORSE SOLDIERS, by Doug Stanton. (Scribner, \$28.) A small group of Special Forces soldiers fought the Taliban on horseback shortly after 9/11.	4	10
7	THE END OF OVEREATING, by David A. Kessler. (Rodale, \$25.95.) How eating sugar, fat and salt affects our minds and bodies and encourages overindulgence.	5	11
8	BOBBY AND JACKIE, by C. David Heymann. (Atria, \$26.) The connection between Bobby and Jackie Kennedy.	--	1
9	THE BECKHAM EXPERIMENT, by Grant Wahl. (Crown, \$24.99.) David Beckham's attempt to transform soccer into a popular sport in America.	--	1
10	MOMMYWOOD, by Tori Spelling with Hilary Liftin. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$25.) Humorous stories about Hollywood motherhood.	9	6
11	TEARS IN THE DARKNESS, by Michael Norman and Elizabeth M. Norman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$30.) The Bataan death march and its aftermath.	8	4
12	THE GIRLS FROM AMES, by Jeffrey Zaslow. (Gotham, \$26.) An enduring friendship among a group of Midwestern women.	6	12
13	BORN TO RUN, by Christopher McDougall. (Knopf, \$24.95.) Secrets of distance running from a Mexican Indian tribe.	--	6
14	MAGNIFICENT DESOLATION, by Buzz Aldrin with Ken Abraham. (Harmony, \$27.) A first-person account of the first lunar landing and a description of personal challenges back on Earth, by the former astronaut.	--	2
15	THE EVOLUTION OF GOD, by Robert Wright. (Little, Brown, \$25.99.) How Western religions have become more tolerant over time, creating a worldview that has room for both science and the divine.	--	2
16	ROCKET MEN, by Craig Nelson. (Viking, \$27.95.) The Apollo 11 mission and the first moon landing.	--	1