

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 20, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	"U" IS FOR UNDERTOW, by Sue Grafton. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Kinsey Millhone investigates the case of a 4-year-old girl who disappeared 21 years earlier.	--	1
2	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	3	12
3	I, ALEX CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Tracking the murderer of a relative, Alex Cross discovers a wild Washington scene with explosive secrets.	1	3
4	UNDER THE DOME, by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$35.) When a Maine town is trapped by an invisible force field, a sanctimonious and hypocritical politician takes over.	4	4
5	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	8	36
6	PIRATE LATITUDES, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon; this manuscript was found in Crichton's files after his death in 2008.	2	2
7	FORD COUNTY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi.	6	5
8	BREATHLESS, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$28.) Mysterious animals in the Colorado Rockies set off intrigue and suspense.	5	2
9	THE PARIS VENDETTA, by Steve Berry. (Ballantine, \$26.) The former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone searches for Napoleon's lost treasure as he battles a cabal of multimillionaires manipulating the global economy.	--	1
10	THE LACUNA, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A young American growing up in Mexico becomes friends with Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky; later, in the United States, he is menaced by McCarthyism.	13	5
11	PURSUIT OF HONOR, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$27.99.) The counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp must teach politicians about national security following a new Qaeda attack.	11	8
12	THE LAST SONG, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love.	10	13
13	TRUE BLUE, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) An ex-cop in Washington struggles to clear her name.	14	6
14	THE GATHERING STORM, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.99.) Book 12 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series.	12	6
15	THE WRECKER, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In 1907, a detective tracks a mysterious saboteur all over the West.	9	3
16	THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright. (Threshold Editions, \$19.99.) A boy learns from his disappointment with his mother's gift.	--	10

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1	GOING ROGUE, by Sarah Palin. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$28.99.) A memoir by the former Alaska governor and vice-presidential candidate.	1	3
2	STONES INTO SCHOOLS, by Greg Mortenson. (Viking, \$26.95.) Building schools, many of them for girls, in northeast Afghanistan; takes up where "Three Cups of Tea" left off.	--	1
3	HAVE A LITTLE FAITH, by Mitch Albom. (Hyperion, \$23.99.) A suburban rabbi and a Detroit pastor teach lessons about the comfort of belief.	2	10
4	OPEN, by Andre Agassi. (Knopf, \$28.95.) The tennis champion's autobiography.	3	4
5	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	6	12
6	ARGUING WITH IDIOTS, written and edited by Glenn Beck, Kevin Balfe and others. (Mercury Radio Arts/Threshold Editions, \$29.99.) The case against big government.	5	11
7	SUPERFREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow/HarperCollins, \$29.99.) A scholar and a journalist apply economic thinking to everything: the sequel.	4	7
8	WHAT THE DOG SAW, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A decade of New Yorker essays.	8	7
9	HALF THE SKY, by Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn. (Knopf, \$27.95.) Women fighting sexual oppression in Asia and Africa.	--	5
10	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	10	55
11	A SIMPLE CHRISTMAS, by Mike Huckabee. (Sentinel, \$19.95.) Christmas memories from the former Arkansas governor and Republican presidential aspirant.	7	4
12	WHEN THE GAME WAS OURS, by Larry Bird and Earvin "Magic" Johnson with Jackie MacMullan. (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, \$26.) Two great basketball players discuss their careers, their long rivalry and their eventual friendship.	13	5
13	THE IMPERIAL CRUISE, by James Bradley. (Little, Brown, \$29.99.) In 1905, during a diplomatic journey organized by Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft negotiated secret agreements with several Asian countries.	9	2
14	THE BOOK OF BASKETBALL, by Bill Simmons. (Ballantine/ESPN, \$30.) ESPN.com's Sports Guy crunches big questions in N.B.A. history.	14	6
15	THE NATIONAL PARKS, by Dayton Duncan and Ken Burns. (Knopf, \$50.) A companion to the PBS series.	15	5