

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	February 17, 1974 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	BURR, by Gore Vidal. (Random House, \$8.95.) A wicked entertainment about the conventional textbook villain.	1	14
2	COME NINEVEH, COME TYRE, by Allen Drury. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) Another political melodrama, this time about a dim-witted President and a pacifist cabal.	2	13
3	THE HONORARY CONSUL, by Graham Greene. (Simon & Schuster, \$7.95.) God works in devious ways in this thriller-comedy about a kidnapped British diplomat.	3	20
4	POSTERN OF FATE, by Agatha Christie. (Dodd, Mead, \$6.95.) Agatha keeps turning them out and this is as good as the last -- or next -- one.	4	9
5	THE HOLLOW HILLS, by Mary Stewart. (Morrow, \$7.95.) A young King Arthur and his faithful magician Merlin do battle with a host of problems.	5	32
6	THEOPHILUS NORTH, by Thornton Wilder. (Harper & Row, \$7.95.) Old-fashioned novel about a compulsive Good Samaritan in ca. 1920's Newport.	6	15
7	THE FIRST DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Kinky sex and dogged detection keep the pot boiling in this New York murder mystery.	7	17
8	NICKEL MOUNTAIN, by John Gardner. (Knopf, \$6.95.) A modern pastoral set in upstate New York about a middle-aged man who marries a young girl.	9	5
9	BEULAH LAND, by Lonnie Coleman. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) Droning saga about an ante bellum family in the Old South.	10	7
10	THE SALAMANDER, by Morris L. West. (Morrow, \$7.95.) A lively political thriller set in modern Italy with West's usual philosophical underpinnings.	8	22

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This Week	February 17, 1974 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	HOW TO BE YOUR OWN BEST FRIEND, by Mildred Newman, Bernard Berkowitz with Jean Owen. (Random House, \$4.95.) Stop defeating yourself and start living!	2	30
2	THE JOY OF SEX, by Alex Comfort. (Crown, \$12.95.) Sophisticated eroticism but basically just another how-to.	1	61
3	UPSTAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE, by J.B. West with Mary Lynn Kotz. (Coward, McCann & Geoghegan, \$8.95.) Reminiscences of five Presidents by a former White House major domo.	7	15
4	PLAIN SPEAKING, by Merle Miller. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) An "oral biography" of Harry Truman, with some salty opinions on a variety of things.	4	4
5	ALISTAIR COOKE'S AMERICA, by Alistair Cooke. (Knopf, \$15.) The debonair television commentator's ramble through American history.	3	14
6	IN ONE ERA AND OUT THE OTHER, by Sam Levenson. (Simon & Schuster, \$6.95.) A mishmash of funny stories and haimishe homilies that may just be your glass tea.	6	22
7	THE BEST OF LIFE, by David E. Scherman. (Time/Life Books, \$19.95.) A sumptuous, nostalgic collection of the most memorable photographs from the magazine.	5	9
8	PORTRAIT OF A MARRIAGE, by Nigel Nicolson. (Atheneum, \$10.) Father was a homophile, mother liked women but somehow it worked.	9	16
9	COSELL, by Howard Cosell. (Playboy Press, \$8.95.) The "controversial" sportscaster off on an extended ego trip.	8	19
10	REAL LACE, by Stephen Birmingham. (Harper & Row, \$10.) An entertaining social portrait of the Irish rich that needs an errata sheet.	--	7