

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	October 11, 2009 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE LOST SYMBOL, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons.	1	2
2	AN ECHO IN THE BONE, by Diana Gabaldon. (Delacorte, \$30.) Jamie Fraser and his time-traveling wife, Claire, encounter pirates on the high seas; the seventh Outlander novel.	--	1
3	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.	2	3
4	THE HELP, by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi.	3	26
5	HOTHOUSE ORCHID, by Stuart Woods. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A C.I.A. special agent finds that much has changed, and not for the better, when she returns to her Florida hometown.	--	1
6	SOUTH OF BROAD, by Pat Conroy. (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, \$29.95.) An unlikely group's friendship from the '60s to the '80s, by the author of "The Prince of Tides."	5	7
7	ALEX CROSS'S TRIAL, by James Patterson and Richard DiLallo. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) The detective Alex Cross writes a novel about his great-uncle, who fought the Klan.	4	5
8	THE YEAR OF THE FLOOD, by Margaret Atwood. (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday, \$26.95.) In a violent future society, survivors of a catastrophic pandemic make their way.	--	1
9	HARDBALL, by Sara Paretsky. (Putnam, \$26.95.) Searching for an old woman's missing son, V. I. Warshawski, the Chicago private investigator is plunged into the politics of the 1960s.	--	1
10	SPARTAN GOLD, by Clive Cussler with Grant Blackwood. (Putnam, \$26.96.) Husband-and-wife treasure hunters search for bottles of wine from Napoleon's "lost cellar."	6	4
11	A CHANGE IN ALTITUDE, by Anita Shreve. (Little, Brown, \$26.99.) A young woman's life is transformed by a mountain-climbing accident in Kenya.	--	1
12	DEAD AND GONE, by Charlaine Harris. (Ace, \$25.95.) Sookie Stackhouse searches for the killer of a werepanther.	8	21
13	THE LOST ART OF GRATITUDE, by Alexander McCall Smith. (Pantheon, \$23.95.) Edinburgh's Isabel Dalhousie in the sixth Sunday Philosophy Club novel.	--	1
14	THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE, by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Swedish hacker becomes a murder suspect.	9	9
15	MAMA DEAREST, by E. Lynn Harris. (Pocket Books/Karen Hunter, \$25.99.) A woman tries to derail her daughter's entertainment career.	--	1

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1	ARGUING WITH IDIOTS, written and edited by Glenn Beck, Kevin Balfe and others. (Mercury Radio Arts/Threshold Editions, \$29.99.) Making the case against big government.	--	1
2	TRUE COMPASS, by Edward M. Kennedy. (Twelve, \$35.) The late senator's autobiography.	1	2
3	HIGH ON ARRIVAL, by Mackenzie Phillips with Hilary Liftin. (Simon Spotlight Entertainment, \$25.99.) The actress and daughter of Papa John Phillips recalls a life of parties, drugs and a complicated relationship with her father.	--	1
4	AMERICAN ON PURPOSE, by Craig Ferguson. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$25.99.) The Scottish-born comedian describes his journey to late-night television stardom and American citizenship.	--	1
5	THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH, by Richard Dawkins. (Free Press, \$30.) Evidence for evolution; a counterattack on advocates of intelligent design.	--	1
6	WHERE MEN WIN GLORY, by Jon Krakauer. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) The story of Pat Tillman, the N.F.L. player who enlisted after 9/11, and the Army's cover-up of his death by friendly fire in Afghanistan.	2	2
7	OFFICIAL BOOK CLUB SELECTION, by Kathy Griffin. (Ballantine, \$25.) A humorous memoir from the star of "My Life on the D-List."	3	3
8	OUTLIERS, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Why some people succeed, from the author of "Blink."	4	45
9	CULTURE OF CORRUPTION, by Michelle Malkin. (Regnery, \$27.95.) President Obama and his team of tax cheats, petty crooks, influence peddlers and Wall Street cronies.	5	9
10	THE CASE FOR GOD, by Karen Armstrong. (Knopf, \$27.95.) Armstrong, a former nun, seeks to rescue the idea of God from atheists and literal-minded believers alike.	--	1
11	LIBERTY AND TYRANNY, by Mark R. Levin. (Threshold Editions, \$25.) A conservative manifesto from a talk-show host and president of Landmark Legal Foundation.	7	27
12	IN THE PRESIDENT'S SECRET SERVICE, by Ronald Kessler. (Crown, \$26.) Agents and the presidents they protect.	8	8
13	A BOLD FRESH PIECE OF HUMANITY, by Bill O'Reilly. (Broadway, \$26.) The Fox News commentator on his upbringing and career.	10	48
14	BORN TO RUN, by Christopher McDougall. (Knopf, \$24.95.) Secrets of distance running from a Mexican Indian tribe.	12	15
15	END THE FED, by Ron Paul. (Grand Central, \$21.99.) Abolishing the Federal Reserve, by the Texas congressman and presidential candidate.	6	2