

The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | August 12, 1979 Fiction | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1 | SOPHIE'S CHOICE, by William Styron. (Random House, \$12.95.) The nature of evil explored through the story of two doomed lovers. | 2 | 8 |
| 2 | THE MATARESE CIRCLE, by Robert Ludlum. (Richard Marek, \$12.50.) The top American and Soviet agents save Western civilization. | 1 | 21 |
| 3 | SHIBUMI, by Trevanian. (Crown, \$10.95.) Nicholai Hel, professional assassin, takes on an international terror organization. | 3 | 13 |
| 4 | THE THIRD WORLD WAR: August 1985, by General Sir John Hackett and Other Top-ranking NATO Generals and Advisors. (Macmillian, \$12.95.) A history of the global war to come. | 4 | 14 |
| 5 | THE ISLAND, by Peter Benchley. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) A journalist undertakes to solve a "Bermuda triangle" style mystery. | 5 | 12 |
| 6 | WAR AND REMEMBRANCE, by Herman Wouk. (Little, Brown, \$15.) The Henry family of "The Winds of War" during World War II. | 8 | 43 |
| 7 | CLASS REUNION, by Rona Jaffe. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) Four Radcliffe girls in the 1950's, and what happens to them between graduation and their 20th reunion. | 6 | 10 |
| 8 | THE LAST ENCHANTMENT, by Mary Stewart. (Morrow, \$11.95.) Further adventures of King Arthur. | -- | 1 |
| 9 | THERE'S NO SUCH PLACE AS FAR AWAY, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$6.95.) Homilies about love and friendship in the spirit of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull." | 7 | 8 |
| 10 | CHESAPEAKE, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$12.95.) Four centuries of Maryland's Eastern Shore. | 10 | 50 |
| 11 | GOOD AS GOLD, by Joseph Heller. (Simon & Schuster, \$12.95.) The ambitions and agonies of some American Jews. | 9 | 21 |
| 12 | A NECESSARY WOMAN, by Helen Van Slyke. (Doubleday, \$10.95.) A South Pacific cruise and a woman's time of quiet decisions. | 13 | 11 |
| 13 | HANTA YO, by Ruth Beebe Hill. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) Multigenerational saga of American Indian culture. | 11 | 24 |
| 14 | GHOST STORY, by Peter Straub. (Coward, McCann & Geogheghan, \$10.95.) An eerie tale of psychic possession and supernatural doings in contemporary America. | 12 | 16 |
| 15 | THE VICAR OF CHRIST, by Walter F. Murphy. (Macmillian, \$12.95.) The first American pope. | 15 | 13 |

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| 1 | THE COMPLETE SCARSDALE MEDICAL DIET, by Herman Tarnower, M.D. and Samm Sinclair Baker. (Rawson, Wade, \$7.95.) A plan to lose up to 20 pounds in 14 days. | 1 | 28 |
| 2 | CRUEL SHOES, by Steve Martin. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Zany satire by a young television comedian. | 2 | 11 |
| 3 | HOW TO PROSPER DURING THE COMING BAD YEARS, by Howard J. Ruff. (Times Books, \$8.95.) Personal investment guide. | 4 | 24 |
| 4 | THE PRITIKIN PROGRAM, by Nathan Pritikin with Patrick M. McGrady, Jr. (Grosset & Dunlap, \$12.95.) A prescription for health and long life. | 3 | 14 |
| 5 | THE BRONX ZOO, by Sparky Lyle and Peter Golenbock. (Crown, \$8.95.) A behind-the-scenes look at the temperamental Yankees by their former star reliever. | 5 | 18 |
| 6 | THE POWERS THAT BE, by David Halberstam. (Knopf, \$15.) Four news empires -- The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Time Inc, and CBS. | 7 | 13 |
| 7 | THE MEDUSA AND THE SNAIL, by Lewis Thomas. (Viking, \$8.95.) Essays by a biology watcher. | 6 | 11 |
| 8 | BROCA'S BRAIN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$12.95.) Reflections on the romance of science by a leading astronomer and geophysicist. | 9 | 8 |
| 9 | THE WHITE ALBUM, by Joan Didion. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Astringent essays about the decline and fall of the 60's. | 8 | 4 |
| 10 | MOMMIE DEAREST, by Christina Crawford. (Morrow, \$9.95.) Life with Joan Crawford. | 10 | 38 |
| 11 | I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN, by Barbara Gordon. (Harper & Row, \$8.95.) Autobiography of a successful TV producer whose life suddenly collapses. | 11 | 6 |
| 12 | THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUNNING, by James F. Fixx. (Random House, \$10.) For fun and health. | 14 | 84 |
| 13 | FEED YOUR KIDS RIGHT, by Lendon Smith, M.D. (McGraw Hill, \$9.95.) How to, by a pediatrician. | 13 | 3 |
| 14 | LAUREN BACALL BY MYSELF, by Lauren Bacall. (Knopf, \$10.95.) Memories of life with and without Bogart. | 12 | 28 |
| 15 | TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, by John J. Sirica. (Norton, \$15.) The Federal judge who presided at the Watergate trial reconsiders the case. | 15 | 15 |