

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 6, 1981 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	AN INDECENT OBSESSION, by Colleen McCullough. (Harper & Row, \$13.50.) A nurse and her charges in a special-care ward of a World War II hospital.	1	7
2	THE HOTEL NEW HAMPSHIRE, by John Irving. (Dutton/Henry Robbins, \$15.50.) Life with an eccentric family.	2	12
3	NO TIME FOR TEARS, by Cynthia Freeman. (Arbor House, \$14.95.) A dauntless woman leads her family from Czarist Russia to Palestine to New York's diamond center.	3	4
4	CUJO, by Stephen King. (Viking, \$13.95.) Monsters haunt a New York family seeking peace in rural Maine.	5	17
5	NOBLE HOUSE, by James Clavell. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) A British-Chinese struggle for control of one of Hong Kong's oldest trading houses.	7	31
6	REMEMBRANCE, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$14.95.) An Italian princess, in quest of romance, finds frustration, then fulfillment in America.	8	5
7	THE LEGACY, by Howard Fast. (Houghton Mifflin, \$14.95.) The Lavette family of "The Immigrants" and "The Establishment" reaches the turbulent 60's.	6	9
8	RABBIT IS RICH, by John Updike. (Knopf, \$13.95.) Harry Angstrom of "Rabbit, Run" returns in the chips but unfulfilled.	12	7
9	SPRING MOON, by Bette Bao Lord. (Harper & Row, \$14.95.) Tradition and revolution in modern China seen through the eyes of an upper-class family.	4	2
10	GORKY PARK, by Martin Cruz Smith. (Random House, \$13.95.) A triple murder in Moscow leads to a chase on two continents.	10	35
11	THE THIRD DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$13.95.) On the trail of the elusive killer of o out-of-town businessmen visiting New York.	13	19
12	THE LAST DAYS OF AMERICA, by Paul Erdman. (Simon & Schuster, \$13.95.) International intrigue and wheeling and-dealing in 1985.	14	15
13	BREAD UPON THE WATERS, by Irwin Shaw. (Delacorte, \$14.95.) An unexpected bounty dramatically changes a family's life.	11	10
14	THE CARDINAL SINS, by Andrew M. Greeley. (Warner/Bernard Geis, \$12.95.) The triumphs and tragedies of two Chicago boys as priests in the Catholic Church.	9	24
15	DEATH BEAM, by Robert Moss. (Crown, \$13.95.) The West's response to a Soviet plan to direct a neutron bomb at the east coast of America.	--	1

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1	A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, \$10.95.) Humor in cartoons and verse.	1	5
2	NEVER-SAY-DIET BOOK, by Richard Simmons. (Warner, \$14.95.) A regimen for exercise, diet and life style devised by a Hollywood television personality.	2	44
3	THE LORD GOD MADE THEM ALL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$13.95.) The further adventures of the Yorkshire vet at home and behind the Iron Curtain.	3	31
4	PATHFINDERS, by Gail Sheehy. (Morrow, \$15.95.) How ordinary people cope with the normal crises of life.	4	5
5	COSMOS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$22.95.) Thirteen billion years of the universe's evolution explained by the NASA medal-winning space scientist.	7	56
6	ELIZABETH TAYLOR: The Last Star, by Kitty Kelley. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) A gossip biography.	6	2
7	FROM BAUHAUS TO OUR HOUSE, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$10.95.) A critical look at contemporary architecture.	8	6
8	HOW TO MAKE LOVE TO A MAN, by Alexandra Penney. (Clarkson N. Potter, \$10.) How-to.	5	16
9	THE BEVERLY HILLS DIET, by Judy Mazel. (Macmillan, \$10.95.) A regimen devised by a Hollywood nutrition guru.	9	29
10	THE BEST OF DEAR ABBY, by Abigail Van Buren. (Andrews & McMeel, \$9.95.) A cornucopia of advice on all sorts of personal matters from the syndicated columnist.	10	2
11	THE CINDERELLA COMPLEX, by Colette Dowling. (Summit Books, \$12.95.) From her own experience, a writer argues that women have a hidden fear of independence.	11	20
12	TEENAGE ROMANCE, by Delia Ephron. (Viking, \$9.95.) The embarrassments of adolescence recalled in words, and in drawings by Edward Koren.	14	2
13	ELVIS, by Albert Goldman. (McGraw-Hill, \$14.95.) The life and death of Elvis Presley.	13	3
14	MISS PIGGY'S GUIDE TO LIFE, by Miss Piggy as told to Henry Beard. (Knopf/Muppet Press, \$12.95.) Amusing advice about everything from the superstar porcine personality.	--	23
15	THE SOUL OF A NEW MACHINE, by Tracy Kidder. (Atlantic-Little, Brown, \$13.95.) The making of a microcomputer.	12	7