

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 18, 1983 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	PET SEMATARY, by Stephen King. (Doubleday, \$15.95.) The new family in town discovers the horrors that lie in a neighboring cemetery.	1	7
2	POLAND, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$17.95.) Seven centuries of history in fictional form.	2	16
3	WHO KILLED THE ROBINS FAMILY?, created by Bill Adler and written by Thomas Chastain. (Morrow, \$9.95.) The publisher offers a \$10,000 prize to the reader who submits the best answer.	4	16
4	THE NAME OF THE ROSE, by Umberto Eco. (Helen & Kurt Wolff/Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$15.95.) Unraveling the mystery of a murder in a 14th-century Italian monastery.	3	26
5	THE SAGA OF BABY DIVINE, by Bette Midler. (Crown, \$11.95.) The entertainer imagines what her infancy was like in a fable lushly illustrated by Todd Schorr.	5	7
6	MORETA: DRAGONLADY OF PERN, by Anne McCaffrey. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$14.95.) A battle against ecological disaster on a faraway planet.	10	5
7	CHANGES, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$15.95.) The crises that arise when a television anchorwoman and a glamorous physician fall in love.	6	15
8	THE ROBOTS OF DAWN, by Isaac Asimov. (Doubleday, \$15.95.) A human detective from Earth investigates the murder of a robot on the planet Aurora.	8	5
9	THE WICKED DAY, by Mary Stewart. (Morrow, \$16.95.) King Arthur, fulfilling a prophecy made by Merlin, falls into an incestuous relationship.	7	5
10	RETURN OF THE JEDI, adapted by Joan D. Vinge. (Random House, \$6.95.) Illustrated storybook based on the latest "Star Wars" film.	9	28
11	HOLLYWOOD WIVES, by Jackie Collins. (Simon & Schuster, \$16.95.) The struggle for money and power in Tinsel Town.	11	20
12	THE AUERBACH WILL, by Stephen Birmingham. (Little, Brown, \$16.95.) Three generations of a German-Jewish family in New York.	12	13
13	THE NEVERENDING STORY, by Michael Ende. (Doubleday, \$15.95.) A lonely boy meets challenges and finds his true self in a magical land.	13	3
14	WINTER'S TALE, by Mark Helprin. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$14.95.) Heroic lives in Manhattan between the late 19th century and the year 2000.	15	13
15	MONIMBO, by Robert Moss and Arnaud de Borchgrave. (Simon & Schuster, \$16.95.) What happens after Castro unveils a plan to stir racial tension in the United States.	--	12

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1	MOTHERHOOD: The Second Oldest Profession, by Erma Bombeck. (McGraw-Hill, \$12.95.) A humorous look at the biggest on-the-job training program ever.	1	13
2	THE BEST OF JAMES HERRIOT. (St. Martin's Press, \$19.95.) Selections from the writings of the Yorkshire veterinarian.	2	14
3	IN SEARCH OF EXCELLENCE, by Thomas J. Peters and Robert H. Waterman Jr. (Harper & Row, \$19.95.) Lessons to be learned from well-run American corporations.	3	49
4	WHILE REAGAN SLEPT, by Art Buchwald. (Putnam, \$14.95.) Seven score wry observations on the Washington scene by the syndicated columnist.	11	4
5	ON WINGS OF EAGLES, by Ken Follett. (Morrow, \$17.95.) The rescue of two Americans from an Iranian prison.	4	16
6	MEGATRENDS, by John Naisbitt. (Warner, \$17.50.) Predictions about America in the next decade based on an analysis of conditions today.	5	58
7	VIETNAM: A History, by Stanley Karnow. (Viking, \$19.95.) Profusely illustrated history of the war: tie-in with the current PBS television series.	6	9
8	TOUGH TIMES NEVER LAST, BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO! by Robert H. Schuller. (Thomas Nelson, \$12.95.) Inspiration from a Protestant preacher.	7	8
9	THE HUMAN BODY, by Jonathan Miller. (Viking, \$16.95.) A pop-up book illustrating the workings of the human body.	--	1
10	THE BODY PRINCIPAL, by Victoria Principal. (Simon & Schuster, \$16.95.) Exercises for women by a television personality.	9	11
11	A HERO FOR OUR TIMES, by Ralph G. Martin. (Macmillan, \$19.95.) An anecdotal account of the Kennedy years.	10	5
12	ONE BRIEF SHINING MOMENT, by William Manchester. (Little, Brown, \$25.) A profusely illustrated tribute to John F. Kennedy.	--	1
13	THE MARY KAY GUIDE TO BEAUTY. (Addison-Wesley, \$19.95.) An illustrated guide for women prepared by the staff of a cosmetics firm.	8	10
14	A LIGHT IN THE ATTIC, by Shel Silverstein. (Harper & Row, \$12.45.) Humor in cartoons and verse.	--	71
15	BLUE HIGHWAYS, by William Least Heat Moon. (Atlantic/Little, Brown, \$17.50.) A report on a trip through the back roads of America.	--	35