

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 25, 1988 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE CARDINAL OF THE KREMLIN, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan races to the rescue of America's highest-ranking secret agent in the Soviet Union.	1	8
2	TILL WE MEET AGAIN, by Judith Krantz. (Crown, \$19.95.) The exploits of a woman and her two daughters from pre-World War I Paris to present-day Los Angeles.	2	7
3	ALASKA, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$22.50.) The history of the 49th state told in fictional form.	3	13
4	SPOCK'S WORLD, by Diane Duane. (Pocket, \$16.95.) An emergency meeting of the planet Vulcan's ruling council exposes its secret history and that of the Enterprise's Commander Spock.	4	3
5	BREATHING LESSONS, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$18.95.) The many facets of a 28-year marriage are revealed during a drive to a friend's funeral.	--	1
6	THE BONFIRE OF THE VANITIES, by Tom Wolfe. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$19.95.) A bond trader caught in the jungles of New York.	6	47
7	DOCTORS, by Erich Segal. (Bantam, \$19.95.) The life stories of five members of Harvard Medical School's class of 1962.	5	9
8	TO BE THE BEST, by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) The Harte department store dynasty, founded by "a woman of substance," undergoes emotional and financial strains.	7	12
9	SHINING THROUGH, by Susan Isaacs. (Harper & Row, \$18.95.) The progress of a Queens woman from Wall Street secretary to wife of her boss to spy in Nazi Germany.	10	6
10	THE SILENCE OF THE LAMBS, by Thomas Harris. (St. Martin's, \$18.95.) A young woman F.B.I. trainee on the trail of a serial killer.	12	3
11	THE SHELL SEEKERS, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A woman and a painting tie together three generations of an English family.	11	32
12	LOVE IN THE TIME OF CHOLERA, by Gabriel Garcia Marquez. (Knopf, \$18.95.) A Colombian poet's perdurable love for a woman is tested by life's changing conditions.	9	23
13	DEMON LORD OF KARANDA, by David Eddings. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$18.95.) The battle for control of a continent continues in the fantasy saga "The Malloreon."	8	5
14	THE AVIATORS, by W. E. B. Griffin. (Putnam, \$18.95.) A volume in the "Brotherhood of War" series, set in Vietnam.	13	2
15	A THIEF OF TIME, by Tony Hillerman. (Harper & Row, \$15.95.) Tracking down a missing archeologist, missing artifacts and a murderer in the Indian ruins of New Mexico.	--	11

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1	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A British scientist's review of efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	1	23
2	THE BOZ, by Brian Bosworth with Rick Reilly. (Doubleday, \$17.95.) The life and controversial opinions of the Seattle Seahawks football player.	4	4
3	THE RAGMAN'S SON, by Kirk Douglas. (Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) The actor recalls his life as poor immigrant's son, waiter, steel mill worker, haberdashery salesman, film star, father and man.	2	5
4	THE LIVES OF JOHN LENNON, by Albert Goldman. (Morrow, \$22.95.) The rock-and-roll star as legend and as human being.	3	3
5	THE DUCHESS OF WINDSOR, by Charles Higham. (McGraw-Hill, \$17.95.) The life of the woman from Baltimore who married King Edward VIII.	5	10
6	GENERATION OF SWINE, by Hunter S. Thompson. (Summit, \$18.95.) Commentary on the current decade.	7	11
7	TRANSFORMATION, by Whitley Strieber. (Beech Tree/Morrow, \$18.95.) The author of "Communion" tells of more confrontations with "intelligent nonhumans."	8	4
8	TRUMP: The Art of the Deal, by Donald J. Trump with Tony Schwartz. (Random House, \$19.95.) The career and business style of the New York entrepreneur.	6	41
9	TALKING STRAIGHT, by Lee Iacocca with Sonny Kleinfield. (Bantam, \$21.95.) More experiences and opinions of the Chrysler chairman.	9	15
10	SENATORIAL PRIVILEGE, by Leo Damore. (Regnery Gateway, \$19.95.) A reporter's reassessment of the 1969 accident on Chappaquiddick Island.	10	7
11	THRIVING ON CHAOS, by Tom Peters. (Knopf, \$19.95.) The author discusses ways for companies to survive in today's and tomorrow's turbulent world.	14	45
12	ALMOST GOLDEN, by Gwenda Blair. (Simon & Schuster, \$18.95.) The career of the television anchorwoman Jessica Savitch and the ways of newscasting during the past two decades.	11	8
13	RIDING THE IRON ROOSTER, by Paul Theroux. (Putnam, \$21.95.) A yearlong journey by train through China.	12	15
14	CAPOTE, by Gerald Clarke. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) The life of Truman Capote.	13	13
15	THE RISE AND FALL OF THE GREAT POWERS, by Paul Kennedy. (Random House, \$24.95.) How economic and military forces affected the fortunes of great nations in the past 500 years.	16	33