

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 17, 1989 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER, by Tom Clancy. (Putnam, \$21.95.) The C.I.A.'s Jack Ryan comes to the rescue of Americans fighting Colombian drug lords.	1	3
2	POLAR STAR, by Martin Cruz Smith. (Random House, \$19.95.) Russian and American teams investigate the mysterious movements of a Soviet ship in northern Pacific waters.	2	11
3	THE RUSSIA HOUSE, by John le Carré. (Knopf, \$19.95.) Espionage changes its ways as glasnost begins to rust the Iron Curtain.	3	15
4	THE JOY LUCK CLUB, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$18.95.) The tensions and cultural bonds shared by Chinese-American women and their immigrant mothers.	5	24
5	THE OLD SILENT, by Martha Grimes. (Little, Brown, \$18.95.) Scotland Yard's Richard Jury probes a triple-murder case in the West Country.	8	3
6	BLESSINGS, by Belva Plain. (Delacorte, \$19.95.) A lawyer's romantic past catches up with her on the eve of her marriage and the trial of her most important case.	4	7
7	OLDEST LIVING CONFEDERATE WIDOW TELLS ALL, by Allan Gurganus. (Knopf, \$21.95.) A 99-year-old woman reflects on her past.	--	1
8	JOSHUA AND THE CHILDREN, by Joseph F. Girzone. (Macmillan, \$13.95.) A stranger brings hope to a village where violence is a way of life.	6	5
9	KNIGHT IN SHINING ARMOR, by Jude Deveraux. (Pocket, \$17.95.) A 20th-century American woman finds love through an encounter with a 16th-century English nobleman.	7	6
10	JOURNEY, by James Michener. (Random House, \$16.95.) The 1897 trek of four British aristocrats and an Irish manservant across Canada to reach the Klondike gold fields.	11	8
11	WHILE MY PRETTY ONE SLEEPS, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) The murder of a gossip writer creates a storm in New York's high-fashion world.	10	19
12	CALIFORNIA GOLD, by John Jakes. (Random House, \$19.95.) A young man from Pennsylvania makes his fortune in 19th-century Los Angeles.	--	1
13	THE PILLARS OF THE EARTH, by Ken Follett. (Morrow, \$22.95.) The lives of men and women whose fortunes are linked by the construction of a cathedral in 12th-century England.	--	1
14	MURDER AT THE KENNEDY CENTER, by Margaret Truman. (Random House, \$17.95.) Intrigue and passion surround the mysterious death of the aide to a Presidential candidate.	16	7
15	THE TEMPLE OF MY FAMILIAR, by Alice Walker. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$19.95.) The relations of the species, races and sexes through the past 5,000 centuries.	15	20

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1	ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN, by Robert Fulghum. (Villard, \$15.95.) Inspirational essays about everyday matters.	1	46
2	A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME, by Stephen W. Hawking. (Bantam, \$18.95.) A scientist reviews efforts to create a unified theory of the universe.	3	74
3	IT'S ALWAYS SOMETHING, by Gilda Radner. (Simon & Schuster, \$17.95.) The late comedian's memoir describes her battle with ovarian cancer.	2	15
4	A WOMAN NAMED JACKIE, by C. David Heymann. (Lyle Stuart, \$21.95.) A biography of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.	4	19
5	AMONG SCHOOLCHILDREN, by Tracy Kidder. (Richard Todd/Houghton Mifflin, \$19.95.) A year in the life of a fifth-grade teacher in Holyoke, Mass.	15	3
6	FROM BEIRUT TO JERUSALEM, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.95.) The Arab-Israeli conflict as observed by a New York times correspondent over the past decade.	6	8
7	PERSONAL FOULS, by Peter Golenbock. (Carroll & Graf, \$18.95.) An investigative account of the basketball program at North Carolina State University.	5	5
8	THE CONTROL OF NATURE, by John McPhee. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$17.95.) How people in Mississippi, Iceland and California coped with raging rivers, lava and wind, fire and heavy rain.	9	4
9	THE GOOD TIMES, by Russell Baker. (Morrow, \$19.95.) The New York Times columnist recalls his experiences from Baltimore newsboy to Washington correspondent during the 50's and 60's.	8	15
10	SUMMER OF '49, by David Halberstam. (Morrow, \$21.95.) The year the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees battled to the last game for the American League pennant.	7	17
11	THE WRITING LIFE, by Annie Dillard. (Harper & Row, \$15.95.) A novelist describes and reflects on the creative process.	--	1
12	SHELLEY II, by Shelley Winters. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) The actress continues her account of life in Hollywood, New York and Europe.	10	3
13	DAVE BARRY SLEPT HERE, by Dave Barry. (Random House, \$12.95.) A humorist's account of American history.	12	11
14	GREAT PLAINS, by Ian Frazier. (Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, \$17.95.) The history and legends of the American prairies depicted by a visitor from the East.	14	10
15	KAFFIR BOY IN AMERICA, by Mark Mathabane. (Scribners, \$19.95.) The experiences of a black South African as a student and writer in the United States.	--	2