## OThe New York ©imes Best Seller Gist

| This Week | December 17, 1995 Fiction | Last <br> Week | Weeks On List |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | THE CHRISTMAS BOX, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon \& Schuster, \$12.95.) When a young family moves in with a widow, they all learn about the significance of Christmas. | 2 | 7 |
| 2 | FIVE DAYS IN PARIS, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$15.95.) A chance encounter between two Americans at the Ritz changes their lives forever. | 1 | 3 |
| 3 | THE LOST WORLD, by Michael Crichton. (Knopf, \$25.95.) Scientists visit a Costa Rican jungle that is the breeding ground of dinosaurs; a sequel to "Jurassic Park." | 3 | 11 |
| 4 | SILENT NIGHT, by Mary Higgins Clark. (Simon \& Schuster, \$16.) A family finds adversity and renewed courage during a Christmastime visit to New York. | 4 | 9 |
| 5 | POLITICALLY CORRECT HOLIDAY STORIES, by James Finn Garner. (Macmillan, \$9.95.) Five classic Christmas stories retold to avoid offending current sensibilities. | 5 | 9 |
| 6 | THE CHILDREN'S BOOK OF VIRTUES, edited by William J. Bennett. Illustrated by Michael Hague. (Simon \& Schuster, \$20.) Stories and poems. | 6 | 6 |
| 7 | THE HUNDRED SECRET SENSES, by Amy Tan. (Putnam, \$24.95.) The changing relationship between a Chinese-American woman and her older Chinese half sister. | 8 | 7 |
| 8 | THE HORSE WHISPERER, by Nicholas Evans. (Delacorte, \$23.95.) A troubled woman seeks solace for herself, her daughter and their horse from a wrangler in Montana. | 7 | 13 |
| 9 | MORNING, NOON, AND NIGHT, by Sidney Sheldon. (Morrow, \$24.) The mysterious drowning of a respected tycoon leads to the revelation of a tangle of scandals. | 9 | 13 |
| 10 | THE CELESTINE PROPHECY, by James Redfield. (Warner, \$17.95.) An ancient manuscript, found in Peru, provides insights into achieving a fulfilling life. | 10 | 94 |
| 11 | COMING HOME, by Rosamunde Pilcher. (Dunne/St. Martin's, \$25.95.) A British woman comes of age during World War II. | 12 | 15 |
| 12 | A CUP OF CHRISTMAS TEA, by Tom Hegg. (Waldman House, \$10.95.) A Christmas story in verse, illustrated by Warren Hanson. | -- | 8 |
| 13 | THE FINAL JUDGMENT, by Richard North Patterson. (Knopf, \$25.) After a young woman is charged with killing her boyfriend, legal and familial problems result. | -- | 1 |
| 14 | THE ISLAND OF THE DAY BEFORE, by Umberto Eco. (Wolff/Harcourt Brace, $\$ 25$.) The wanderings of a 17 th-century Italian castaway on a derelict ship. | 11 | 4 |
| 15 | BEACH MUSIC, by Pat Conroy. (Talese/Doubleday, \$27.50.) An American living in Rome returns to South Carolina and tries to cope with his past. | 13 | 22 |

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| 1 | THE ROAD AHEAD, by Bill Gates with Nathan Myhrvold and Peter Rinearson. (Viking, \$29.95.) What's ahead on the information highway; CD-ROM included. | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | MISS AMERICA, by Howard Stern. (Regan Books, \$27.50.) Anecdotes and fulminations from the radio talk show host. | 2 | 4 |
| 3 | CHARLES KURALT'S AMERICA, by Charles Kuralt. (Putnam, \$24.95.) From Alaska to Florida: the most recent travels of the itinerant television reporter. | 3 | 7 |
| 4 | MY AMERICAN JOURNEY, by Colin L. Powell with Joseph E. Persico. (Random House, $\$ 25.95$.) The autobiography of the former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. | 1 | 12 |
| 5 | DAVID BRINKLEY, by David Brinkley. (Knopf, \$25.) From a boyhood in North Carolina through five decades as a television newscaster: a memoir. | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | MY POINT ... AND I DO HAVE ONE, by Ellen DeGeneres. (Bantam, \$19.95.) Observations on life and the pursuit of happiness by the television star and standup comedian. | 7 | 15 |
| 7 | EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE, by Daniel Goleman. (Bantam, \$23.95.) Factors other than I.Q. that contribute to a successful and happy life. | 6 | 11 |
| 8 | SISTERS. Essays by Carol Saline. Photographs by Sharon J. Wohlmuth. (Running Press, \$27.50.) The relationships of 36 sets of sisters of varied callings and backgrounds. | 8 | 51 |
| 9 | A SIMPLE PATH, by Mother Teresa. Compiled by Lucinda Vardey. (Ballantine, $\$ 20$.) The thoughts, experiences and beliefs of the Nobel Prize-winning nun. | 11 | 3 |
| 10 | RETURN WITH HONOR, by Scott O'Grady with Jeff Coplon. (Doubleday, \$21.95.) The ordeal of a United States fighter pilot shot down over Bosnia in June. | 10 | 3 |
| 11 | LINCOLN, by David Herbert Donald. (Simon \& Schuster, \$35.) The life of the 16th President. | 9 | 7 |
| 12 | A GOOD WALK SPOILED, by John Feinstein. (Little, Brown, \$23.95.) A sportswriter reports on the P.G.A. Tour in 1993 and 1994. | 13 | 26 |
| 13 | DAYS OF OUR LIVES, by Lorraine Zenka. (Regan Books/HarperCollins, \$25.) An album of facts and pictures celebrating the television show's first 30 years. | 12 | 4 |
| 14 | ALL I KNOW ABOUT ANIMAL BEHAVIOR I LEARNED IN LOEHMANN'S DRESSING ROOM, by Erma Bombeck. (HarperCollins, \$22.) Life in the 1990's. | -- | 4 |
| 15 | MINDHUNTER, by John Douglas and Mark Olshaker. (Drew/Scribner, \$24.) The memoirs of the former leader of an F.B.I. team charged with studying the behavior of serial killers and assassins. | 14 | 4 |

