

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	August 17, 1997 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	UNNATURAL EXPOSURE, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Dr. Kay Scarpetta contends with a killer who uses a smallpox-like virus and cyberspace tricks.	1	3
2	COLD MOUNTAIN, by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War to meet an old love and a new world.	3	6
3	SPECIAL DELIVERY, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$16.95.) Romance comes to a mature couple who disliked each other in earlier encounters.	2	6
4	PLUM ISLAND, by Nelson DeMille. (Warner, \$25.) A detective probes the murder of a Long Island couple who may have been involved in germ warfare research.	4	11
5	THE NOTEBOOK, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$16.95.) A World War II veteran meets an old flame who is about to be married.	7	43
6	THE PARTNER, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$26.95.) The pursuit of \$90 million stolen by a lawyer who apparently died but is actually hiding in Brazil.	5	23
7	IF THIS WORLD WERE MINE, by E. Lynn Harris. (Doubleday, \$23.95.) The seemingly close bonds of four old classmates are strained when a stranger suddenly enters their lives.	13	3
8	FAT TUESDAY, by Sandra Brown. (Warner, \$24.) A troubled cop and the wife of a sinister attorney go on a tear in New Orleans during Mardi Gras.	6	8
9	UP ISLAND, by Anne Rivers Siddons. (HarperCollins, \$24.) An Atlanta woman, after a bad marriage and her mother's death, seeks a new life on Martha's Vineyard.	9	10
10	DECEPTION ON HIS MIND, by Elizabeth George. (Bantam, \$24.95.) Barbara Havers probes the murder of a respected Asian resident of a British coastal town.	8	5
11	LONDON, by Edward Rutherfurd. (Crown, \$25.95.) Two thousand years of life in Britain's capital as seen through the eyes of six families.	11	11
12	THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS, by Arundhati Roy. (Random House, \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.	--	1
13	CHASING CEZANNE, by Peter Mayle. (Knopf, \$23.) A photographer pursues a painting taken from a house in the south of France.	12	8
14	POWER OF A WOMAN, by Barbara Taylor Bradford. (HarperCollins, \$25.) A businesswoman struggles with her past after her daughter is the victim of violence.	10	5
15	FATAL TERRAIN, by Dale Brown. (Putnam, \$24.95.) The United States Air Force contends with a Chinese Government determined to recover Asian territories.	14	4

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1	ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.	1	48
2	THE PERFECT STORM, by Sebastian Junger. (Norton, \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991, focusing on a crew of fishermen from Gloucester, Mass.	3	10
3	INTO THIN AIR, by Jon Krakauer. (Villard, \$24.95.) A journalist's account of his ascent of Mount Everest in 1996, the deadliest season in history.	2	15
4	THE BIBLE CODE, by Michael Drosnin. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) A journalist contends that important events have been predicted in the Bible.	4	9
5	CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of good and evil, guilt and sin.	6	35
6	MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$23.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.	5	151
7	THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans discloses that they have seven characteristics in common.	9	30
8	BRAIN DROPPINGS, by George Carlin. (Hyperion, \$19.95.) Comments on life and the ways of the world by the stand-up comedian.	7	11
9	THE GIFT OF FEAR, by Gavin de Becker. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) Intuitive signals that can protect us from becoming the victims of violence.	8	7
10	MARTHA STEWART -- JUST DESSERTS, by Jerry Oppenheimer. (Morrow, \$24.) A biography of "the doyenne of domesticity."	10	5
11	CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 2, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Hampton Roads, \$19.95.) More discussions of moral questions.	12	13
12	THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL, by Philip J. Corso with William J. Birnes. (Pocket, \$24.) The 1947 crash of an unidentified aircraft in New Mexico and the Government's reaction to it: a retired Army colonel's account.	13	3
13	JUST AS I AM, by Billy Graham. (HarperSanFrancisco/Zondervan, \$28.50.) The autobiography of the crusading preacher.	11	14
14	UNDERBOSS, by Peter Maas. (HarperCollins, \$25.) Life in the Mafia as lived and observed by Salvatore (Sammy the Bull) Gravano.	14	16
15	BILLIONS AND BILLIONS, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$24.) The late astronomer's reflections on the future, human relationships, God and other topics.	16	3