

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 21, 1997 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	COLD MOUNTAIN, by Charles Frazier. (Atlantic Monthly, \$24.) A wounded Confederate soldier journeys home toward the end of the Civil War.	1	24
2	CAT & MOUSE, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$24.95.) Alex Cross contends with two serial killers determined to take his life.	3	5
3	THE GHOST, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$25.95.) On a trip to New England, a man whose life has gone awry finds answers to his problems in diaries in an old trunk.	2	5
4	ANOTHER CITY, NOT MY OWN, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$25.) The O. J. Simpson murder trial as witnessed and participated in by a journalist.	4	4
5	THE LETTER, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$15.95.) In the last volume of the "Christmas Box" trilogy, the Parkin family recovers from its lingering grief over the loss of a daughter.	5	8
6	A CERTAIN JUSTICE, by P. D. James. (Knopf, \$25.) Adam Dalgliesh in pursuit of the murderer of a celebrated and widely detested criminal lawyer.	14	2
7	SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST, by Jonathan Kellerman. (Bantam, \$24.95.) Alex Delaware pursues the killer of a diplomat's teen-age daughter.	8	4
8	COMANCHE MOON, by Larry McMurtry. (Simon & Schuster, \$28.50.) Two Texas Rangers, veterans of "Lonesome Dove," battle defiant Comanche Indians who are determined to defend their way of life.	7	6
9	WOBEGON BOY, by Garrison Keillor. (Viking, \$24.95.) After moving to New York, the manager of a radio station comes to terms with his Midwestern heritage.	13	4
10	THE WINNER, by David Baldacci. (Warner, \$25.) The tribulations of a dirt-poor woman who reluctantly participates in a scam to win the national lottery.	--	1
11	THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS, by Arundhati Roy. (Random House, \$23.) Death and secrets haunt a once-prosperous merchant family in contemporary India.	11	19
12	THE CHRISTMAS BOX, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) When a family moves in with a widow, they all learn the significance of Christmas.	12	25
13	VIOLIN, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$25.95.) From 19th-century Vienna to present-day New Orleans: a demonic fiddler preys upon a woman who loves his music.	6	8
14	THE MATARESE COUNTDOWN, by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam, \$27.50.) A C.I.A. officer struggles to thwart the return of an international cabal of power brokers.	10	8
15	LUCKY YOU, by Carl Hiaasen. (Knopf, \$24.) A maverick journalist undertakes to help a woman whose winning Florida lottery ticket has been stolen.	9	6

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1	MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL, by John Berendt. (Random House, \$25.) The mysterious death of a young man in Savannah, Ga.	1	179
2	ANGELA'S ASHES, by Frank McCourt. (Scribner, \$24.) An Irish-American writer recalls his childhood amid the miseries of Limerick.	3	66
3	THE MAN WHO LISTENS TO HORSES, by Monty Roberts. (Random House, \$23.) The memoirs of a professional horse trainer.	2	18
4	THE DARK SIDE OF CAMELOT, by Seymour M. Hersh. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) A reappraisal of the private and public life of John F. Kennedy.	6	4
5	CITIZEN SOLDIERS, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.50.) The United States Army from Normandy to the Bulge to Germany's surrender.	4	5
6	THE PERFECT STORM, by Sebastian Junger. (Norton, \$23.95.) An account of the nor'easter of 1991.	5	28
7	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.	7	33
8	DIRTY JOKES AND BEER, by Drew Carey. (Hyperion, \$22.95.) Observations on his life and life in general by the comedian.	8	11
9	DIANA: HER TRUE STORY -- IN HER OWN WORDS, by Andrew Morton. (Simon & Schuster, \$22.95.) An updated version of a 1992 book about the Princess of Wales.	9	9
10	SOURCES OF STRENGTH, by Jimmy Carter. (Times Books/Random House, \$23.) Inspirational meditations on the Bible by the former President.	--	2
11	CONVERSATIONS WITH GOD: Book 1, by Neale Donald Walsch. (Putnam, \$19.95.) The author addresses questions of good and evil, guilt and sin.	10	53
12	TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE, by Mitch Albom. (Doubleday, \$19.95.) A sportswriter tells of his weekly visits to his old college mentor, who was near death's door.	11	9
13	WAIT TILL NEXT YEAR, by Doris Kearns Goodwin. (Simon & Schuster, \$25.) Recollections of a 50's girlhood on Long Island, in the orbit of the Brooklyn Dodgers.	12	7
14	THE MILLIONAIRE NEXT DOOR, by Thomas J. Stanley and William D. Danko. (Longstreet, \$22.) An analysis of the lives of wealthy Americans.	13	48
15	THE ROYALS, by Kitty Kelley. (Warner, \$27.) Gossip about the lives of members of the House of Windsor.	15	11
16	TRUMP: The Art of the Comeback, by Donald J. Trump with Kate Bohner. (Times Books/Random House, \$25.95.) The New York businessman tells how he recovered from his brush with bankruptcy.	--	2