The New York Times Best Seller List

| This Week | October 23, 2005 Fiction | Last Week | Weeks On List |
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| 1 | THE LINCOLN LAWYER, by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown, \$26.95.) A Los Angeles criminal defense attorney takes a case that proves more complicated and dangerous than he expected. | | 1 |
| 2 | BLUE SMOKE, by Nora Roberts. (Putnam, \$25.95.) An arson investigator whose family suffered a fire when she was a child is menaced by a sociopath. | | 1 |
| 3 | A BREATH OF SNOW AND ASHES, by Diana Gabaldon. (Delacorte, \$28.) In 1772, the British governor of North Carolina asks Jamie to support the king, but Jamie's time-traveling wife assures him independence is inevitable; an Outlander novel. | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | SON OF A WITCH, by Gregory Maguire. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.95.) Liir makes his way through the dangerous land of Oz; a sequel to "Wicked." | 2 | 2 |
| 5 | THE MARCH, by E. L. Doctorow. (Random House, \$25.95.) The story of Sherman's sweep through the South and the lives he left in his wake. | 4 | 3 |
| 6 | GOODNIGHT NOBODY, by Jennifer Weiner. (Atria, \$26.) An unhappy suburban mother gains her independence by investigating a murder. | 5 | 3 |
| 7 | THE DA VINCI CODE, by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The murder of a curator at the Louvre leads to a trail of clues found in the work of Leonardo and to the discovery of a centuries-old secret society. | 9 | 134 |
| 8 | GABRIEL'S ANGEL, by Nora Roberts. (Silhouette, \$17.95.) On a snowy night in Colorado, a man saves a stranded pregnant woman and joins her custody battle after falling in love. | 11 | 2 |
| 9 | SCHOOL DAYS, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$24.95.) A woman hires Spenser to prove that her grandson wasn't involved in a school shooting. | 3 | 2 |
| 10 | EVERYONE WORTH KNOWING, by Lauren Weisberger. (Simon & Schuster, \$23.95.) A young woman quits her banking job and goes to work for a hip P.R. firm where she is paid to party. | | 1 |
| 11 | THE HISTORIAN, by Elizabeth Kostova. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.) A young woman's quest to learn the truth about her father's life and her mother's death involves research into Vlad the Impaler and Dracula. | 10 | 17 |
| 12 | ON BEAUTY, by Zadie Smith. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.) Personal and cultural battles between two academic families. | 7 | 4 |
| 13 | ANANSI BOYS, by Neil Gaiman. (Morrow, \$26.95.) After his father dies, Fat Charlie learns that Dad led a secret life as a trickster god. | 8 | 3 |
| 14 | THE ASSASSINS, by Oliver North and Joe Musser. (Broadman & Holman, \$24.99.) An elite unit whose mission is to assassinate terrorists is dispatched to Iran. | | 1 |
| 15 | THE SUNFLOWER, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$19.95.) A woman who was jilted by her fiancé volunteers at an orphanage in Peru and learns to love again. | | 1 |

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| 1 | THE CITY OF FALLING ANGELS, by John Berendt. (Penguin, \$25.95.) The author of "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" investigates a fire in Venice. | 1 | 2 |
| 2 | THE WORLD IS FLAT, by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50.) A columnist for The New York Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy and presents an overview of globalization trends. | 2 | 27 |
| 3 | FREAKONOMICS, by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A maverick scholar applies economic thinking to everything from sumo wrestlers who cheat to legalized abortion and the falling crime rate. | 3 | 26 |
| 4 | THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING, by Joan Didion. (Knopf, \$23.95.) The author's attempts to come to terms with the death of her husband and the grave illness of their only daughter. | | 1 |
| 5 | 1776, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$32.) An account of America's founding year by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author, focusing on the inexperienced George Washington and heroic citizen soldiers. | 5 | 20 |
| 6 | WHAT REMAINS, by Carole Radziwill. (Scribner, \$25.95.) A memoir of a suburban girl who grew up to marry a prince (a Kennedy nephew) who died young. | 4 | 2 |
| 7 | LIFE IS NOT A FAIRY TALE, by Fantasia. (Fireside/Simon & Schuster, \$21.95.) An "American Idol" winner reflects on the mistakes and triumphs of her past and on the lessons she's learned. | | 1 |
| 8 | BLINK, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Little, Brown, \$25.95.) The author of "The Tipping Point" explores the importance of hunch and instinct to the workings of the mind. | 6 | 39 |
| 9 | THE GAME, by Neil Strauss. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$29.95.) A writer spends two years among pickup artists. | 15 | 4 |
| 10 | PHENOMENON, by Sylvia Browne with Lindsay Harrison. (Dutton, \$24.95.) A guide to the paranormal from a self-described psychic. | 7 | 2 |
| 11 | NEVER HAVE YOUR DOG STUFFED, by Alan Alda. (Random House, \$24.95.) A memoir by the television, movie and Broadway actor. | 9 | 3 |
| 12 | NO EXCUSES, by Kyle Maynard. (Regnery, \$25.95.) The memoir of a young wrestling champion who was born without hands or feet. | | 1 |
| 13 | SYMPTOMS OF WITHDRAWAL, by Christopher Kennedy Lawford. (Morrow, \$25.95.) The son of Peter Lawford and Patricia Kennedy, a Washington and Hollywood insider, recalls his substance abuse and recovery. | 11 | 2 |
| 14 | A CRACK IN THE EDGE OF THE WORLD, by Simon Winchester. (HarperCollins, \$27.95.) A popular historian draws on his geological background to describe the Great California Earthquake of 1906. | | 1 |
| 15 | UNLIKELY ANGEL, by Ashley Smith with Stacy Mattingly. (Morrow/HarperCollins/Zondervan, \$24.95.) The story of the woman held hostage by a fugitive who escaped from an Atlanta courthouse. | | 1 |

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