

# The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	December 27, 2020 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	READY PLAYER TWO, by Ernest Cline. (Ballantine.) In a sequel to "Ready Player One," Wade Watts discovers a technological advancement and goes on a new quest.	1	3
2	A TIME FOR MERCY, by John Grisham. (Doubleday.) The third book in the Jake Brigance series. A 16-year-old is accused of killing a deputy in Clanton, Miss., in 1990.	2	9
3	DEADLY CROSS, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown.) The 28th book in the Alex Cross series. An investigation of a double homicide sends Alex Cross to Alabama.	3	3
4	THE RETURN, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central.) A doctor serving in the Navy in Afghanistan goes back to North Carolina where two women change his life.	4	11
5	THE VANISHING HALF, by Brit Bennett. (Riverhead.) The lives of twin sisters who run away from a Southern Black community at age 16 diverge as one returns and the other takes on a different racial identity but their fates intertwine.	6	28
6	DAYLIGHT, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central.) The F.B.I. agent Atlee Pine's search for her twin sister overlaps with a military investigator's hunt for someone involved in a global conspiracy.	5	4
7	WHERE THE CROWDADS SING, by Delia Owens. (Putnam.) In a quiet town on the North Carolina coast in 1969, a young woman who survived alone in the marsh becomes a murder suspect.	11	119
8	THE LAW OF INNOCENCE, by Michael Connelly. (Little, Brown.) The sixth book in the Mickey Haller series. Haller defends himself when police find the body of a former client in his car's trunk.	7	5
9	THE AWAKENING, by Nora Roberts. (St. Martin's.) The first book in the Dragon Heart Legacy series. Breen Kelly travels through a portal in Ireland to a land of faeries and mermaids.	9	3
10	THE SENTINEL, by Lee Child and Andrew Child. (Delacorte.) Jack Reacher intervenes on an ambush in Tennessee and uncovers a conspiracy.	8	7
11	FORTUNE AND GLORY, by Janet Evanovich. (Atria.) The 27th book in the Stephanie Plum series. Stephanie deals with a soldier of fortune from Little Havana.	10	6
12	ANXIOUS PEOPLE, by Fredrik Backman. (Atria.) A failed bank robber holds a group of strangers hostage at an apartment open house.	13	14
13	THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY, by Matt Haig. (Viking.) Nora Seed finds a library beyond the edge of the universe that contains books with multiple possibilities of the lives one could have lived.	--	3
14	HAMNET, by Maggie O'Farrell. (Knopf.) An imagined exploration of how the death of an 11-year-old boy to the Black Plague in 1596 might have affected a famous playwright and his wife.	--	1
15	THE EVENING AND THE MORNING, by Ken Follett. (Viking.) In a prequel to "The Pillars of the Earth," a boatbuilder, a Norman noblewoman and a monk live in England under attack by the Welsh and the Vikings.	--	10

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This Week	December 27, 2020 Non-Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	A PROMISED LAND, by Barack Obama. (Crown.) In the first volume of his presidential memoirs, Barack Obama offers personal reflections on his formative years and pivotal moments through his first term.	1	4
2	GREENLIGHTS, by Matthew McConaughey. (Crown.) The Academy Award-winning actor shares snippets from the diaries he kept over the last 35 years.	2	8
3	BAG MAN, by Rachel Maddow and Michael Yarvitz. (Crown.) The MSNBC host gives an account of the 1973 investigation of then Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and its impact on politics and the media.	--	1
4	THE LAST DAYS OF JOHN LENNON, by James Patterson with Casey Sherman and Dave Wedge. (Little, Brown.) The story of the killing of the former member of the Beatles by Mark David Chapman in 1980 and interviews with some of Lennon's friends and associates.	--	1
5	WORLD OF WONDERS, by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. (Milkweed.) In a collection of essays, the poet celebrates various aspects of the natural world and its inhabitants.	--	1
6	BECOMING, by Michelle Obama. (Crown.) The former first lady describes how she balanced work, family and her husband's political ascent.	3	96
7	CASTE, by Isabel Wilkerson. (Random House.) The Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist examines aspects of caste systems across civilizations and reveals a rigid hierarchy in America today.	4	19
8	UNTAMED, by Glennon Doyle. (Dial.) The activist and public speaker describes her journey of listening to her inner voice.	5	40
9	THE SPLENDID AND THE VILE, by Erik Larson. (Crown.) An examination of the leadership of the prime minister Winston Churchill.	14	28
10	IS THIS ANYTHING?, by Jerry Seinfeld. (Simon & Schuster.) The comedian shares material he collected in an accordion folder over the last 45 years.	7	10
11	MODERN WARRIORS, by Pete Hegseth. (Broadside.) The Fox News host and former combat veteran interviews soldiers about the different kinds of battles they encountered.	8	3
12	KILLING CRAZY HORSE, by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard. (Holt.) The ninth book in the conservative commentator's Killing series focuses on conflicts with Native Americans.	11	13
13	HUMANS, by Brandon Stanton. (St. Martin's.) Photos and stories of people from over 40 countries collected by the creator of "Humans of New York."	12	9
14	THE ANSWER IS ..., by Alex Trebek. (Simon & Schuster.) A memoir by the host of the TV game show "Jeopardy!," from 1984 to 2020.	15	11
15	DOLLY PARTON, SONGTELLER, by Dolly Parton with Robert K. Oermann. (Chronicle.) The country music icon offers insights on 175 of her songs.	6	4