

The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	July 29, 1979 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	SOPHIE'S CHOICE, by William Styron. (Random House, \$12.95.) The nature of evil explored through the story of two doomed lovers.	1	6
2	THE MATARESE CIRCLE, by Robert Ludlum. (Richard Marek, \$12.50.) The top American and Soviet agents save Western civilization.	2	19
3	SHIBUMI, by Trevanian. (Crown, \$10.95.) Nicholai Hel, professional assassin, takes on an international terror organization.	3	11
4	THE ISLAND, by Peter Benchley. (Doubleday, \$8.95.) A journalist undertakes to solve a "Bermuda triangle" style mystery.	7	10
5	THE THIRD WORLD WAR: August 1985, by General Sir John Hackett and Other Top-ranking NATO Generals and Advisors. (Macmillian, \$12.95.) A history of the global war to come.	4	12
6	THERE'S NO SUCH PLACE AS FAR AWAY, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$6.95.) Homilies about love and friendship in the spirit of "Jonathan Livingston Seagull."	10	6
7	WAR AND REMEMBRANCE, by Herman Wouk. (Little, Brown, \$15.) The Henry family of "The Winds of War" during World War II.	8	41
8	CLASS REUNION, by Rona Jaffe. (Delacorte, \$9.95.) Four Radcliffe girls in the 1950's, and what happens to them between graduation and their 20th reunion.	6	8
9	CHESAPEAKE, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$12.95.) Four centuries of Maryland's Eastern Shore.	9	48
10	GOOD AS GOLD, by Joseph Heller. (Simon & Schuster, \$12.95.) The ambitions and agonies of some American Jews.	5	19
11	GHOST STORY, by Peter Straub. (Coward, McCann & Geogheghan, \$10.95.) An eerie tale of psychic possession and supernatural doings in contemporary America.	11	14
12	THE VICAR OF CHRIST, by Walter F. Murphy. (Macmillian, \$12.95.) The first American pope.	14	11
13	SPHINX, by Robin Cook. (Putnam's, \$10.95.) Dirty doings among the pyramids and in the Valley of the Kings.	13	5
14	HANTA YO, by Ruth Beebe Hill. (Doubleday, \$14.95.) Multigenerational saga of American Indian culture.	12	22
15	A NECESSARY WOMAN, by Helen Van Slyke. (Doubleday, \$10.95.) A South Pacific cruise and a woman's time of quiet decisions.	15	9

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1	THE COMPLETE SCARSDALE MEDICAL DIET, by Herman Tarnower, M.D. and Samm Sinclair Baker. (Rawson, Wade, \$7.95.) A plan to lose up to 20 pounds in 14 days.	2	26
2	CRUEL SHOES, by Steve Martin. (Putnam's, \$8.95.) Zany satire by a young television comedian.	1	9
3	THE PRITIKIN PROGRAM, by Nathan Pritikin with Patrick M. McGrady, Jr. (Grosset & Dunlap, \$12.95.) A prescription for health and long life.	4	12
4	THE BRONX ZOO, by Sparky Lyle and Peter Golenbock. (Crown, \$8.95.) A behind-the-scenes look at the temperamental Yankees by their former star reliever.	3	16
5	HOW TO PROSPER DURING THE COMING BAD YEARS, by Howard J. Ruff. (Times Books, \$8.95.) Personal investment guide.	6	22
6	THE POWERS THAT BE, by David Halberstam. (Knopf, \$15.) Four news empires -- The Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, Time Inc, and CBS.	5	11
7	THE MEDUSA AND THE SNAIL, by Lewis Thomas. (Viking, \$8.95.) Essays by a biology watcher.	7	9
8	THE WHITE ALBUM, by Joan Didion. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Astringent essays about the decline and fall of the 60's.	13	2
9	BROCA'S BRAIN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$12.95.) Reflections on the romance of science by a leading astronomer and geophysicist.	8	6
10	FEED YOUR KIDS RIGHT, by Lendon Smith, M.D. (McGraw Hill, \$9.95.) How to, by a pediatrician.	--	1
11	I'M DANCING AS FAST AS I CAN, by Barbara Gordon. (Harper & Row, \$8.95.) Autobiography of a successful TV producer whose life suddenly collapses.	14	4
12	MOMMIE DEAREST, by Christina Crawford. (Morrow, \$9.95.) Life with Joan Crawford.	9	36
13	LAUREN BACALL BY MYSELF, by Lauren Bacall. (Knopf, \$10.95.) Memories of life with and without Bogart.	10	26
14	THE COMPLETE BOOK OF RUNNING, by James F. Fixx. (Random House, \$10.) For fun and health.	12	82
15	TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT, by John J. Sirica. (Norton, \$15.) The Federal judge who presided at the Watergate trial reconsiders the case.	11	13