

Best Sellers

This Week FICTION

| This Week | Last Week | Weeks On List | Title |
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| 1 | 1 | 14 | A THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS , by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$25.95.) A friendship between two women in Afghanistan against the backdrop of 30 years of war. |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | PLAY DIRTY , by Sandra Brown. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.95.) A disgraced N.F.L. quarterback struggles to remake his life in the face of a strange assignment from an eccentric millionaire and the machinations of a crooked detective. |
| 3 | | 1 | AWAY , by Amy Bloom. (Random House, \$23.95.) An immigrant who escaped a Russian pogrom crosses America, toward home, after learning her daughter may still be alive. |
| 4 | 4 | 8 | THE QUICKIE , by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) A police officer's attempt to get back at her husband goes dangerously awry. |
| 5 | | 1 | THE SANCTUARY , by Raymond Khoury. (Dutton, \$25.95.) A geneticist and a C.I.A. agent try to discover the meaning of a mysterious symbol connected to centuries of destruction. |
| 6* | | 1 | SWEET REVENGE , by Diane Mott Davidson. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A former district attorney is found dead in a library, and the caterer Goldy Schulz thinks she knows the killer. |
| 7 | | 1 | POWER PLAY , by Joseph Finder. (St. Martin's, \$24.95.) In this corporate thriller, armed men crash a wilderness retreat and take a company's entire executive leadership hostage. |
| 8 | 5 | 2 | LOVING FRANK , by Nancy Horan. (Ballantine, \$23.95.) A historical novel about the scandalous affair between a married Chicago woman and the architect Frank Lloyd Wright. |
| 9 | 7 | 5 | THE SECRET SERVANT , by Daniel Silva. (Putnam, \$25.95.) Gabriel Allon, an art restorer and an occasional spy for the Israeli secret service, joins the search for the kidnapped daughter of an American ambassador. |
| 10 | 6 | 3 | SANDWORMS OF DUNE , by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$27.95.) The resolution of the war between man and machine; the concluding novel of the Dune series, based on Frank Herbert's final outline. |
| 11 | 3 | 2 | FORCE OF NATURE , by Suzanne Brockmann. (Ballantine, \$21.95.) A Florida P.I. and his assistant infiltrate the circle of a crime boss who may be involved in international terrorism; the 11th Troubleshooters novel. |
| 12* | 8 | 3 | DEVIL MAY CRY , by Sherrilyn Kenyon. (St. Martin's, \$19.95.) A former Sumerian god, now a casino owner, must cooperate with the servant of the goddess who stole his powers; the 11th Dark-Hunter novel. |
| 13 | 10 | 3 | THE BURNT HOUSE , by Faye Kellerman. (Morrow, \$25.95.) Lt. Peter Decker of the L.A.P.D. and his wife, Rina Lazarus, investigate a mysterious plane crash. |
| 14 | 11 | 6 | THE TIN ROOF BLOWDOWN , by James Lee Burke. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) The Louisiana detective Dave Robicheaux copes with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. |
| 15 | 9 | 3 | SPOOK COUNTRY , by William Gibson. (Putnam, \$25.95.) A musician/journalist, a spy and an addict/cryptographer push back against bureaucracy, history and technology. |

This Week NONFICTION

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| 1 | 2 | 7 | QUIET STRENGTH , by Tony Dungy with Nathan Whitaker. (Tyndale, \$26.99.) A memoir by the first black coach to win a Super Bowl. |
| 2 | 3 | 11 | LONE SURVIVOR , by Marcus Luttrell with Patrick Robinson. (Little, Brown, \$24.99.) The only survivor of a Navy Seal operation in northern Afghanistan describes the battle, his comrades and his courageous escape. |
| 3 | 1 | 3 | YOU CAN RUN BUT YOU CAN'T HIDE , by Duane Chapman with Laura Morton. (Hyperion, \$25.95.) The star of A & E's "Dog the Bounty Hunter" recalls his past of abuse and addiction and describes his bounty hunts. |
| 4 | 4 | 4 | IT'S ALL ABOUT HIM , by Denise Jackson with Ellen Vaughn. (Thomas Nelson, \$24.99.) The wife of the country music star Alan Jackson describes how religious faith restored her marriage. |
| 5 | 5 | 17 | GOD IS NOT GREAT , by Christopher Hitchens. (Twelve, \$24.99.) Religion as a malignant force in the world. |
| 6 | 7 | 7 | THE WORLD WITHOUT US , by Alan Weisman. (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's, \$24.95.) What Earth would be like if humans disappeared. |
| 7* | 6 | 28 | A LONG WAY GONE , by Ishmael Beah. (Sarah Crichton/Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$22.) A former child soldier from Sierra Leone describes his drug-crazed killing spree and his return to humanity. |
| 8 | 9 | 2 | THE PREACHER AND THE PRESIDENTS , by Nancy Gibbs and Michael Duffy. (Center Street, \$26.99.) Billy Graham and his relationship with chief executives from Dwight Eisenhower to George W. Bush. |
| 9 | 10 | 17 | ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, MIRACLE , by Barbara Kingsolver with Steven L. Hopp and Camille Kingsolver. (HarperCollins, \$26.95.) The novelist and her family spend a year eating homegrown or local food. |
| 10 | | 1 | SHATTERED DREAMS , by Irene Spencer. (Center Street, \$24.99.) A former polygamist's wife recounts the story of her marriage — and her escape from it. |
| 11 | 13 | 15 | THE BLACK SWAN , by Nassim Nicholas Taleb. (Random House, \$26.95.) The role of the unexpected. |
| 12 | 14 | 108 | FREAKONOMICS , by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$27.95.) A maverick scholar and a journalist apply economic theory to nearly everything. |
| 13 | | 1 | IKE , by Michael Korda. (Harper, \$34.95.) A narrative history of the life and times of Dwight D. Eisenhower. |
| 14 | 8 | 8 | THE GAME , by Neil Strauss. (Morrow, \$35.) An ugly duckling transforms himself into a pickup artist. |
| 15 | 11 | 7 | LEGACY OF ASHES , by Tim Weiner. (Doubleday, \$27.95.) The Central Intelligence Agency's failures and delusions of grandeur, by a New York Times reporter. |
| 16* | | 1 | DELUXE , by Dana Thomas. (Penguin, \$27.95.) A fashion writer argues that the modern luxury industry is a sham. |

FIRST WEEK OUT!

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ended August 25, at many thousands of venues where a wide range of general interest books are sold nationwide. These include hundreds of independent book retailers (statistically weighted to represent all such outlets); national, regional and local chains; online and multimedia entertainment retailers; university, gift, supermarket, discount, department stores and newsstands. An asterisk (*) indicates that a book's sales are barely distinguishable from those of the book above. A dagger (†) indicates that some bookstores report receiving bulk orders. Expanded rankings are available on the Web: nytimes.com/books