

# The New York Times

## New York Times Best Sellers List – FICTION Published January 3, 2010

- 1 [\*\*THE LOST SYMBOL\*\*](#), by Dan Brown. (Doubleday, \$29.95.) Robert Langdon among the Masons. **SUSPENSE/BROWN, CDB/FICTION/BROWN**
- 2 ***I, ALEX CROSS***, by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, \$27.99.) Tracking the murderer of a relative, Alex Cross discovers a wild Washington scene with explosive secrets. **SUSPENSE/PATTERSON**
- 3 [\*\*UNDER THE DOME\*\*](#), by Stephen King. (Scribner, \$35.) When a Maine town is trapped by an invisible force field, a sanctimonious and hypocritical politician takes over. **CDB/FICTION/KING**
- 4 [\*\*THE HELP\*\*](#), by Kathryn Stockett. (Amy Einhorn/Putnam, \$24.95.) A young white woman and two black maids in 1960s Mississippi. **HISTORICAL/STOCKETT, CDB/FICTION/STOCKETT**
- 5 ***PIRATE LATITUDES***, by Michael Crichton. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$27.99.) In the 17th-century Caribbean, a British pirate attacks a Spanish galleon; this manuscript was found in Crichton's files after his death in 2008. **ADVENTURE/CRICHTON**
- 6 ***FORD COUNTY***, by John Grisham. (Doubleday, \$24.) Stories set in rural Mississippi. **FICTION/GRISHAM**
- 7 ***U IS FOR UNDERTOW***, by Sue Grafton. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Kinsey Millhone investigates the case of a 4-year-old girl who disappeared 21 years earlier. **MYSTERY/GRAFTON; CDB/MYSTERY/GRAFTON**
- 8 ***THE LAST SONG***, by Nicholas Sparks. (Grand Central, \$24.99.) A 17-year-old girl spends the summer with her divorced father in North Carolina and finds many kinds of love. **FICTION/SPARKS, CDB/FICTION/SPARKS**
- 9 ***THE CHRISTMAS SWEATER***, by Glenn Beck with Kevin Balfe and Jason Wright (Threshold Editions) **FICTION/BECK, CDB/FICTION/BECK**
- 10 ***BREATHLESS***, by Dean Koontz. (Bantam, \$28.) Mysterious animals in the Colorado Rockies set off intrigue and suspense. **HORROR/KOONTZ**
- 11 ***THE LACUNA***, by Barbara Kingsolver. (Harper/HarperCollins, \$26.99.) A young American growing up in Mexico becomes friends with Diego Rivera, Frieda Kahlo and Leon Trotsky; later, in the United States, he is menaced by McCarthyism. **FICTION/KINGSOLVER**
- 12 ***TRUE BLUE***, by David Baldacci. (Grand Central, \$27.99.) An ex-cop in Washington struggles to clear her name. **SUSPENSE/BALDACCI**
- 13 [\*\*WOLF HALL\*\*](#), by Hilary Mantel. (Holt, \$27.) Thomas More and Thomas Cromwell clash in Henry VIII's turbulent court.
- 14 ***THE GATHERING STORM***, by Robert Jordan and Brandon Sanderson. (Tor/Tom Doherty, \$29.99.) Book 12 of the Wheel of Time fantasy series. **FANTASY/JORDAN**
- 15 ***HALF BROKE HORSES***, by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$26.) A re-creation of the life of the author's grandmother, a mustang breaker, schoolteacher, ranch wife and mother of two who grew up in the Southwest in the early 20th century, by the author of "The Glass Castle." **FICTION/WALLS**

## Also Selling:

- 16 ***PURSUIT OF HONOR***, by Vince Flynn. (Atria, \$27.99.) The counterterrorism operative Mitch Rapp must teach politicians about national security following a new Qaeda attack. **SUSPENSE/FLYNN**
- 17 ***THE SCARPETTA FACTOR***, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$27.95.) Apparent threats on Kay Scarpetta's life make her hesitate when a TV producer wants her to star in a show. **MYSTERY/CORNWELL CDB/MYSTERY/CORNWELL**
- 18 ***THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE***, by Stieg Larsson. (Knopf, \$25.95.) A Swedish hacker becomes a murder suspect. **MYSTERY/LARSSON**
- 19 ***THE WRECKER***, by Clive Cussler and Justin Scott. (Putnam, \$27.95.) In 1907, a detective tracks a mysterious saboteur all over the West. **ADVENTURE/CUSSLER**
- 20 ***SOUTH OF BROAD***, by Pat Conroy (Nan A. Talese/Doubleday) **FICTION/CONROY**
- 21 ***LAST NIGHT IN TWISTED RIVER***, by John Irving. (Random House, \$28.) A loggers' cook and his son are on the run from the law, for decades. **FICTION/IRVING**
- 22 ***TOO MUCH HAPPINESS***, by Alice Munro (Knopf)
- 23 ***NANNY RETURNS***, by Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus (Atria)
- 24 ***TOO MUCH MONEY***, by Dominick Dunne (Crown)
- 25 ***HER FEARFUL SYMMETRY***, by Audrey Niffenegger. (Scribner, \$26.99.) A woman haunts the flat she's left to her twin nieces near Highgate Cemetery in London. **FICTION/NIFFENEGGER**
- 26 ***HEAT WAVE***, by Richard Castle. (Hyperion, \$19.99.) An N.Y.P.D. homicide detective investigates the death of a real estate tycoon and flirts with a magazine journalist.
- 27 ***DIVINE MISDEMEANORS***, by Laurell K. Hamilton. (Ballantine, \$26.) In the eighth Meredith Gentry paranormal romance, Meredith, who has left the faerie court, is asked by the L.A.P.D. for assistance in solving a series of crimes. **HORROR/HAMILTON, 813/.54 ??**
- 28 ***ANGEL TIME***, by Anne Rice (Knopf) **HORROR/RICE, CDB/FICTION/RICE**
- 29 ***THE HOST***, by Stephenie Meyer (Little, Brown) **TEEN/MEYER, CDB/FICTION/MEYER**
- 30 ***NEW YORK***, by Edward Rutherfurd (Doubleday)
- 31 ***DARTH BANE***, by Drew Karpysyn (LucasBooks) **SCIENCE FICTION/STAR WARS/ KAR, SCIENCE FICTION/KARPYSHYN**
- 32 ***SOUTHERN LIGHTS***, by Danielle Steel (Delacorte) **CDB/FICTION/STEEL**
- 33 ***THE PARIS VENDETTA***, by Steve Berry. (Ballantine, \$26.) The former Justice Department operative Cotton Malone searches for Napoleon's lost treasure as he battles a cabal of multimillionaires manipulating the global economy.
- 34 ***DEAD AND GONE***, by Charlaine Harris (Ace) [Excerpt](#) **HORROR/HARRIS, CDB/MYSTERY/HARRIS**
- 35 ***AN ECHO IN THE BONE***, by Diana Gabaldon (Delacorte) **HISTORICAL/GABALDON**