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October 28, 2001, Sunday

BOOK REVIEW DESK

BEST SELLERS: October 28, 2001

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Week	Week	List	Fiction
1		1	ISLE OF DOGS, by Patricia Cornwell. (Putnam, \$26.95.) When the governor of Virginia installs speed traps on all streets and highways, an island in Chesapeake Bay declares war on its own state.
2	3	4	A BEND IN THE ROAD, by Nicholas Sparks. (Warner, \$23.95.) A widower and his son's second-grade teacher discover that they are linked by a shocking secret.
3	1	6	THE CORRECTIONS, by Jonathan Franzen. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$26.) A multigenerational saga in which a mother tries to bring her dysfunctional family together for a final Christmas at home.
4	2	5	BLACK HOUSE, by Stephen King and Peter Straub. (Random House, \$28.95.) After a retired homicide detective living in Wisconsin tries to help the police solve brutal murders, he winds up in a parallel universe.
5		1	NARCISSUS IN CHAINS, by Laurell K. Hamilton. (Berkley, \$22.95.) A vampire hunter confronts an evil kidnapper who threatens the innocents she has promised to protect.
6	4	2	THE BEST-LOVED POEMS OF JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS, selected by Caroline Kennedy. (Hyperion, \$21.95.) The former first lady's favorite poems.
7	10	2	SEPARATION OF POWER, by Vince Flynn. (Pocket Books, \$25.) Mitch Rapp, the C.I.A.'s top counterterrorism operative, must stop Saddam Hussein from acquiring nuclear weapons.
8	11	2	THE MITFORD SNOWMEN, by Jan Karon. (Viking, \$10.95.) A Christmas story by the author of the "Mitford Years" books.
9	8	2	DUNE: House Corrino, by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson. (Bantam, \$27.95.) A prequel to the "Dune" chronicles, Frank Herbert's science fiction series.
10	14	8	THE SMOKE JUMPER, by Nicholas Evans. (Delacorte, \$26.95.) A cataclysmic wilderness fire forces a woman to choose between the two men she loves.
11	5	17	CANE RIVER, by Lalita Tademy. (Warner, \$24.95.) The story of four generations of African-American women, from 1834 to 1936.
12	12	4	THE VOYAGE OF THE JERLE SHANNARA: antrax, by Terry Brooks. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$26.95.) The second volume in a fantasy series.

13	9	7	ENVY, by Sandra Brown. (Warner, \$25.95.) A book editor receives an intriguing anonymous manuscript and sets out to discover its author's identity.
14	13	5	MERCY, by Julie Garwood. (Pocket Books, \$25.) A prosecutor who has received death threats in Boston high-tails it to Louisiana, where the criminals turn out to be just as dangerous as they are up North.
15	7	2	DEATH IN PARADISE, by Robert B. Parker. (Putnam, \$23.95.) Jesse Stone, chief of police in a Massachusetts coastal town, investigates the murder of a teenage girl.
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1	2	4	GERMS, by Judith Miller, Stephen Engelberg and William Broad. (Simon & Schuster, \$27.) Three journalists report on biological weapons and America's response to them.
2	1	5	JACK: Straight From the Gut, by Jack Welch with John A. Byrne. (Warner Business, \$29.95.) The recently retired chairman and chief executive of General Electric tells his story as well as G.E.'s. (+)
3	3	21	JOHN ADAMS, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$35.) A biography of the country's first vice president and second president.
4	5	3	FIRE, by Sebastian Junger. (Norton, \$24.95.) A collection of pieces about firefighters and other people who confront "situations that could easily destroy them."
5	4	9	THE WILD BLUE, by Stephen E. Ambrose. (Simon & Schuster, \$26.) A history of the young Americans who flew B-24's over Germany in World War II.
6	6	8	CROSSING OVER, by John Edward. (Jodere, \$23.95.) A "psychic television host" discusses his work and describes conversations he says he's had with those who have crossed the bar.
7	7	5	WAR IN A TIME OF PEACE, by David Halberstam. (Scribner, \$28.) From Bosnia to Somalia to Kosovo: the dynamics of American foreign policy in the 90's.
8		1	ISLAM, by Karen Armstrong. (Modern Library, \$19.95.) A history of the Islamic faith by the author of "The Battle for God" and "Buddha."
9	11	2	THE NEW JACKALS, by Simon Reeve. (Northeastern University, \$26.95.) Tracking the career of Ramzi Yousef, mastermind of the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center, and his links to Osama bin Laden.
10	9	3	*AN OPEN HEART, by the Dalai Lama. Edited by Nicholas Vreeland. (Little, Brown, \$22.95.) Lectures on the importance of compassion in everyday life.
11		1	AT THE ALTAR OF SPEED, by Leigh Montville. (Doubleday, \$24.95.) The life of the stock car racer Dale Earnhardt, a seven-time Winston Cup champion, who died in a crash at Daytona earlier this year.
12	8	2	TWIN TOWERS, by Angus Kress Gillespie. (Rutgers University, \$26.) A history of the World Trade Center, first published in 1999.
13	12	4	IT'S TRUE! IT'S TRUE! by Kurt Angle with John Harper. (ReganBooks/HarperCollins, \$26.) The autobiography of a wrestler who won an Olympic gold medal in 1996 and went on to join the W.W.F.
14		1	THE CHRISTMAS BOX MIRACLE, by Richard Paul Evans. (Simon & Schuster, \$17.95.) A spiritual journey of "destiny, healing and hope" as experienced by the author of "The Christmas Box."
15	10	6	LIVING A LIFE THAT MATTERS, by Harold S. Kushner. (Knopf, \$22.) The author of "When Bad Things Happen to Good People" ponders the conflict between conscience and success.
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Week	Week	List	Children's Paperback Books

1	1	5	HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN, by J. K. Rowling. (Scholastic, \$7.99.) A British boy's life at a school for witchcraft is threatened. (Ages 10 and up)
2	2	101	HARRY POTTER AND THE SORCERER'S STONE, by J. K. Rowling. (Scholastic, \$6.99.) A British boy finds his fortune at a school for witchcraft. (Ages 10 and up)
3	3	58	HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS, by J. K. Rowling. (Scholastic, \$6.99.) A British boy returns to witchcraft school. (Ages 10 and up)
4	4	8	CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS AND THE WRATH OF THE WICKED WEDGIE WOMAN, by Dav Pilkey. (Scholastic, \$4.99.) Another adventure with George, Harold and Principal Krupp. (Ages 7 to 10)
5	8	2	THE AMBER SPYGLASS, by Philip Pullman. (Del Rey/Ballantine, \$6.99.) The third volume of "His Dark Materials," a fantasy trilogy. (Ages 12 and up)
6	6	16	THE PRINCESS DIARIES, by Meg Cabot. (HarperTrophy, \$5.95.) A seemingly ordinary American teenager learns she's actually a European royal. (Ages 12 and up)
7	7	4	IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN, CHARLIE BROWN, by Charles M. Schulz. Illustrated by Paige Braddock. (Little Simon, \$5.99.) Linus's Halloween. (Ages 4 to 8)
8	5	6	CORDUROY'S BEST HALLOWEEN EVER! Illustrated by Lisa McCue. (Grosset & Dunlap, \$3.49.) A stuffed bear has to choose a costume; based on the character created by Don Freeman. (Ages 3 to 6)
9		1	SURPRISE, SURPRISE! by Megan Stine. (Parachute/ HarperEntertainment, \$4.25.) The 19th book in the Olsen twins' "Two of a Kind" series. (Ages 9 to 12)
10	9	5	THE CASE OF THE SCREAMING SCARECROW, by Judy Katschke. (Parachute/HarperEntertainment, \$4.25.) Adventures with the Olsen twins. (Ages 9 to 12)

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ending Oct. 13, at almost 4,000 bookstores plus wholesalers serving 50,000 other retailers (gift shops, department stores, newsstands, supermarkets), statistically weighted to represent all such outlets nationwide. 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 at The New York Times on the Web: www.nytimes.com/books. Best-seller lists for children's picture books, children's chapter books and children's paperbacks, respectively, are published in rotation on succeeding weeks; all three lists appear each week on the Book Review's Web site. Publishers have provided the age designations for their best-selling children's titles. Rankings for children's paperbacks do not include serials.

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