

Best Books 2008

PW Bestsellers – Fiction

Deep Dish by Mary Kay Andrews

A Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer

Personal Demon by Kelley Armstrong

Divine Justice by David Baldacci

The Whole Truth by David Baldacci

Winter Study by Nevada Barr

The Lace Reader by Brunonia Barry

The Venetian Betrayal by Steve Barry - semiautobiographical

The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck

Tsar by Ted Bell

The Ghost War by Alex Berenson

The Charlemagne Pursuit by Steve Berry

Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian

Being Elizabeth by Barbara Taylor Bradford

Into the Fire by Suzanne Brockmann

People of the Book by Geraldine Brooks ó historical mystery ó Sarajevo Haggadah ó 2006 Pulitzer for *March*

The Gypsy Moth by Terry Brooks

The Purrfect Murder by Rita Mae Brown

Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown

Supreme Courtship by Christopher Buckley

Swine Not? by Jimmy Buffett

Swan Peak by James Lee Burke

One Fifth Avenue by Candace Bushnell

Princes' Fury by Jim Butcher

Small Favor by Jim Butcher ó Dresden Files #10

Sweetheart by Chelsea Cain

Nothing to Lose by Lee Child

Zapped by Carol Higgins Clark

Dashing Through the Snow by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark
Where Are You Now? By Mary Higgins Clark
Hold Tight by Harlan Coben
Married Lovers by Jackie Collins
The Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly
Foreign Body by Robin Cook
Sword Song by Bernard Cornwell ó 4th book in Saxon Tales series
The Front by Patricia Cornwell
Scarpetta by Patricia Cornwell
Tailspin by Catherine Coulter
Chasing Darkness by Robert Crais
Arctic Drift by Clive Cussler and Dirk Cussler
Plague Ship by Clive Cussler with Jack Du Brul
The Gargoyle by Andrew Davidson
The Bodies Left behind by Jeffrey Deaver
The Broken Window by Jeffrey Deaver
The Secret Between Us by Barbara Delinsky
Belong to Me by Marisa de los Santos
The Gate House by Nelson DeMille
Invincible: Star Wars Legacy of the Force by Troy Denning
The 19th Wife by David Ebershoff
Fearless Fourteen by Janet Evanovich ó *Finger Lickin' Fifteen*
Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich ó 3rd Between the Numbers book ó *Plum Spooky*
Grace by Richard Paul Evans
Killer Heat by Linda Fairstein
Devil May Care by Sebastian Faulks ó James Bond 007 ó 100th anniversary of Ian Flemings birth
Dark Curse by Christine Feehan
Wrath of a Mad God by Raymond Feist
Extreme Measures by Vince Flynn
Silks by Dick and Felix Francis
Bulls Island by Dorothea Benton Frank

Bright Shiny Morning by James Frey
The Spies of Warsaw by Alan Furst
Say Goodbye by Lisa Gardner
Shadow Music by Julie Garwood
The Keepsake by Tess Gerritsen
Days of Infamy by Newt Gingrich and William R. Forstchen
Careless in Red by Elizabeth George
Celebutantes by Amanda Goldberg and Ruthanna Khalighi Hoper
The Beach House by Jane Green
The Other Queen by Phillippa Gregory
Love the One You're With by Emily Griffin ó 15 weeks on bestseller list
Death and Honor by W.E.B. Griffin and William E. Butterworth - son
The Shooters by W.E.B. Griffin ó book IV in Presidential Agent series
The Appeal by John Grisham ó 15 weeks on bestseller list ó 21st book
The Dark Tide by Andrew Gross
Blood Noir by Laurell K. Hamilton
Swallowing Darkness by Laurell K. Hamilton
Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
From Dead to Worse by Charlaine Harris
Just Too Good to be True by E. Lynn Harris
The Outlaw Demon Wails by Kim Harrison
Charm! By Kendall Hart
Paul of Dunne by Brian Herbert and Kevin J. Anderson
The Killing Ground by Jack Higgins
Rough Justice by Jack Higgins
Blood Dreams by Kay Hooper
Death Angel by Linda Howard
Lost Souls by Lisa Jackson
The Private Patient by P.D. James
Dark Summer by Iris Johnsen
Quicksand by Iris Johansen ó sequel to *Pandora's Daughter*

Silent Thunder by Iris and Roy Johansen
Rule of Two (Star Wars: Darth Bane) by Drew Karpysyn
The Mercedes Coffin by Faye Kellerman
Bones by Jonathan Kellerman
Compulsion by Jonathan Kellerman
Acheron by Sherrilyn Kenyon
Duma Key by Stephen King
Just After Sunset by Stephen King
Remember Me? By Sophie Kinsella
Blue-Eyed Devil by Lisa Kleypas
A Wallflower Christmas by Lisa Kleypas
Odd Hours by Dean Koontz
Your Heart Belongs to Me by Dean Koontz
Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz ó Arcane Society series
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri - stories
The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb
The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larson ó debut ó trilogy ó died 2004
Where the Heart Leads by Stephanie Laurens
A Most Wanted Man by John Le Carre
The Given Day by Dennis Lehane ó his first historical fiction
Betrayal by John Lescroart ó mirrors the Blackwater scandal in Iraq
No Choice But Seduction by Johanna Lindsey
Star Wars: Millennium Falcon by James Luceno
Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Sanction by Eric Van Lustbader
A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber
Twenty Wishes by Debbie Macomber ó Blossom Street book
A Lion Among Men by Gregory Maguire ó cowardly lion, mixes existential themes ó search for self, faith, redemption ó into whimsical story line
Shadow of Power by Steve Martini
The Miracle at Speedy Motors by Alexander McCall Smith ó No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency
The Book of Lies by Brad Meltzer

The Host by Stephanie Meyer ó 30 weeks bestseller list ó YA Twilight series

The Senator's Wife by Sue Miller

Faefever by Karen Marie Moning

A Mercy by Toni Morrison - historical

The Fire by Katherine Neville ó sequel to *The Eight* published 20 years ago

Snuff by Chuck Palahniuk

The First Patient by Michael Palmer

Rough Weather by Robert B. Parker

Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker

7th Heaven by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro

Cross Country by James Patterson ó 15th Alex Cross

Sail by James Patterson and Howard Roughan

Sundays at Tiffany's by James Patterson and Gabrielle Charbonnet

Killer View by Ridley Pearson

Change of Heart by Jodi Picoult

Blasphemy by Douglas Preston

Lush Life by Richard Price

The Third Circle by Amanda Quick

Rules of Deception by Christopher Reich

Devil Bones by Kathy Reichs

Christ the Lord: The Road to Cana by Anne Rice

Guilty by Karen Robards

Home by Marilynne Robinson ó companion to *Gilead*

Salvation in Death by J.D. Robb

Strangers in Death by J.D. Robb

Tribute by Nora Roberts

The Last Oracle by James Rollins

Dead Heat by Joel C. Rosenberg

Indignation by Philip Roth

The Pirate King by R.A. Salvatore

Heat Lightning by John Sandford

Phantom Prey by John Sandford

Lady Killer by Lisa Scottoline

The Steel Wave by Jeff Shaara

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows ó debut, Shaffer died before published

Testimony by Anita Shreve ó disaster/scandal at a private school

Off Season by Ann Rivers Siddons

Moscow Rules by Daniel Silva

American Wife by Curtis Sittenfeld ó based on Laura Bush except set in Wisconsin

Fractured by Karin Slaughter

Child 44 by Tom Rob Smith - debut

Midnight: A Gangster Love Story by Sister Souljah

The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks

A Good Woman by Danielle Steel

Honor Thyself by Danielle Steel

Rogue by Danielle Steel ó 75th book

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein ó dog as narrator

Anthem by Neal Stephenson

The Last Patriot by Brad Thor

Star Wars: The Clone Wars by Karen Traviss

Star Wars Order 66 by Karen Traviss

Hollywood Crows by Joseph Wambaugh

Certain Girls by Jennifer Weiner ó sequel to *Good in Bed*

Chasing Harry Winston by Lauren Weisberger

Black Widow by Randy Wayne White

Star Wars: The Force Unleashed by Sean Williams

Beverly Hills Dead by Stuart Woods ó sequel to 2004 *Prince of Beverly Hills*

Hot Mahogany by Stuart Woods

Santa Fe Dead by Stuart Woods

The Story of Edgar Sawtelle by David Wroblewski ó debut, 26 weeks bestseller list, 62nd Oprah selection

PW Bestsellers – Non Fiction

The South Beach Diet Supercharged by Arthur Agatston, MD with Joseph Signorile

Home by Julie Andrews

Letter to My Daughter by Maya Angelou

Predictably Irrational: The Hidden Forces that Shape Our Decisions by Dan Ariely

The Limits of Power by Andrew J. Bacevich

Losing It by Valerie Bertinelli

Reconciliation by Benazir Bhutto

The American Patriot's Almanac by William J. Bennett and John T.E. Cribb

Me of Little Faith by Lewis Black

Hope's Boy by Andrew Bridge

Temples on the Other Side by Sylvia Browne

The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder by Vincent Bugliosi

A Wolf at the Table by Augusten Burroughs

A Remarkable Mother by Jimmy Carter

The Third Jesus by Deepak Chopra

Life With My Sister Madonna by Christopher Ciccone

The Bin Ladens by Steve Coll ó 2 time Pulitzer Prize winner

Vindicated by Jose Conesco

The Obama Nation by Jerome R. Corsi

The 12 Second Sequence by Jorge Cruise ó 3 book series

Giada's Kitchen by Giada De Laurentiis

The Onion: Our Dumb World – Atlas of the Planet Earth ed. By Scott Dikkers

God's Problem by Bart D. Ehrman

Havana Nocturne by T.J. English

The Forever War by Dexter Filkins - history

Bobby Flay's Grill It! By Bobby Flay with Stephanie Banyas & Sally Jackson

The Case Against Barack Obama by David Freddoso

Quantum Wellness by Kathy Freston

Hot, Flat, and Crowded by Thomas L. Friedman

Kill Bin Laden by Dalton Fury
The One Hundred by Nina Garcia
Barefoot Contess Back to Basics by Ina Garten
Angler by Barton Gellman
Real Change by Newt Gingrich
Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcom Gladwell
Liberal Fascism by Jonah Goldberg
Multiple Blessings by Jon & Kate Gosselin and Beth Carson
The Longest Trip Home by John Grogan
Killing Sacred Cows by Garrett B. Gunderson
Guinness World Records 2009
Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea by Chelsea Handler 6 23 weeks on bestseller list
The Downhill Lie by Carl Hiaasen
A Voyage Long and Strange by Tony Horwitz
Do the Right Thing by Mike Huckabee
Before You Do by T.D. Jakes
The Age of American Unreason by Susan Jacoby
What in the World is Going On? By David Jeremiah
Escape by Carolyn Jessop with Laura Palmer
Free Lunch by David Cay Johnston
The Food You Crave by Ellie Krieger
How Not to Look Old by Charla Krupp
Too Fat to Fish by Artie Lange with Anthony Bozza
Why We Suck by Denis Leary
American Journey of Barack Obama by the editors of Life
Buyology by Martin Lindstrom
The Dark Side: The Inside Story of How the War on Terror Turned into a War on
American Ideals by Jane Mayer
Mother Warriors by Jenny McCarthy
What Happened by Scott McClellan
Here's the Story by Maureen McCormick

Fleeced by Dick Morris & Eileen McGann
Real Life by Dr. Phil McGraw
American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meachan
Tom Cruise by Andrew Morton
Dewey by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter ó new cat is Page
Always by My Side by Jim Nantz
John Lennon: The Life by Philip Norman
Ted, White and Blue by Ted Nugent
A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity by Bill O'Reilly
The Spectrum by Dean Ornish
Love Your Life by Victoria Osteen
Against Medical Advice by James Patterson
The Revolution by Ron Paul
The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch with Jeffrey Zaslow ó 36 weeks on bestseller list
No Limits by Michael Phelps with Alan Abrahamson
Bad Money by Kevin Phillips
The First Billion is the Hardest by T. Boone Pickens
In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan ó 16 weeks on bestseller list
The Monster of Florence by Douglas Preston and Mario Spezi
Strengths Finder 2.0 by Tom Rath
Harmonic Wealth by James Arthur Ray
Ladies of Liberty by Cokie Roberts
You: Being Beautiful by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz
You: The Owners Manual: Expanded Edition by Michael F. Roizen ó 23 weeks on bestseller list
Stop Whining, Start Living by Laura Schlessinger
The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life by Alice Schroeder
When You Are Engulfed in Flames by David Sedaris ó 16 weeks on bestseller list
Beautiful Boy by David Sheff
How Come That Idiot's Rich and I'm Not? by Robert Shemin
Happy for No Reason by Marci Shimoff

Just Who Will You Be? By Maria Shriver
Who: The A Method for Hiring by Geoff Smart and Randy Street
Sex and the City by Amy Sohn
Breakthrough by Suzanne Somers
Through the Storm by Lynne Spears with Lorilee Craker
Stori Telling by Tori Spelling
Brett Farve: The Tribute by Sports Illustrated
Martha Stewart's Cooking School by Martha Stewart
Standing Tall by C. Vivian Stringer with Laura Tucker
The Way of the World by Ron Suskind
My Stroke of Insight: A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey by Jill Bolte Taylor
Intelligence for Your Life by John Tesh
The Winner's Manual by Jim Tressel with Chris Fabry
Debt Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About by Kevin Trudeau
Call Me Ted by Ted Turner with Bill Burke
Flat Belly Diet by Liz Vaccariello and Cynthia Sass
Traffic by Tom Vanderbilt
Ghosts Among Us by James Van Praagh
Mistaken Identity by Don & Susie Van Ryn and Newell, Colleen & Whitney Cerak
Armageddon in Retrospect: And Other New and Unpublished Writings on War and Peace
by Kurt Vonnegut ó published on 1st anniversary of his death
The Wordy Shipmates by Sarah Vowell
Pieces of My Heart by Robert J. Wagner
Stolen Innocence by Elissa Wall with Lisa Pulitzer ó former member of FLDS
The Billionaire's Vinegar by Benjamin Wallace
Does This Clutter Make My Butt Look Fat? By Peter Walsh
Audition by Barbara Walters
The Purpose of Christmas by Rick Warren
A Time to Fight by Jim Webb
Girls Like Us by Sheila Weller
Living Well by Montel Williams with William Doyle

The Age of Miracles by Marianne Williamson

The War Within by Bob Woodward

Georgia Cooking in an Oklahoma Kitchen by Trisha Yearwood

The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria

Award Winners

Anthony Awards (Mysteries)

Best Novel: *What the Dead Know* by Laura Lippman

Best First Novel: *In the Woods* by Tana French

Bram Stoker Award

The Missing by Sarah Langan

Christy Awards (Christian fiction)

Contemporary: *Chasing Fireflies* by Charles Martin

Contemporary series: *Home to Holly Springs* by Jan Karon

Historical: *A Proper Pursuit* by Lynn Austin

Romance: *Remembered* by Tamera Alexander

Edgar Awards (Mysteries)

Best Novel: *Down River* by John Hart

First Novel: *In the Woods* by Tana French

Giller (Canadian)

Through Black Spruce by Joseph Boyden

Man Booker

The White Tiger by Aravind Adiga

National Book Award

Fiction: *Shadow Country* by Peter Matthiessen - historical

Nonfiction: *The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family* by Annette

Gordon-Reed

National Book Critics Award

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Diaz

Nobel Prize for Literature

Jean-Marie Gustave Le Clezio

Pulitzer

Fiction: *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz

History: *What hath God Wrought: The Transformation of America, 1815-1848* by Daniel Walker Howe

Biography: *Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and her Father* by John Matteson

General Nonfiction: *The Years of Extermination: Nazi Germany and the Jews, 1939-1945* by Saul Friedlander

Books to Movies

Miracle at St. Anna based on the novel by James McBride

Fugitive Pieces based on the novel by Anne Michaels

The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian based on the novel of C.S. Lewis

Boy A based on the novel by Jonathan Trigell

Brideshead Revisited based on the novel by Evelyn Waugh

Choke based on the novel by Chuck Palahniuk

Towelhead based on the novel by Alicia Erian

The Duchess based on the biography by Amanda Foreman (formerly published as *Georgiana: Duchess of Devonshire*)

Nights in Rodanthe based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks

Appaloosa based on the novel by Robert B. Parker

How to Lose Friends & Alienate People based on the memoir by Toby Young

Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist based on the novel by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

Body of Lies based on the novel by David Ignatius

The City of Ember based on the novel by Jeanne DuPrau

Flash of Genius based on the nonfiction book by John Seabrook

The Secret Life of Bees based on the novel by Sue Monk Kidd

The Road based on the novel by Cormac McCarthy

The Soloist based on the memoir by Steve Lopez

Twilight based on the novel by Stephanie Meyer

Gomorra based on the novel by Roberto Saviano

The Reader based on the novel by Bernhard Schlink ó Kate Winslet won an Oscar

The Tale of Despereaux based on the novel by Kate DiCamillo

Marley & Me based on the memoir by John Grogan

Revolutionary Road based on the novel by Richard Yates

The Spiderwick Chronicles based on the series by Holly Black and Tony DiTerlizzi

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas based on the novel by John Boyne

The Other Boleyn Girl based on the novel by Philippa Gregory

Dr. Seuss's Horton Hears a Who! based on the book by Dr. Seuss

The Ruins based on the novel by Scott B. Smith

Curious Case of Benjamin Button based on a short story by F. Scott Fitzgerald ó Oscar winner

Slumdog Millionaire based on the novel *Q&A* by Vikas Swarup ó Oscar winner

Notables - Fiction

Sugar Queen by Sarah Addison Allen

When Will There be Good News? By Kate Atkinson

Lie Down with the Devil by Linda Barnes

Farther Shore by Matthew Eck

So Brave, Young and Handsome by Leif Enger

Plague of Doves by Louise Erdrich

Sea of Poppies by Amitav Ghosh

Story of a Marriage by Andrew Sean Greer

The Other by David Guterson

The Condition by Jennifer Haigh

The Lazarus Project by Aleksandar Hemon

Comfort Food by Kate Jacobs

Liberty: A Lake Wobegon Novel by Garrison Keillor

This Charming Man by Marian Keyes

The Boat by Nam Le

Things I Want my Daughters to Know by Elizabeth Nobel

Tenderness of Wolves by Stef Penney

Serena by Ron Rash ó Western Carolina Univ, spirit of Lady MacBeth to depression era NC

The Best Day of Someone Else's Life by Kerry Reichs ó Kathy Reichs daughter

Salt River by James Sallis

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Friday Night by Joanna Trollope

Sleeping Arrangements by Madeline Wickham - Sophie Kinsella

Writing Class by Jincy Willett

Ten-Year Nap by Meg Wolitzer

Notables – Nonfiction

A la cart: the Secret Lives of Grocery Shoppers by Hillary Carlip

The Invisible Wall: a Love Story that Broke Barriers by Harry Bernstein

This Republic of Suffering: Death and the American Civil War by Drew Gilpin Faust

Splendid Table's How to Eat Supper: Recipes, Stories, and Opinions from Public Radio's

Award-Winning Food Show by Lynne Rossetto Kasper

Books: a Memoir by Larry McMurtry

Epilogue: A Memoir by Anne Roiphe

The Snowball: Warren Buffett and the Business of Life by Alice Schroeder

RIP

Jon Hassler (Minnesota author, *Staggerford*)

Margaret Truman (murders set in Washington DC)

Phyllis A. Whitney (romantic mysteries)

George MacDonald Fraser (arch-roogue Harry Flashman)

Robin Moore (*The French Connection*)

William F. Buckley (conservative)

Arthur C. Clarke (science fiction, *2001: A Space Odyssey*)

Nuala O'Faolain (memoirs)

Tasha Tudor (children's book illustrator)

Alexander Solzhenitsyn (Nobel Prize winner)

Gregory McDonald (*Fletch*)

David Foster Wallace (*Infinite Jest*)

Tony Hillerman (Southwestern detective)

Studs Terkel

Michael Crichton (*Jurassic Park*)

Randy Pausch (*The Last Lecture*)