The New York Times Best Seller List

This Week	September 18, 1977 Fiction	Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE THORN BIRDS, by Colleen McCullough. (Harper & Row, \$9.95.) Australian family saga.	1	18
2	ILLUSIONS, by Richard Bach. (Delacorte/Eleanor Friede, \$5.95.) Messiah barnstorms Middle America.	2	14
3	DYNASTY, by Robert S. Elegant. (McGraw-Hill, \$10.95.) Saga of a Eurasian family in Hong Kong over three generations.	7	5
4	THE CRASH OF '79, by Paul E. Erdman. (Simon & Schuster, \$8.95.) Sheiks, oil, International intrigue and skullduggery.	3	40
5	FULL DISCLOSURE, by William Safire. (Doubleday, \$10.95.) President goes blind; White House intrigue.	4	9
6	DELTA OF VENUS, by Anais Nin. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$10.) Elegant erotica written for a wealthy patron.	5	7
7	COMA, by Robin Cook. (Little, Brown, \$8.95.) Manchurian horror at the Boston Memorial Hospital.	6	3
8	OLIVER'S STORY, by Erich Segal. (Harper & Row, \$7.95.) Tearless but well-meaning sequel to "Love Story."	8	28
9	THE INVESTIGATION, by Dorothy Uhnak. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) Woman accused of murdering her children.		2
10	CONDOMINIUM, by John D. MacDonald. (J.B. Lippincott, \$10.) Disaster hits Leisure Village.	9	22
11	THE SECOND DEADLY SIN, by Lawrence Sanders. (Putnam's, \$9.95.) Cop tracks down a painter's murderer.		1
12	THE RICH ARE DIFFERENT, by Susan Howatch. (Simon & Schuster, \$11.50.) They have more money.	10	4
13	THE CHANCELLOR MANUSCRIPT, by Robert Ludlum. (Dial, \$10.) Topical thriller.	11	23
14	FALCONER, by John Cheever. (Knopf, \$7.95.) Stunning prison novel of escape and redemption.	13	24
15	SEAWITCH, by Allistair MacLean. (Doubleday, \$7.95.) A struggle to control the world oil reserves.		1

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1	ALL THINGS WISE AND WONDERFUL, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's Press, \$10.) More adventures of a Yorkshire vet.	1	3
2	LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER ONE, by Robert Ringer. (Cromwell, \$9.95.) How to get yours.	2	11
3	YOUR ERRONEOUS ZONES, by Dr. Wayne W. Dyer. (Funk & Wagnalls, \$6.95.) Breezy self-help pep talk.	5	56
4	THE BOOK OF LISTS, by David Wallechhinsky, Irving Wallace and Amy Wallace. (Morrow, \$10.95.) Facts that entertain.	3	14
5	THE DRAGONS OF EDEN, by Carl Sagan. (Random House, \$8.95.) How human intelligence evolved: a scientist's speculation.	4	14
6	THE CAMERA NEVER BLINKS, by Dan Rather with Mickey Herskowitz. (Morrow, \$10.) TV newsman's story.	6	8
7	IT DIDN'T START WITH WATERGATE, by Victor Lasky. (Dial, \$10.) The Democrats did it too.	7	15
8	VIVIEN LEIGH, by Anne Edwards. (Simon & Schuster, \$9.95.) A tragic heroine, born to please.	9	9
9	THE PATH BETWEEN THE SEAS, by David McCullough. (Simon & Schuster, \$14.95.) The Panama Canal Story.	10	6
10	THE POSSIBLE DREAM, by Charles Paul Conn. (Revell, \$6.95.) Story of the Amway Corporation.	11	2
11	THE GRASS IS ALWAYS GREENER OVER THE SEPTIC TANK, by Erma Bombeck. (McGraw-Hill, \$6.95.) Suburban humor by the columnist.	8	47
12	FISHBAIT: The Memoirs of the Congressional Doorkeeper, by William Miller, as told to Frances Spatz Leighton. (Prentice-Hall, \$12.50.) Capitol Hill tell-all.	12	10
13	HOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR LIFE, by Milfred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz. (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, \$5.95.) Advice for the failure-prone.	13	2
14	ROOTS, by Alex Haley. (Doubleday, \$12.50.) One man's family and an important document of Black History.	15	45
15	CHANGING, by Liv Ullmann. (Knopf, \$8.95.) The film star on life, Bergman and, sketchily, her art.	14	18