

Best Sellers

Post 5/24/92 Paperback

FICTION

- 1 **THE FIRM**, by John Grisham (Dell, \$5.99). Mitchell Y. McDeere must weigh the costs when the FBI wants him to spy on his high-powered law firm. [17 weeks]
- 2 **FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE**, by Fannie Flagg (McGraw-Hill, \$6.95). Steel magnolias never rust. [19 weeks]
- 3 **"H" IS FOR HOMICIDE**, by Sue Grafton (Fawcett, \$5.99). Detective Kinsey Millhone's part-time employer, California Fidelity, is the target of a murderer. [5 weeks]
- 4 **AS THE CROW FLIES**, by Jeffrey Archer (HarperCollins, \$6.50). The story of department store owner Charlie Trumper's rise from Whitechapel to Chelsea Terrace. [5 weeks]
- 5 **THE KITCHEN GOD'S WIFE**, by Amy Tan (Ivy/Ballantine, \$5.99). An immigrant mother's stories of her picaresque life on two continents over two decades. [1 week]
- 6 **IMMORTALITY**, by Milan Kundera, translated from the Czech by Peter Kussi (HarperPerennial, \$12). Milan Kundera and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe are just two of the characters in this novel of ideas. [4 weeks]
- 7 **HOWARDS END**, by E.M. Forster (NAL/Dutton, \$4.50). A marriage divides and unites two British families. [3 weeks]
- 8 **ANGLE OF REPOSE**, by Wallace Stegner (Penguin, \$12). Pulitzer Prize-winning novel about a retired historian's chronicle of his family. [3 weeks]
- 9 **A SOLDIER OF THE GREAT WAR**, by Mark Helprin (Avon, \$5.99). Alessandro Guiliari remembers his life during World War I on a 70-kilometer walk in 1964. [3 weeks]
- 10 **THE PRINCE OF TIDES**, by Pat Conroy (Bantam, \$5.99). Forty years of family secrets are shared between Tom Wingo and his twin sister, Savannah. [27 weeks]

NONFICTION/GENERAL

- 1 **YOU JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND: Women and Men in Conversation**, by Deborah Tannen (Ballantine, \$10). Was it something I said? [51 weeks]
- 2 **AMERICA: What Went Wrong**, by Donald L. Barlett and James B. Steele (Andrews & McMeel, \$6.95). How Washington and Wall Street influence each other and our lives. [5 weeks]
- 3 **A YEAR IN PROVENCE**, by Peter Mayle (Vintage, \$10). Southern comforts, French style. [46 weeks]
- 4 **LIFE'S LITTLE INSTRUCTION BOOK**, by H. Jackson Brown Jr. (Rutledge Hill Press, \$5.95). Warranty not included. [36 weeks]
- 5 **PARLIAMENT OF WHORES**, by P.J. O'Rourke (Vintage, \$12). Political satire targets the elderly, the war against drugs, environmentalists and the government. [2 weeks]
- 6 **CRUEL DOUBT**, by Joe McGinniss (Pocket, \$5.99). A son's evil intentions. [2 weeks]
- 7 **LIVE AND LEARN AND PASS IT ON**, by H. Jackson Brown Jr. (Rutledge Hill Press, \$5.95). Aphorisms, euphemisms and feel-goodisms. [4 weeks]
- 8 **SECOND NATURE: A Gardener's Education**, by Michael Pollan (Dell, \$10). Executive editor of Harper's magazine muses on gardening and culture. [1 week]
- 9 **JFK: A Conspiracy of Silence**, by Charles A. Crenshaw with Jens Hansen and J. Gary Shaw (Signet, \$4.99). Dallas doctor who treated Kennedy and Oswald tells his story. [5 weeks]
- 10 **ATTACK OF THE DERANGED MUTANT KILLER MONSTER SNOW GOONS**, by Bill Watterson (Andrews & McMeel, \$8.95). Calvin and Hobbes cartoon strips. [9 weeks]

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