

BESTSELLERS

LOS ANGELES TIMES LIST FOR FEBRUARY 22, 2004

SO. CAL. RATING	Fiction	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON LIST	SO. CAL. RATING	Nonfiction	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON LIST
1	The Da Vinci Code by Dan Brown (Doubleday: \$24.95) A Louvre curator's killing leads to clues hidden in Leonardo's paintings and a secret society with something to hide.	1	46	1	The Proper Care and Feeding of Husbands by Laura Schlessinger (HarperCollins: \$24.95) Talk show host tells how to manage the "very simple creature" that is man.	2	6
2	The Last Juror by John Grisham (Doubleday: \$27.95) A convicted killer on parole for a brutal rape and murder is bent on retribution as he returns to his small town.	9	2	2	The Price of Loyalty by Ron Suskind (Simon & Schuster: \$26) A scathing portrayal of the George W. Bush White House by former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill.	1	5
3	The Five People You Meet in Heaven by Mitch Albom (Hyperion: \$19.95) An amusement park maintenance man faces his life, death and afterlife in this three-part parable.	3	20	3	American Dynasty by Kevin Phillips (Viking: \$25.95) An account of the Bush family's use of their Ivy League network, vast wealth and political maneuvering to obtain the White House.	5	5
4	Absolute Friends by John le Carré (Little, Brown: \$26.95) Two former Cold War spies are drawn into the rising political opposition to the United States' invasion of Iraq.	2	5	4	The Purpose-Driven Life by Rick Warren (Zondervan: \$19.99) How the "God-ordained" principles of worship, community, discipleship, ministry and evangelism bring fulfillment.	9	48
5	The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler (Knopf: \$24.95) A mismatched couple struggles over the course of 30 years to make their marriage bearable.	4	5	5	Down and Dirty Pictures by Peter Biskind (Simon & Schuster: \$26.95) A look at the rise of indie films and the influence of the Sundance Film Festival and Harvey and Bob Weinstein's Miramax.	3	6
6	The Best Awful by Carrie Fisher (Simon & Schuster: \$24) Suzanne Vale battles drugs and bipolar disorder in this black-comic sequel to "Postcards From the Edge."	5	5	6	Hollywood Animal by Joe Eszterhas (Alfred A. Knopf: \$26.95) The noted screenwriter takes on the beast that is the movie industry in telling the tale of his life's journey.	4	2
7	Mr. Paradise by Elmore Leonard (William Morrow: \$25.95) A lingerie model in downtown Detroit finds herself embroiled in the contract murder of her call-girl roommate and a client.	14	4	7	Dude, Where's My Country? by Michael Moore (Warner Books: \$24.95) Advice from the veteran gadfly on how to take back the country from the conservative forces running it.	-	17
8	Angels & Demons by Dan Brown (Atria: \$17.95) A Harvard scholar uncovers a vendetta against the Catholic Church by a secret society known as the Illuminati.	11	7	8	The Sorrows of Empire by Chalmers Johnson (Metropolitan: \$25) A view of the United States as an imperialist and militaristic nation bent on global domination.	10	4
9	Seduced by Moonlight by Laurell K. Hamilton (Ballantine: \$23.95) A faerie princess contends with a sadistic aunt and finds that her magic powers have raced out of control.	-	1	9	Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them by Al Franken (Dutton: \$24.95) A heaping dose of subversive wit aimed at politicians and pundits on the right, including Bill O'Reilly, Ann Coulter and others.	6	25
10	Empress Orchid by Anchee Min (Houghton Mifflin: \$24) A provincial girl enters China's Forbidden City to bear an heir to the throne and becomes the country's last empress.	13	2	10	1968 by Mark Kurlansky (Ballantine: \$26.95) From Vietnam to Chicago, from women's lib to Prague Spring, the cultural and political history of a year of societal upheaval.	-	1
11	Old School by Tobias Wolff (Knopf: \$22) A New England prep school scholarship student with literary ambitions tries to win an audience with Ernest Hemingway.	15	12	11	Blindsided by Richard Cohen (HarperCollins: \$23.95) A former television news producer battles multiple sclerosis and colon cancer while trying to hold on to some normalcy in his family life.	-	1
12	The Cat Who Talked Turkey by Lilian Jackson Braun (Putnam: \$23.95) A journalist and his two Siamese cats investigate the murder of a man found in the woods.	7	2	12	Life is a Series of Presentations by Tony Jeary (Firestone: \$23.95) Polishing your public speaking and people skills at the office and in social life.	-	1
13	Paranoia by Joseph Finder (St. Martin's Press: \$24.95) A bored employee sent to spy on a rival high-tech firm who finds himself skyrocketing to the top must choose between betrayal or prison.	-	2	14			
14	The Zero Game by Brad Meltzer (Warner Books: \$25.95) Bored congressional aides gamble in a clandestine game for fun, but things turn deadly in a hurry.	10	3	15			
15	Divided in Death by J.D. Robb (Putnam: \$21.95) Police Det. Eve Dallas is on the trail of techno-terrorists out to sabotage a government computer program aimed at thwarting them.	8	2				

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