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BESTSELLERS

PAPERBACK

	Fiction	Weeks on Lists
1	The Blind Assassin By Margaret Atwood (Anchor, \$14) <i>The lives of two sisters told through intertwining stories.</i>	[2]
2	The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier & Clay By Michael Chabon (Picador USA, \$15) <i>A comic book's success alters the lives of its creators.</i>	[6]
3	Girl With a Pearl Earring By Tracy Chevalier (Plume, \$12) <i>A young maid in Vermeer's Delft household inspires a portrait.</i>	[34]
4	Last Seen in Massilia By Steven Saylor (St. Martin's, \$6.50) <i>A mystery set in ancient Rome during Caesar's war with Pompey.</i>	[1]
5	Correia's Mandolin By Louis de Bernières (Vintage, \$14) <i>Life on a small Greek island during its occupation in WWII.</i>	[8]
6	White Teeth By Zadie Smith (Vintage, \$14) <i>Daily life is a challenge for two multiethnic families in London.</i>	[13]
7	The Red Tent By Anita Diamant (Picador USA, \$14.95) <i>A lengthy midrash chronicling the lives of Jacob's four wives.</i>	[40]
8	Shattered By Dick Francis (Jove, \$6.99) <i>An equine mystery involving glass-blowing and a missing videotape.</i>	[1]
9	Four Blondes By Candace Bushnell (Atlantic Monthly, \$12) <i>Four novellas on the sex lives of status-obsessed New Yorkers.</i>	[8]
10	The Third Option By Vince Flynn (Pocket, \$7.99) <i>Political in-fighting at the CIA undermines a delicate mission.</i>	[2]
Nonfiction/General		
1	Personal History By Katharine Graham (Vintage, \$15)	[8]
2	Me Talk Pretty On Day By David Sedaris (Little, Brown, \$14.95)	[15]
3	Dispatches from the Tenth Circle: The Best of the Onion Ed. by Robert Siegel (Three Rivers, \$16)	[1]
4	2002 Zagat Survey of Washington, D.C. (Zagat Restaurant Survey, \$11.95)	[6]
5	Band of Brothers By Stephen Ambrose (Touchstone, \$16)	[3]
6	Congress at Your Fingertips Ed. by John Hansan (Capitol Advantage, \$14.95)	[8]
7	The Almanac of American Politics 2002 By Michael Barone et al. (National Journal Group, \$56.95)	[3]
8	Kitchen Confidential By Anthony Bourdain (Ecco, \$14)	[14]
9	It's Not About the Bike By Lance Armstrong (Berkley, \$13)	[1]
10	The Lexus and the Olive Tree By Thomas L. Friedman (Anchor, \$15)	[31]

HARDCOVER

	Fiction	Weeks on Lists
1	The Corrections By Jonathan Franzen (FSG, \$26.95) <i>A complex, comedic portrait of one Midwest family's dysfunction.</i>	[4]
2	Valthalla Rising By Clive Cussler (Putnam, \$27.95) <i>A scheming psychopath's efforts to corner the world's oil market.</i>	[9]
3	Amy Way the Wind Blows By E. Lynn Harris (Doubleday, \$19.95) <i>Yancey, now a pop star, returns to Manhattan and former flame Basil.</i>	[1]
4	My Name is Red By Orhan Pamuk (Knopf, \$25.95) <i>A tale of murder, romance and the intricacies of 16th-century Turkey.</i>	[1]
5	The Gryphon By Nick Bantock (Chronicle, \$19.95) <i>Lovers' correspondence told through illustrated postcards and letters.</i>	[8]
6	Suzanne's Diary for Nicholas By James Patterson (Little, Brown, \$22.95) <i>A spurned lover is given the diary of her former flame's first wife.</i>	[1]
7	A Murder, a Mystery and a Marriage By Mark Twain (Norton, \$16.95) <i>An enigmatic Frenchman appears in a rural Missouri town.</i>	[1]
8	Fury By Salman Rushdie (Random House, \$24.95) <i>A man's quest for fulfillment as a commentary on American society.</i>	[6]
9	Cane River By Lalita Tademy (Warner, \$24.95) <i>Four generations of women navigate the hurdles of race in America.</i>	[2]
10	The Smoke Jumper By Nicholas Evans (Delacorte, \$26.95) <i>Tragedy clarifies a photographer's frustration with his life.</i>	[16]
Nonfiction/General		
1	John Adams By David McCullough (Simon & Schuster, \$35)	[4]
2	The Wild Blue By Stephen Ambrose (Simon & Schuster, \$26)	[52]
3	Who Moved My Cheese? By Spencer Johnson (Putnam, \$19.95)	[22]
4	The Prayer of Jabez By Bruce H. Wilkinson (Multnomah, \$9.99)	[31]
5	Founding Brothers By Joseph J. Ellis (Knopf, \$26)	[25]
6	Seabiscuits: An American Legend By Laura Hillenbrand (Random House, \$24.95)	[1]
7	War in a Time of Peace: Bush, Clinton and the Generals By David Halberstam (Scribner, \$28)	[68]
8	Body for Life By Bill Phillips, Michael D'Orso (HarperCollins, \$26)	[12]
9	Does America Need a Foreign Policy? By Henry Kissinger (Simon & Schuster, \$30)	[1]
10	Savage Beauty: The Life of Edna St. Vincent Millay By Nancy Milford (Random House, \$29.95)	[1]

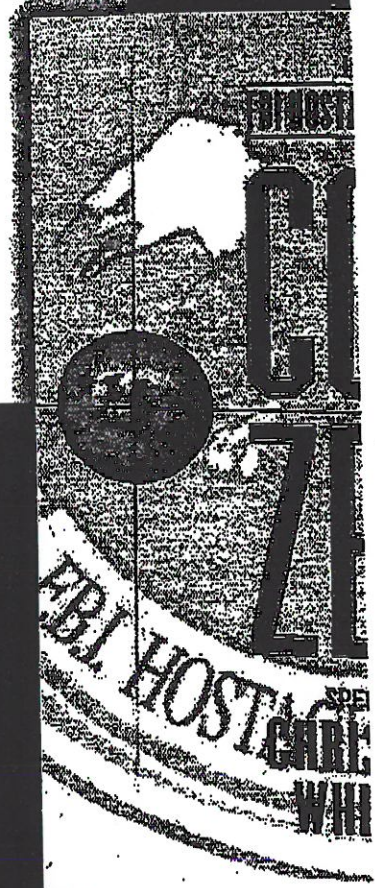
WASHINGTON IS ALSO READING...Selling Well in Local Independent Bookstores

African American Heritage Hymnal
Ed. by Delores Carpenter (GIA, \$27.50)
A collection of 575 hymns, spirituals and gospel songs, the result of more than eight years of research by a committee of musicians and pastors, compiled by a local pastor and professor at Howard Univ. (NF)

the Blitz in WWII *The bodies of a woman (daughter of a wealthy brewing magnate) and infant are discovered within. The Chief Inspector suspects that a current case involving the Tyndale brewing family and murder might be connected. Naturally, Richard Jury is asked to investigate. (F)*

from Padman's "Common Reader" column in the late Civilization magazine. (NF)
The Flag, the Post and the Song
By Irving Molotsky (Dutton, \$22.95)
A bracing and surprising look at the origins of the "The Star Spangled Banner" from the flag itself, created for Fort Mifflin in Baltimore in 1776. Scott Ken

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