

Children's Best Sellers

This Week	PICTURE BOOKS	Weeks On List
1	GALLOP! written and illustrated by Rufus Butler Seder. 12 (Workman, \$12.95.) Animals seem to move when you flip the page. (Ages 4 to 8)	
2	FIRST THE EGG , written and illustrated by Laura Vaccaro Seeger. (Neal Porter/Roaring Brook, \$14.95.) An egg becomes a chick; a tadpole becomes a frog; a seed becomes a flower. (Ages 2 to 6)	3
3	FLAMINGOS ON THE ROOF , written and illustrated by Calef Brown. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.) "Alphabet sherbet / Have you ever heard of it? / I bought myself a gallon, / and ate about a third of it." Whimsical poems and paintings. (Ages 8 and up)	2
4	SMASH! CRASH! by Jon Scieszka. Illustrated by David Shannon, Loren Long and David Gordon. (Simon & Schuster, \$16.99.) A truck named Jack and a dump truck named Dan love to smash into things. (Ages 3 to 7)	4
5	FANCY NANCY , by Jane O'Connor. Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. (HarperCollins, \$15.99.) A glamorous girl takes her family out. (Ages 4 to 7)	99
6	STAR WARS POP-UP GUIDE TO THE GALAXY , by Matthew Reinhart. (Orchard, \$32.99.) A pop-up look at Luke, Leia, Lord Vader et al. (Ages 7 and up)	16
7	HENRY'S FREEDOM BOX , by Ellen Levine. Illustrated by Kadir Nelson. (Scholastic, \$16.99.) A young slave mails himself to freedom. (Ages 9 to 12)	2
8	KNUFFLE BUNNY TOO , written and illustrated by Mo Willems. (Hyperion, \$16.99.) One of Trixie's classmates has a bunny just like hers. (Ages 4 to 8)	14
9	ZEN TIES , written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth. (Scholastic, \$17.99.) A panda encourages his nephew and their friends to help a grouchy neighbor. (Ages 4 to 8)	3
10	MA! THERE'S NOTHING TO DO HERE! by Barbara Park. Illustrated by Viviana Garofoli. (Random House, \$15.99.) A word from your baby-in-waiting. (Ages 4 to 8)	1

PAPERBACK BOOKS

1	THE BOOK THIEF , by Markus Zusak. (Knopf, \$11.99.) A girl saves books from Nazi book-burnings and shares them with a Jewish man. (Ages 14 and up)	21
2	THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULLANE , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. (Candlewick, \$9.99.) A china rabbit learns about loss. (Ages 8 to 12)	6
3	DULCIE'S TASTE OF MAGIC , by Gail Herman. (RH/Disney, \$5.99.) Ordered to take a vacation, a baking fairy discovers an ancient cake recipe. (Ages 4 to 8)	3
4	I'D TELL YOU I LOVE YOU, BUT THEN I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU , by Ally Carter. (Hyperion, \$8.99.) A girl in spy school falls for a local boy. (Ages 12 and up)	6
5	THE VAMPIRE DIARIES: THE FURY AND DARK REUNION , by L. J. Smith. (HarperTeen, \$8.99.) A girl is torn between two vampire brothers. (Ages 12 and up)	6
6	ELDEST , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, \$12.99.) Eragon in the land of elves; Book 2 in the Inheritance trilogy. (Ages 12 and up)	47
7	THE WATER HORSE , by Dick King-Smith. Illustrated by David Parkins. (Yearling, \$5.50.) The legend of the Loch Ness monster's origins. (Ages 9 to 12)	6
8	PRINCESS ACADEMY , by Shannon Hale. (Bloomsbury, \$7.95.) A mountain girl hopes she will be chosen as the prince's bride-to-be. (Ages 9 to 12)	25
9	BURNED , by Ellen Hopkins. (Simon Pulse, \$9.99.) A Mormon girl questions her faith and challenges her abusive father, in free verse. (Ages 14 and up)	6
10	THE LOOKING GLASS WARS , by Frank Beddor. (Speak, \$8.99.) Alyss in Wonderland: a girl fights for her throne. (Ages 12 and up)	15

This Week	CHAPTER BOOKS	Weeks On List
1	DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: RODRICK RULES , written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. (Amulet/Abrams, \$12.95.) How Greg embarrassed himself on his summer vacation (ask his older brother, Rodrick); a sequel to "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." (Ages 9 to 12)	3
2	DIARY OF A WIMPY KID , written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. (Amulet/Abrams, \$12.95.) The travails of adolescence, in cartoons. (Ages 9 to 12)	42
3	THE INVENTION OF HUGO CABRET , written and illustrated by Brian Selznick. (Scholastic, \$22.99.) A novel "in words and pictures"; an orphaned thief must decipher his father's last message. (Ages 9 to 12)	44
4	THE NIXIE'S SONG , by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. (Simon & Schuster, \$10.99.) Fire-breathing giants are on the rampage in Florida. (Ages 9 to 12)	16
5	DARK RIVER , by Erin Hunter. (HarperCollins, \$16.99.) Cat warriors must choose between good and evil; Book 2 of a Warriors fantasy series. (Ages 9 to 12)	5
6	GOOD MASTERS! SWEET LADIES! by Laura Amy Schlitz. Illustrated by Robert Byrd. (Candlewick, \$19.99.) Voices from a medieval village. (Ages 12 and up)	3
7	THE ABSOLUTELY TRUE DIARY OF A PART-TIME INDIAN , by Sherman Alexie. Illustrated by Ellen Forney. (Little, Brown, \$16.99.) A boy leaves his reservation for an all-white school. (Ages 12 and up)	20
8	ELIJAH OF BUXTON , by Christopher Paul Curtis. (Scholastic, \$16.99.) A boy born to runaway slaves in Canada pursues a thief back to America. (Ages 9 to 12)	3
9	TUNNELS , by Roderick Gordon and Brian Williams. (Chicken House/Scholastic, \$17.99.) A boy looks for his father in a world beneath London. (Ages 12 and up)	1
10	WE ARE THE SHIP , written and illustrated by Kadir Nelson. (Jump at the Sun/Hyperion, \$18.99.) The story of Negro League baseball. (Ages 8 and up)	1

SERIES

1	THE TWILIGHT SAGA , by Stephenie Meyer. (Megan Tingley/Little Brown, hardcover and paperback.) Vampires and werewolves in high school. (Ages 12 and up)	26
2	THE SPIDERWICK CHRONICLES , by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black. (Simon & Schuster, hardcover only.) Siblings find a hidden world. (Ages 6 to 10)	55
3	JUNIE B., FIRST GRADER , by Barbara Park. Illustrated by Denise Brunkus. (Stepping Stone/Random House, hardcover and paper.) School antics. (Ages 4 to 8)	167
4	MAXIMUM RIDE , by James Patterson. (Little, Brown, 24 hardcover and paperback.) Winged children try to save the world. (Ages 10 and up)	24
5	HARRY POTTER , by J. K. Rowling. (Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, hardcover and paperback.) A boy wizard hones his skills and fights evil. (Ages 10 and up)	175
6	THE GEMMA DOYLE TRILOGY , by Libba Bray. (Delacorte, hardcover and paperback.) A student jumps from her world to a magical realm. (Ages 12 and up)	6
7	PERCY JACKSON & THE OLYMPIANS , by Rick Riordan. (Miramax, hardcover and paperback.) Battling mythological monsters. (Ages 9 to 12)	40
8	HIS DARK MATERIALS , by Philip Pullman. (Knopf/Yearling, hardcover and paperback.) A girl uncovers a conspiracy bridging worlds. (Ages 10 and up)	10
9	THE ALEX RIDER ADVENTURES , by Anthony Horowitz. (Philomel/Speak, hardcover and paperback.) A boy spy in his father's footsteps. (Ages 10 and up)	48
10	MAGIC TREE HOUSE , by Mary Pope Osborne. Illustrated by Sal Murdocca. (Stepping Stone/Random House, hardcover and paperback.) Children travel in time. (Ages 6 to 9)	173

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ending Feb. 2, at many thousands of venues where a wide range of general interest books are sold nationwide. These include hundreds of independent book retailers (statistically weighted to represent all such outlets); national, regional and local chains; online and multimedia entertainment retailers; university, gift, supermarket, discount department stores and newsstands. An asterisk (*) indicates that a book's sales are barely distinguishable from those of the book above. A dagger (†) indicates that some bookstores report receiving bulk orders. Among those categories not actively tracked are: perennial sellers; required classroom reading; text, reference and test preparation guides; journals and workbooks; calorie counters; shopping guides; comics and crossword puzzles. Expanded rankings are available on the Web: nytimes.com/books.