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PAPERBACK BEST SELLERS: August 5, 2007

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WeekListFICTION

- 114WATER FOR ELEPHANTS, by Sara Gruen. (Algonquin, \$13.95.) A young man -- and an elephant -- save a Depression-era circus.
- 2124THE KITE RUNNER, by Khaled Hosseini. (Riverhead, \$15.95 and \$14.) An Afghan-American returns to Kabul to learn how a childhood friend has fared under the Taliban.
- 357THE MEMORY KEEPER'S DAUGHTER, by Kim Edwards. (Penguin, \$14.) A doctor's decision to secretly send his newborn daughter, who has Down syndrome, to an institution haunts everyone involved.
- 417THE ROAD, by Cormac McCarthy. (Vintage, \$14.95.) A father and son travel in post-apocalypse America.
- 512MIDDLESEX, by Jeffrey Eugenides. (Picador, \$15.) The narrator -- who, at 14, discovered she was a hermaphrodite -- tells an epic story about three generations of Greek-Americans.
- 65TWELVE SHARP, by Janet Evanovich. (St. Martin's, \$7.99.) The bounty hunter Stephanie Plum must find a killer and rescue a kidnapped child.
- 7*14THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM, by Robert Ludlum. (Bantam, \$7.99.) A reissue of the action-packed thriller.
- 87BEACH ROAD, by James Patterson and Peter de Jonge. (Warner Vision, \$9.99.) A lawyer defends a high school basketball star suspected of murder.
- 920THE ALCHEMIST, by Paulo Coelho. (HarperSanFrancisco, \$13.95 and \$13.) A tale about the lessons a Spanish shepherd boy learns during his travels to Egypt in search of treasure.
- 104THE SECRET DIARIES OF MISS MIRANDA CHEEVER, by Julia Quinn. (Avon, \$7.99.) A woman who fell for a count as a young girl now hopes to claim him as her own.
- 11*2THE EMPEROR'S CHILDREN, by Claire Messud. (Vintage, \$14.95.) Privileged 30-somethings try to make their way in literary New York just before 9/11.
- 125LISEY'S STORY, by Stephen King. (Pocket, \$9.99.) A widow struggles with grief after the death of her husband, a famous novelist with terrible memories.
- 134COUNTRY BRIDES, by Debbie Macomber. (Mira, \$7.99.) Two novels about women engaged to the wrong men are reissued in one book.
- 1410SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN, by Lisa See. (Random House, \$13.95.) The lives of two women in 19th-century China.
- 1512SUITE FRANÇAISE, by Irène Némirovsky. (Vintage, \$14.95.) Two novellas, which came to light more than 50 years after the author's death at Auschwitz, about life in France under the Nazis.
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WeekListNONFICTION
- 126EAT, PRAY, LOVE, by Elizabeth Gilbert. (Penguin Books, \$15.) A writer's yearlong journey in search of self takes her to Italy, India and Indonesia.
- 280THE GLASS CASTLE, by Jeannette Walls. (Scribner, \$14.) The author recalls a bizarre childhood during which she and her siblings were constantly moved from one bleak place to another.
- 316BLINK, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay, \$15.99.) The author of "The Tipping Point" explores the importance of instinct to the workings of the mind.
- 43990 MINUTES IN HEAVEN, by Don Piper with Cecil Murphey. (Revell, \$12.99.) A minister on the otherworldly experience he had after an accident.
- 574NIGHT, by Elie Wiesel. (Hill & Wang, \$9.) The horrors of Auschwitz and Buchenwald.
- 625THREE CUPS OF TEA, by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. (Penguin Books, \$15.) A former climber builds schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan.
- 7*153THE TIPPING POINT, by Malcolm Gladwell. (Back Bay/Little, Brown, \$14.95.) A journalist's study of social epidemics, otherwise known as fads.
- 8153THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY, by Erik Larson. (Vintage, \$14.95.) The tale of an architect and a serial killer, linked by the Chicago World's Fair of 1893.
- 913MAYFLOWER, by Nathaniel Philbrick. (Penguin Books, \$16.) How America began, from the author of "In the Heart of the Sea."
- 10*23THE YEAR OF MAGICAL THINKING, by Joan Didion. (Vintage, \$13.95.) The author's attempts to come to terms with the death of her husband and the grave illness of their only daughter.
- 1118STUMBLING ON HAPPINESS, by Daniel Gilbert. (Vintage, \$14.95.) A Harvard professor explores why people can't predict what will make them happy.
- 121THE LANGUAGE OF GOD, by Francis S. Collins. (Free Press, \$15.) The director of the Human Genome Project argues that faith in God and in science can coexist within a person.

134CHOSEN BY A HORSE, by Susan Richards. (Harcourt, \$13.) The author recounts rescuing a broken-down horse, which in turn helped rescue her.

1523THE PURSUIT OF HAPPYNESS, by Chris Gardner with Quincy Troupe and Mim Eichler Rivas. (Amistad/HarperCollins, \$14.95.) Gardner's life story, from a grim childhood to homelessness to success.

152HEAT, by Bill Buford. (Vintage, \$14.95.) An editor changes his life by apprenticing in the kitchen of an Italian restaurant.

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WeekListAdvice, How-to and Miscellaneous: Hardcover

128THE SECRET, by Rhonda Byrne. (Atria/Beyond Words, \$23.95.) The law of attraction as a key to getting what you want.

212THE DANGEROUS BOOK FOR BOYS, by Conn Iggulden and Hal Iggulden. (Collins/HarperCollins, \$24.95.) Skipping stones and other essential activities.

36THE WEIGHT LOSS CURE "THEY" DON'T WANT YOU TO KNOW ABOUT, by Kevin Trudeau. (Alliance, \$24.95.) Diet advice, centering on the role of hormones and supplements.

4321 POUNDS IN 21 DAYS, by Roni DeLuz with James Hester. (Collins, \$24.95.) A detox diet from the owner of the Martha's Vineyard Holistic Retreat.

56THE 4-HOUR WORKWEEK, by Timothy Ferriss. (Crown, \$19.95.) Restructuring your life so that it's not all about work.

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WeekListAdvice, How-to and Miscellaneous: Paperback

1323WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN YOU'RE EXPECTING, by Heidi Murkoff, Arlene Eisenberg and Sandee Hathaway. (Workman, \$13.95.) Advice for parents-to-be. ()

621,000 PLACES TO SEE IN THE U.S.A. AND CANADA BEFORE YOU DIE, by Patricia Schultz. (Workman, \$19.95.) Get to know more of North America.

32SKINNY BITCH, by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin. (Running Press, \$13.95.) Stop eating junk and start looking fabulous.

4331RICH DAD, POOR DAD, by Robert T. Kiyosaki with Sharon L. Lechter. (Warner, \$16.95.) Teaching one's children how to get rich and stay rich. ()

5761,000 PLACES TO SEE BEFORE YOU DIE, by Patricia Schultz. (Workman, \$18.95.) A guide for traveling the world.

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