

October 8, 2006

Hardcover Nonfiction

This Week		Last Week	Weeks On List
1	I FEEL BAD ABOUT MY NECK , by Nora Ephron. (Knopf, \$19.95.) A witty look at aging from a novelist and screenwriter ("When Harry Met Sally"). First Chapter	2	8
2	THE GREATEST STORY EVER SOLD , by Frank Rich. (Penguin Press, \$25.95.) A Times columnist attacks the Bush administration's approach to message management.		1
3	THE CONFESSION, by James E. McGreevey. (Regan, \$26.95.) The former New Jersey governor comes out.		1
4	MARLEY & ME , by John Grogan. (Morrow, \$21.95.) A newspaper columnist and his wife learn some life lessons from their neurotic dog.	1	49
5	THE WORLD IS FLAT , by Thomas L. Friedman. (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$27.50; updated and expanded edition, \$30.) A columnist for The Times analyzes 21st-century economics and foreign policy. First Chapter	4	77
6	STATE OF EMERGENCY, by Patrick J. Buchanan. (Thomas Dunne/St. Martin's, \$24.95.) The conservative commentator argues against unchecked immigration.	5	5
7	LETTER TO A CHRISTIAN NATION, by Sam Harris. (Knopf, \$16.95.) The author of "The End of Faith" responds to Christians' arguments in defense of their beliefs.		1
8	I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE DOING THIS! by Bob Newhart. (Hyperion, \$23.95.) A memoir by the comedian.		1
9	FREAKONOMICS , by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner. (Morrow, \$25.95.) A maverick scholar applies economic thinking to everything from sumo wrestlers who cheat to legalized abortion and the falling crime rate. First Chapter	6	76
10	THE LOOMING TOWER , by Lawrence Wright. (Knopf, \$27.95.) The road to 9/11 as seen through the lives of terrorists planners and the F.B.I. counterterrorism chief. First Chapter	3	7
11	THE GOD DELUSION, by Richard Dawkins. (Houghton Mifflin, \$27.) An Oxford scientist asserts that belief in God is irrational and that religion has done great harm in the world.		1
12	HUBRIS, by Michael Isikoff and David Corn. (Crown, \$25.95.) The planning and marketing of the invasion of Iraq, featuring the president, administration officials, neoconservatives, Iraqi exiles and credulous journalists.	8	2
13	FIASCO , by Thomas E. Ricks. (The Penguin Press, \$27.95.) How the Bush administration's and the military's failure to understand the developing Iraqi insurgency contributed to its further growth.	7	9
14	AIR AMERICA: THE PLAYBOOK, by David Bender, Chuck D, Thom Hartmann et al. (Rodale, \$26.95.) Essays, transcripts and interviews from "a bunch of left-wing media types."		1

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| 15 | THE WAY WE WERE, by Paul Burrell. (Morrow, \$25.95.) Diana's former butler reminisces. | 9 | 2 |
| 16* | THE LOST , by Daniel Mendelsohn. (HarperCollins, \$27.95.) A critic tracks down the story of a great-uncle and his family, who were killed in the Holocaust. | | 1 |

Also
Selling

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| 17 | BANKRUPT, by David Limbaugh (Regnery) | | |
| 18 | BLINK , by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown) First Chapter | | |
| 19 | WINS, LOSSES, AND LESSONS, by Lou Holtz (Morrow) | | |
| 20 | DISPATCHES FROM THE EDGE, by Anderson Cooper (Harper Collins) | | |
| 21 | GOOD TO GREAT, by Jim Collins (HarperBusiness) | | |
| 22 | STATIC, by Amy Goodman and David Goodman (Hyperion) | | |
| 23 | FOREVER YOUNG, by William Sylvester Noonan with Robert | | |
| 24 | CHUCK KLOSTERMAN IV, by Chuck Klosterman (Scribner) | | |
| 25 | IMPERIAL LIFE IN THE EMERALD CITY, by Rajiv Chan Drasekaran (Knopf) | | |
| 26 | ELIZABETH, by J. Randy Taraborrelli (Warner) | | |
| 27 | THE UNUSUAL SUSPECT, by Stephen Baldwin and Mark Tabb (Warner Faith) | | |
| 28 | MAYFLOWER , by Nathaniel Philbrick (Viking) | | |
| 29 | READING LIKE A WRITER , by Francine Prose (HarperCollins) | | |
| 30 | ENCHANTMENT, by Donald Spoto (Harmony) | | |
| 31 | WORST PERSON IN THE WORLD, by Keith Olbermann (Wiley) | | |
| 32 | INSIGHT, by Sylvia Browne (Dutton) | | |
| 33 | THE LONG TAIL , by Chris Anderson (Hyperion) | | |
| 34 | OVERCOMING LIFE'S DISAPPOINTMENTS, by Harold S. Kushner (Knopf) | | |
| 35 | A THREE DOG LIFE, by Abigail Thomas (Harcourt) | | |
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Rankings reflect sales, for the week ending September 23, at almost 4,000 bookstores plus wholesalers serving 60,000 other retailers, statistically weighted to represent all such outlets. An asterisk (*) indicates that a book's sales are barely distinguishable from those of the book above. A dagger (+) indicates that some stores received bulk orders.

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