

# Print Children's Best Sellers

THIS WEEK	PAPERBACK BOOKS	WEEKS ON LIST	THIS WEEK	SERIES	WEEKS ON LIST
1	<b>WAR HORSE</b> , by Michael Morpurgo. (Scholastic, \$8.99.) A half-Thoroughbred farm horse is taken from his owner for battle in 1914. (Ages 8 to 14)	5	1	<b>DIARY OF A WIMPY KID</b> , written and illustrated by Jeff Kinney. (Abrams, hardcover only.) The travails of adolescence, in cartoons. (Ages 9 to 12)	152
2	<b>THE RED PYRAMID</b> , by Rick Riordan. (Disney-Hyperion, \$9.99.) Ancient gods (this time from Egypt) and a mortal family meet. (Ages 10 and up)	17	2	<b>THE HUNGER GAMES</b> , by Suzanne Collins. (Scholastic, hardcover and paper.) In a dystopian society a girl fights for survival on live TV. (Ages 12 and up)	68
3	<b>THE BOOK THIEF</b> , by Markus Zusak. (Knopf, \$11.99.) A girl saves books from Nazi burning. (Ages 14 and up)	222	3	<b>INHERITANCE</b> , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, hardcover and paper.) A teenager and his dragon learn a fantasy world's secrets. (Ages 12 and up)	26
4	<b>CLOCKWORK ANGEL</b> , by Cassandra Clare. (Margaret K. McElderry, \$10.99.) Victorian England proves a treacherous place. (Ages 14 and up)	10	4	<b>WITCH AND WIZARD</b> , by James Patterson and others. (Little, Brown, hardcover and paper.) Siblings with magical powers face a totalitarian government of the future. (Ages 10 and up)	1
5	<b>MATCHED</b> , by Ally Condie. (Speak, \$9.99.) In this dystopian romance, a girl rebels. (Ages 12 and up)	12	5	<b>PRETTY LITTLE LIARS</b> , by Sara Shepard. (HarperTeen, hardcover and paper.) Four girls less perfect than they seem. (Ages 14 and up)	56
6	<b>THIRTEEN REASONS WHY</b> , by Jay Asher. (Razorbill, \$10.99.) Before she commits suicide, a girl sends recordings to 13 people. (Ages 12 and up)	26	6	<b>HARRY POTTER</b> , by J. K. Rowling. (Arthur A. Levine/Scholastic, hardcover and paper.) A wizard hones his skills while fighting evil. (Ages 10 and up)	279
7	<b>THEODORE BOONE: KID LAWYER</b> , by John Grisham. (Puffin, \$7.99.) He's only 13, but he knows how to handle a murder case. (Ages 8 to 12)	31	7	<b>THE TWILIGHT SAGA</b> , by Stephenie Meyer. (Megan Tingley/Little, Brown, hardcover and paper.) Vampire angst in the Pacific Northwest. (Ages 12 and up)	198
8	<b>I AM NUMBER FOUR</b> , by Pittacus Lore. (HarperCollins, \$9.99.) Members of another civilization live secretly among Earth-dwellers. (Ages 14 and up)	16	8	<b>THE 39 CLUES</b> , by various authors. (Scholastic, hardcover only.) A brother and sister search for the key to their family's power. (Ages 9 to 12)	93
9	<b>THE MAGICIAN'S ELEPHANT</b> , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Yoko Tanaka. (Candlewick, \$6.99.) An orphan receives an unbelievable piece of information from a fortuneteller. (Ages 9 to 12)	3	9	<b>DORK DIARIES</b> , by Rachel Renée Russell. (Aladdin, hardcover only.) Nikki Maxwell navigates the halls of middle school. (Ages 9 to 13)	26
10	<b>THE CANDYMAKERS</b> , by Wendy Mass. (Little, Brown, \$6.99.) Four children have been chosen to compete in a contest to find the tastiest confection in the country. (Ages 9 to 12)	1	10	<b>PERCY JACKSON &amp; THE OLYMPIANS</b> , by Rick Riordan. (Disney-Hyperion, hardcover and paper.) Children of the gods battle monsters. (Ages 9 to 12)	230

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ended December 10, 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. Perennial sellers are not actively tracked. Expanded rankings are available on the Web: [nytimes.com/books](http://nytimes.com/books). All four children's lists appear each week on the Book Review's Web site. Publishers have provided the age designations for their best-selling children's titles.