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| This Week | November 17, 1985 Fiction | Last <br> Week | Weeks On List |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | TEXAS, by James A. Michener. (Random House, \$21.95.) Four hundred fifty years of history in fictional form. | 1 | 6 |
| 2 | LAKE WOBEGON DAYS, by Garrison Keillor. (Viking, \$17.95.) Recollections of a small town. | 2 | 12 |
| 3 | SECRETS, by Danielle Steel. (Delacorte, \$17.95.) Behind the scenes during the production of a blockbuster television series. | 3 | 4 |
| 4 | CONTACT, by Carl Sagan. (Simon \& Schuster, \$18.95.) The commotion that follows the reception of a signal from intelligent life beyond Earth. | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | GALAPAGOS, by Kurt Vonnegut. (Seymour Lawrence/Delacorte, \$16.95.) Mankind's sole survivors, passengers on a Pacific cruise, conclude Darwin's theory of evolution is correct. | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | LUCKY, by Jackie Collins. (Simon \& Schuster, \$17.95.) The heiress of a crime lord takes on the heiress of a shipping tycoon. | 8 | 13 |
| 7 | THE SECRETS OF HARRY BRIGHT, by Joseph Wambaugh. (Morrow, \$17.95.) A detective searches for the meaning of his own son's death while investigating a killing in the California desert. | 7 | 7 |
| 8 | THE ACCIDENTAL TOURIST, by Anne Tyler. (Knopf, \$16.95.) Family and female friends impose order of a kind on the errant life of a male travel writer. | 6 | 9 |
| 9 | THE VAMPIRE LESTAT, by Anne Rice. (Knopf, \$17.95.) Ghoulish carryings-on in a tale ranging from ancient Egypt to 18th-century Paris to the 20th-century rock world. | -- | 1 |
| 10 | THE BACHMAN BOOKS, by Stephen King. (New American Library, \$19.95.) Four early novels originally published as the work of Richard Bachman. | -- | 1 |
| 11 | SKELETON CREW, by Stephen King. (Putnam, \$18.95.) Twenty-two contemporary tales of horror. | 10 | 22 |
| 12 | THE TWO MRS. GRENVILLES, by Dominick Dunne. (Crown, \$14.95.) Romance, scandal and murder in New York's high society. | 9 | 14 |
| 13 | WORLD'S FAIR, by E. L. Doctorow. (Random House, \$17.95.) A boy growing up in New York City during the 1930's. | -- | 1 |
| 14 | THE CAT WHO WALKS THROUGH WALLS, by Robert A. Heinlein. (Putnam, $\$ 17.95$.) A comic look at a future in which mankind attempts to control fate and avert disaster. | -- | 1 |
| 15 | THE IMMIGRANT'S DAUGHTER, by Howard Fast. (Houghton Mifflin, \$17.95.) The concluding volume of the Lavelle saga tells of a woman involved in today's politics. | 11 | 7 |

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| 1 | ELVIS AND ME, by Priscilla Beaulieu Presley with Sandra Harmon. (Putnam, $\$ 16.95$.) The legendary rock star as friend, mentor, lover, husband and father of a daughter, by his former wife. | 1 | 9 |
| 2 | YEAGER: An Autobiography, by Chuck Yeager and Leo Janos. (Bantam, \$17.95.) From West Virginia hillbilly to World War II fighter pilot to the first man to fly faster than sound. | 3 | 19 |
| 3 | DANCING IN THE LIGHT, by Shirley MacLaine. (Bantam, \$17.95.) In her 51st year, the entertainer wins an Oscar, survives a stormy romance and has new visions of the past and future. | 2 | 8 |
| 4 | HOUSE, by Tracy Kidder. (Houghton Mifflin, \$17.95.) An account of the construction of a Greek Revival house in Massachusetts. | 6 | 4 |
| 5 | I NEVER PLAYED THE GAME, by Howard Cosell with Peter Bonventre. (Morrow, $\$ 18.95$.) A dour view of the sports world by the broadcaster. | 5 | 5 |
| 6 | IACOCCA: An Autobiography, by Lee lacocca with William Novak. (Bantam, $\$ 19.95$.) The rise of an immigrants' son to top jobs at Ford and Chrysler. | 4 | 55 |
| 7 | ON THE ROAD WITH CHARLES KURALT, by Charles Kuralt. (Putnam, \$16.95.) The television reporter tells of Americans he's encountered. | 7 | 6 |
| 8 | GODDESS, by Anthony Summers. (Macmillan, \$18.95.) The "secret lives" of Marilyn Monroe. | 8 | 7 |
| 9 | FERRARO: My Story, by Geraldine A. Ferraro with Linda Bird Francke. (Bantam, $\$ 17.95$.) The rise of an immigrants' daughter to become the first female VicePresidential nominee of a major party. | 14 | 3 |
| 10 | COMMON GROUND, by J. Anthony Lukas. (Knopf, \$19.95.) How school desegregation affected three Boston families from 1968 to 1978. | 11 | 8 |
| 11 | SMART WOMEN, FOOLISH CHOICES, by Connell Cowan and Melvyn Kinder. (Clarkson N. Potter, \$13.95.) Two clinical psychologists analyze modern women's efforts to find acceptable men. | 12 | 33 |
| 12 | A PASSION FOR EXCELLENCE, by Tom Peters and Nancy Austin. (Random House, \$19.95.) Ways to achieve distinction in management. | 10 | 28 |
| 13 | CHARLES \& DIANA, by Ralph G. Martin. (Putnam, \$18.95.) A gossipy account of the lives of the British royal couple. | -- | 1 |
| 14 | ONLY ONE WOOF, by James Herriot. (St. Martin's, \$9.95.) The true story, profusely illustrated by Peter Barrett, of how a Yorkshire sheepdog found his longlost brother. | -- | 1 |
| 15 | RE-INVENTING THE CORPORATION, by John Naisbitt and Patricia Aburdene. (Warner, \$17.50.) Opportunities in "the new information society." | 13 | 9 |

