

Children's Best Sellers

This Week PICTURE BOOKS

This Week		Last Week	Weeks On List
1	THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS , by Clement C. Moore. Various illustrators. (Various publishers.) Not a creature was stirring: various editions of the classic holiday poem. (All ages)	1	5
2	MERRY CHRISTMAS, CURIOUS GEORGE , by Cathy Hapka. Illustrated by Mary O'Keefe Young. (Houghton Mifflin, \$16.) George decorates the tree at a children's hospital. (Ages 4 to 8)	2	4
3	FANCY NANCY , by Jane O'Connor. Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. (HarperCollins, \$15.99.) A glamour girl takes her family out. (Ages 4 to 7)	5	49
4	OUR 50 STATES , by Lynne Cheney. Illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser. (Simon & Schuster, \$17.95.) A family adventure across America. (All ages)	3	7
5	OWEN AND MZEE , by Isabella and Craig Hatkoff with Paula Kahumbu. Photographs by Peter Greste. (Scholastic, \$16.99.) A baby hippo and a 130-year-old tortoise become friends; a true story. (Ages 4 to 8)		35
6	ON THE NIGHT YOU WERE BORN , written and illustrated by Nancy Tillman. (Feiwel & Friends, \$16.95.) Bears dance, the moon smiles: the entire universe celebrates the birth of a baby. (Ages 5 to 8)	6	2
7	SANTA CLAUS , by Rod Green. Illustrated by Jon Lucas et al. (Atheneum, \$19.95.) A fold-out, lift-the-flap, open-the-envelope almanac of Santa facts. (All ages)	4	4
8	MOMMY? by Maurice Sendak, Arthur Yorinks and Matthew Reinhart. (Michael di Capua/Scholastic, \$24.95.) A boy looks for his mother in a pop-up house of horrors. (All ages)	10	12
9	CHRISTMAS , by Robert Sabuda. (Orchard, \$12.99.) Holiday pop-ups, adapted from Sabuda's "Christmas Alphabet." (All ages)	9	4
10	FLOTSAM , illustrated by David Wiesner. (Clarion, \$17.) The things that wash up on the beach: a story in pictures. (Ages 4 to 7)		8

This Week CHAPTER BOOKS

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1	ELDEST , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, \$21.) Eragon in the land of elves; Book 2 in the Inheritance trilogy. (Ages 12 and up)	1	68
2	ERAGON , by Christopher Paolini. (Knopf, \$18.95.) A boy and a young dragon must navigate a bewildering world of dark powers. (Ages 12 and up)	2	90
3	MIRACLE ON 49TH STREET , by Mike Lupica. (Philomel, \$17.99.) A basketball star meets a 12-year-old girl who says she's his daughter. (Ages 9 to 12)	3	7
4	THE MIRACULOUS JOURNEY OF EDWARD TULANE , by Kate DiCamillo. Illustrated by Bagram Ibatoulline. (Candlewick, \$18.99.) A rabbit made of china learns about love and loss. (Ages 8 to 12)	5	37
5	NEW MOON , by Stephenie Meyer. (Megan Tingley/Little, Brown, \$17.99.) A human and a vampire continue their dangerous love affair; a sequel to "Twilight." (Ages 12 and up)	4	18
6	THE BOOK THIEF , by Markus Zusak. (Knopf, \$16.95.) A girl saves books from Nazi book-burnings and shares them with a Jewish man. (Ages 14 and up)	7	35
7	SPECIALS , by Scott Westerfeld. (Simon Pulse, \$15.95.) In a futuristic world, a girl has been programmed to keep the social order. (Ages 14 and up)		6
8	PETER & THE SHADOW THIEVES , by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson. (Disney, \$18.99.) Peter and Tinker Bell go to London to rescue a friend's mother; a sequel to "Peter and the Starcatchers." (Ages 10 and up)	8	23
9	COOKING ROCKS! 30-MINUTE MEALS FOR KIDS , by Rachael Ray. Illustrated by Chris Kalb. (Lake Isle Press, \$16.95.) Simple recipes for the beginner from the celebrated TV chef. (Ages 4 to 16)	6	11
10	FAIREST , by Gail Carson Levine. (HarperCollins, \$16.99.) A fantasy novel about a plain girl with a beautiful voice who learns that some things are more important than looks. (Ages 8 to 14)		9

Rankings reflect sales, for the week ended December 9, at almost 4,000 bookstores plus wholesalers serving 50,000 other retailers (gift shops, department stores, newsstands, supermarkets), statistically weighted to represent all such outlets nationwide. 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. Expanded rankings are available at The New York Times on the Web: nytimes.com/books.