Behind the Bestsellers MAY 19-25, 2019

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Pressing Concern

Fox News host and syndicated radio personality Mark R. Levin has the #1 book in the country with Unfreedom of the Press, which calls the news media "a profession whose members form a class or aristocracy of strident, pretentious, arrogant, and selfrighteously superior individuals, rarely capable of circumspection or improvement." President Trump is a fan, tweeting, "Word is out that book is GREAT!



& NOTABLE



NO CRUMBS LEFT

Teri Turner #8 Hardcover Nonfiction Sporting an endorsement by Whole30 cofounder Melissa Urban, this cookbook offers guidance on what to eat after

completing the program's initial month.



VEGETABLES UNLEASHED

José Andrés and Matt Goulding #13 Hardcover Nonfiction in the last cookbook from Ecco's Anthony Bourdain imprint, Andrés, a Michelin-starred chef, and Goulding, a James

Beard Award-winning writer, give veggies their due in recipes such as grilled spring onions with black garlic romesco, and Catalan-style spinach.



CARI MORA

Thomas Harris #3 Hardcover Fiction The Silence of the Lambs author's first novel since 2006's Hannibal Rising suffers from "the absence of Harris's usual superior storytelling," our review said, and a

new villain "who doesn't come close to matching Lecter as a memorable monster."

ALL PRINT UNIT SALES PER NPD BOOKSCAN EXCEPT WHERE NOTED

Swan Song

In the run-up to the May 19 airing of the Game of Thrones finale, several editions of George R.R. Martin titles each got a boost. The 2018 prequel Fire &

Blood, up 32% compared with the previous week, climbs two notches to #7 in hardcover fiction. The 2002 trade paperback edition of A Game of Thrones, aka A Song

of Ice and Fire, Book 1, is up 44%; yearto-date sales are better than those for the entirety of 2018. Plus, two boxed sets—one mass market and one leatherbound—are up 68% and 59% respectively.

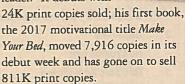


Sea, Worthy

Retired U.S. Navy admiral William H. McRaven has the #8 book in the country with the memoir Sea Stories, in which

he recounts his time as commander of the Special Operations Forces. "McRaven's war stories,"

the life of a wartime leader." It debuts with





RANK	TITLE	AUTHOR	IMPRINT	UNITS
1	Unfreedom of the Press	Mark R. Levin	Threshold	120,679
2	Oh, the Places You'll Go!	Dr. Seuss	Random House	53,889
3	Medical Medium Celery Juice	Anthony William	Hay House	44,850
4	Where the Crawdads Sing	Delia Owens	Putnam	39,628
5	Howard Stern Comes Again	Howard Stern	Simon & Schuster	36,418
6	Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid	Jeff Kinney	Amulet	28,119
7	The Ploneers	David McCullough	Simon & Schuster	25,042
8	Sea Stories	William H. McRaven	Grand Central	23,871
9	The Mueller Report		Scribner	20,443
10	Educated	Tara Westover	Random House	18,596

