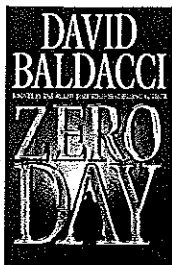


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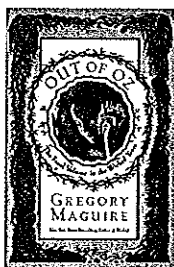
# Hardcover Bestsellers/Fiction

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A big leap for Baldacci—literally. For his latest bestseller, which launches a new series

starring military investigator John Puller, the author traveled to Ft. Benning, Ga. In a Nov. 3 Daily Beast story, Baldacci said he learned a lot about soldiers and officers—“why they joined up and what their life has been like. I also got my butt kicked.” (Turns out he jumped out of a parachute tower.) Back on terra firma, he’s done multi-market TV and radio satellite tours, plus bookstore signings in the southeast, including the Ft. Benning base.



Lions and tigers and bears, oh my! Maguire concludes his Wicked Years series,

which began with 1995’s *Wicked*—still playing in its Broadway musical adaptation, averaging a wicked weekly million at the b.o. Rave reviews from *USA Today* and the *Washington Post* greeted the book’s Nov. 1 pub date, along with an author interview on NPR’s *Here and Now*. On his 15-city tour, cast members of the *Wicked* touring companies are performing at Maguire’s events in the cities where the musical is playing.

November 14, 2011		Last week	Weeks on list
1	<b>Zero Day.</b> David Baldacci. Grand Central, \$27.99 ISBN 978-0-446-57301-6	-	1
2	<b>The Litigators.</b> John Grisham. Doubleday, \$28.95 ISBN 978-0-385-53513-7	1	2
3	<b>Hotel Vendome.</b> Danielle Steel. Delacorte, \$28 ISBN 978-0-385-34317-6	-	1
4	<b>The Best of Me.</b> Nicholas Sparks. Grand Central, \$25.99 ISBN 978-0-446-54765-9	4	4
5	<b>1Q84.</b> Haruki Murakami. Knopf, \$30.50 ISBN 978-1-4516-4311-4	2	2
6	<b>Lost December.</b> Richard Paul Evans. Simon & Schuster, \$19.99 ISBN 978-1-4516-2800-5	-	1
7	<b>The Snow Angel.</b> Glenn Beck. Threshold, \$21 ISBN 978-1-4391-8720-3	3	2
8	<b>The Christmas Wedding.</b> James Patterson & Richard DiLallo. Little, Brown, \$25.99 ISBN 978-0-316-09739-0	5	3
9	<b>Out of Oz.</b> Gregory Maguire. Morrow, \$26.99 ISBN 978-0-06-054894-0	-	1
10	<b>The Marriage Plot.</b> Jeffrey Eugenides. Farrar, Straus & Giroux, \$28 ISBN 978-0-374-20305-4	7	4
11	<b>The Wedding Quilt.</b> Jennifer Chiaverini. Dutton, \$25.95 ISBN 978-0-525-95242-8	-	1
12	<b>Shock Wave.</b> John Sandford. Putnam, \$27.95 ISBN 978-0-399-215769-1	12	5
13	<b>The Affair.</b> Lee Child. Delacorte, \$28 ISBN 978-0-385-34432-6	9	6
14	<b>The Sense of an Ending.</b> Julian Barnes. Knopf, \$23.95 ISBN 978-0-307-95712-2	10	3
15	<b>I Am Half-Sick of Shadows.</b> Alan Bradley. Delacorte, \$23 ISBN 978-0-385-34401-2	-	1

Steel’s Web site offers her take on her newest megaseller (copies in print: 310,000). “It’s a book both men and women can enjoy, about the life and times of a New York hotel, and the man who owns and runs it. He’s the single father of an enchanting little girl, who grows up at the hotel, with all its excitement, mystery, and magic. Hotels and the people who visit them are fascinating, and the behind-the-scenes intrigues even more so!” *Hotel’s* frontispiece lists all 85 of Steel’s titles—the shortest, *Zoya and Star*; the longest, *The House on Hope Street*.



Life imitating art. Like the fictional Sarah McClure in her Elm Creek Quilts novels, Chiaverini learned the traditional art form to make an heirloom quilt for her own nuptials. With 50,000 copies of *Wedding Quilt* in print, Dutton notes stores are getting increasingly creative with promotions for the series. Milwaukee’s Boswell Books partnered with a local bakery to provide wedding cake during one signing, while several fans brought their own wedding quilts to share. Another fan showed up in a wedding gown—we trust she made it to the church on time.



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