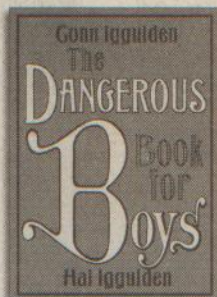


## Book buzz

What's new on the list and in publishing

**Summer hotties:** Summer's over. Fall books are here. So what were the Top 10 books on USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list from June through August? No. 1: *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, followed in order by *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, *The Secret*, *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*, *Lean Mean Thirteen*, *The Dangerous Book for Boys*, *Water for Elephants*, *The Kite Runner*, *Eclipse* and *The Quickie*. The summer's surprise? *The Dangerous Book for Boys*. "I think it touches a nerve with men," says Danielle Marshall of [Powells.com](http://Powells.com) in Portland, Ore. Underperforming: Charles Frazier's second novel, *Thirteen Moons*, in paperback (peaked at No. 95).



**Romancing No. 1:** For the first time, the prolific Debbie Macomber enters the list at No. 1 with her new romance, *74 Seaside Avenue* (Mira, \$7.99, paperback original). It's the seventh in her best-selling Cedar Cove series. The domestic dramas are set in a small Washington town similar to Port Orchard, where Macomber, 58, lives with her husband, Wayne. Macomber is no stranger to USA TODAY's Best-Selling Books list. Seventy-five Macomber titles have appeared since the list began in 1993. Two novels — *A Good Yarn* and *6 Rainier Drive* — have hit No. 3. Told of her No. 1 debut, Macomber said, "Wayne and I might drive around the streets of Port Orchard and say thank you" to celebrate.



**'Crazy' cancer:** On Valentine's Day in 2003, actress Kris Carr was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. The unpronounceable name: epithelioid hemangio-endothelioma — a rare vascular cancer that affects the lining of the blood vessels in her liver and lungs, as she describes it. So rare, there is no cure and no definitive treatment plan, she says. Carr's doctor suggested a "wait and watch" approach to see if the tumors grew. That's when Carr, 36, decided to turn into a "healing junkie" with immune-building nutrition and exercise. And she became as creative as all get-out, producing a documentary, *Crazy Sexy Cancer*, which aired on TLC last week, and a new book, *Crazy Sexy Cancer Tips* (Skirt! Books; just went back to press; total in print: 115,000). Carr is on a book tour (more information at [crazysexycancer.com](http://crazysexycancer.com)). The good news: Her cancer is in a holding pattern. "Cancer needed a makeover," she says, "and I was just the gal to do it."



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