The Reign Continues
YA queen Stephenie Meyer holds on to top spots
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The Stephenie Meyer juggernaut continues. Though the queen of the vampire novel didn't release any new books in 2009, demand was still enormous, fueled by the New Moon film and the DVD release of 2008's Twilight. Combining the various hardcover, paperback, and movie tie-in editions, Meyer sold just under 26.5 million copies of her Twilight saga in 2009. That's a remarkably similar figure to last year's (27.5 million). Add in 912,000 copies sold of her adult novel, The Host, and it looks like Meyer, and Little, Brown, had another very good year.

So did Jeff Kinney, chronicler of all things Wimpy. His two new additions to the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series sold 5.7 million, and his three backlist titles (including a do-it-yourself journal) sold another 3.8 million, for a total of 9.5 million copies.

These days it's all about series, in the numbers game. The many paranormal series continue their reign on bestseller lists, including PC and Kristin Cast's House of Night books (nearly 5.4 million copies sold, in various editions), Alyson Noel's Immortals series (1.6 million), L.J. Smith's The Vampire Diaries (1.6 million) and Night World (1.3 million), and Vampire Academy by Richelle Mead (1.2 million). In other series news, Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson books are still huge, with 3.3 million copies sold, James Patterson sold 3.2 million copies of his various lines for kids, and the multi-authored 39 Clues series sold 1.7 million copies.

But other kinds of titles find their way onto the lists too. There were new novels from Kate DiCamillo (352,000 copies) and Sarah Dessen (231,000 copies), and a Hunger Games sequel from Suzanne Collins (460,000 copies). And a few titles from celebrities could be spotted (Lauren Conrad, 477,000 copies sold; Miley Cyrus, 342,000 copies; Glenn Beck, 322,000 copies), though fewer than in previous years.

Note: the figures that follow were provided by the publishers. They reflect sales in calendar year 2009 for books (minus returns) for books published in 2009. An asterisk denotes a title whose sales figures were provided in confidence, to be used for ranking purposes only.

Children's Hardcover Frontlist

300,000+

2. The Last Straw (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #3). Jeff Kinney. Abrams/Amulet (2,621,952).
4. The Last Olympian (Percy Jackson and the Olympians #5). Rick Riordan. Disney-Hyperion (1,059,566).
15. The Sword Thief (The 39 Clues #3). Peter Lerangis. Scholastic (355,745).
17. Miles to Go. Miley Cyrus. Disney-Hyperion (341,668).

200,000+


150,000+


100,000+

46. The Princess and the Frog. Golden/Disney (147,012).
64. *The Siege of Macindaw (Ranger’s Apprentice #6)*. John Flanagan. Philomel (127,828).
70. *Fallen*. Lauren Kate. Delacorte (120,582).

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**300,000+**

11. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!* Dr. Seuss. Random, 1990 (455,725).
15. One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish. Dr. Seuss. Random, 1960 (409,068).
35. Dr. Seuss's ABC. Dr. Seuss. Random, 1960 (208,359).

200,000+

47. My First Read and Learn Bible. Scholastic/Little Shepherd, 2006 (168,727).

150,000+

61. Farm (Baby Touch and Feel). DK, 2008 (144,990).
64. Happy Birthday to You! Dr. Seuss. Random, 1959 (142,412).
82. Animals (Baby Touch and Feel). DK, 2008 (122,852).
83. Puppies and Kittens (Baby Touch and Feel). DK, 2008 (120,269).
Children's Paperback Frontlist

300,000+

14. All the Lovely Bad Ones. Mary Downing Hahn. HMH/Sandpiper (362,585).

200,000+


150,000+

44. Revelations (Blue Bloods). Melissa de la Cruz. Disney-Hyperion (157,891).

100,000+

62. Toy Story: Meet the Toys! Golden/Disney (120,957).
77. *Dora Saves Crystal Kingdom. Adapted by Molly Reisner, illus. by Dave Aikins. Simon Spotlight.
96. Stink and the Great Guinea Pig Express. Megan McDonald, illus. by Peter H. Reynolds. Candlewick (100,267).

Children's Paperback Backlist
300,000+

1. **New Moon.** Stephenie Meyer. Little, Brown/Tingley, 2008 (4,516,304).
4. **Twilight (mass market media tie-in).** Stephenie Meyer. Little, Brown/Tingley, 2008 (1,252,937).

200,000+

34. **Cars: Race Team.** Random/Disney, 2008 (289,218).
38. **Frostbite (Vampire Academy #2).** Richelle Mead. Razorbill, 2008 (260,257).
45. **Shadow Kiss (Vampire Academy #3).** Richelle Mead. Razorbill, 2008 (231,228).

150,000+

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