

## BESTSELLING NON-FICTION HARDCOVER (BACK) BOOKS IN HISTORY RANKING LIST

TITLE	AUTHOR	NUMBER OF SALES	RANKING
BIBLE	HOLY SPIRIT	6-8 BILLION	1
A COLLECTION OF QUOTATIONS FROM CHINESE CHAIRMAN MAO ZEDONG	MAO	6.5 BILLION	2
QURAN (MUSLIM KORAN)	MOHAMMAD	3 BILLION	3
RED BOOK (QUOTATIONS FROM CHAIRMAN MAO TSETUNG)	CHAIRMAN MAO	800 MILLION	4
THE PATH: Find Fulfillment through prosperity from Japan's Father of Management	KONOSUKE MATUSHITA	520 MILLION	5
XINHUA ZIDIAN CHINESE DICTIONARY		400 MILLION	6
CHAIRMAN MAO'S POEMS	MAO	400 MILLION	6 (TIED)
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER	ANGLICAN CHURCH	300 MILLION	7
COMMUNIST MANIFESTO	KARL MARX	HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS	8
BHAGAVA GITA	UNKNOWN	HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS	(TIED) 8
FOXES' BOOK OF MARTYRS	JOHN FOXE, W. BERRY	150 MILLION	9
BOOK OF MORMON	JOSEPH SMITH	140 MILLION	10
GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS	GUINNESS	123 MILLION (2012) now 138	11
JEHOVAH'S WITNESS: "THE TRUTH THAT LEADS TO ETERNAL LIFE"	WATCHTOWER	107 MILLION	12
THE GREAT CONTROVERSY	ELLEN G. WHITE	100 MILLION	13
THE THREE PRESENTATIONS	JIANG ZEMIN	100 MILLION	(TIED) 13
THE AMERICAN SPELLING BOOK	NOAH WEBSTER	100 MILLION	(TIED) 13
THE WORLD ALMANAC	THE NEW YORK WORLD	80 MILLION	14
THINK AND GROW RICH	NAPOLEAN HILL	70 MILLION	16
LEFT BEHIND	TIM LAHAYE & JERRY JENKINS	63 MILLION*	16
BETTY CROCKER COOK BOOK	BETTY CROCKER	63 MILLION	(TIED) 16
STEPS TO CHRIST	ELLEN G. WHITE	60 MILLION	17
THE MCGUFFEY READERS	WILLIAM MCGUFFEY	60 MILLION	(TIED) 17
MERRIAM-WEBSTER COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY	GEORGE AND CHARLES MERRIAM	55 MILLION	18
YOU CAN HEAL YOURSELF	LOUISE MAY	50 MILLION	19
THE COMMON SENSE BOOK OF BABY AND CHILD CARE	BENJAMIN SPOCK	50 MILLION	19
THE HITE REPORT	SHERE HITE	50 MILLION	(TIED) 19
BETTER HOMES & GARDENS NEW COOK BOOK	BETTER HOMES & GARDEN	38 MILLION	20
LATE GREAT PLANET EARTH	HAL LINDSEY	35 MILLION**	21
PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE	RICK WARREN	32 MILLION (2012)	36 and 48
			TOTAL = 30 TITLES

**CAUTION & CLARIFICATIONS:**

\* This book is Fiction, but because it is based on truth and sound biblical doctrine, but dramatized into a novel. \*\*Paperback (not hardcover). Included in list because of its significance.

**NOTE:** This list is not exhaustive. Not every list contains every book. Some titles rank higher or lower on different lists. But the general consensus and estimated sales are in general agreement. Also, *Imitation of Christ, by Thomas a Kempis* is thought to be the bestselling book after the Bible, but was not listed because estimated sales figures could not be obtained. The Bible is actually not a single book, but 66 books. And long before the printing press it was neither a hardcover or a softcover (paperback), rather scrolls on skins or parchment. Also the Bible is called Nonfiction, but it contains parables that are fiction or allegory. Often publishers no longer exist and/or did not distinguish between hardcover and softcover. And at what point is this even relevant? Most Bibles are called hardcover when they are really soft leather bendable bindings or covers. Another caution. We are at the mercy of what a publisher says regarding a titles book sales. List rankings often combine hardcover and paperback numbers and combine fiction and nonfiction in sales numbers. But it is easy to separate and discern nonfiction titles by the book description. Also, lists aren't always current or updated, so I advise contacting Publisher for current figures. Finally, it might seem strange to see so many false religions on the list as well as false teachers that project themselves as Christians. For example, the Book of Mormon is called Nonfiction, yet it is based on unverifiable races and genealogies, so should be called Fiction. Shouldn't all false teacher's books be called Fiction, unless the book is a documentary on a false teacher? But publishers and libraries made this classification. But none of this should surprise us because wide is the highway to Hell, and narrow is the way to life and few it be that find it.