



Best Sellers!

Harriet Beecher Stowe's landmark novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was not only controversial, but extremely popular as well! It was the second top-selling book in the entire 19th century, trailing only the Bible.

Fast forward to more modern times. Can you GUESS the top ten best-selling children's books or novels of all time? List what books you think make the list and then guess the approximate number of copies that have been sold. Your teacher will reveal the answers after you've made your guesses and estimations.

Hint: None of the top ten books were written by Dr. Seuss as sales records for these books are not available. In addition, different volumes of the same series are included in this list. For example, books from one particular series occupy six of the top ten books!

Book Title	Number of Copies Sold
1.	Apx. 150,000,000
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10.	Apx. 55,000,000

Answers

Book Title	Number of Copies Sold
1. <i>Lord of the Rings</i> ; J.R.R. Tolkein	Apx. 150 million copies sold
2. <i>The Hobbit</i> ; J.R.R. Tolkein	Apx. 142 million copies sold
3. <i>Le Petit Prince</i> ; Antoine de Saint Expurey	Apx. 140 million copies sold
4. <i>Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 107 million copies sold
5. <i>The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe</i> ; C.S. Lewis	Apx. 85 million copies sold
6. <i>Harry Potter and the Half-blood Prince</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 65 million copies sold
7. <i>Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 60 million copies sold
8. <i>Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 55 million copies sold
9. <i>Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 55 million copies sold
10. <i>Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix</i> ; J.K. Rowling	Apx. 55 million copies sold

Also of note:

Charlotte's Web by E.B. White is ranked twelfth with apx. 50 million copies sold

The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter is ranked thirteenth with apx. 45 million copies sold

The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle is ranked fourteenth with apx. 30 million copies sold.

The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is ranked fifteenth with apx. 21 million copies sold.

SOURCE: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_best-selling_books

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