

# Best Sellers

The Best Sellers List was a really fun one to write. After selecting the topics, I wrote a short paragraph about that topic that resembled a book review. Next, I invented an interesting book title that reflected the main idea. The fun part was to create names for the authors that, when read aloud, sounded like a phrase that added humor to each book review. I remember lying awake at night trying to come up with a catchy phrase that sounded like a name. My daughter-in-law, Jen, came up with my favorite name: The author of the book about the never-ending Corvette restoration project was Carl B. Dunsoon. (Car'll be done soon.)

## STEP 1. GENERATE YOUR OWN LIST OF TOPICS TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR LETTER.

FAMILY MEMBERS,  
FRIENDS OR PETS

EVENTS, TRAVELS, HUMOROUS SITUATIONS, CHANGES,  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ACTIVITIES

## STEP 2. YOUR THEME IS "BEST SELLERS."

## STEP 3. WEAVE TOPICS INTO THE THEME.

*Brainstorm phrases that could be made into names for each topic.*



## Christmas 1996

### Christmas Greetings from the Colbrunns!

We figured that by now you've grown tired of playing the Trivia Game that we sent you last Christmas and that you should be all ready to curl up with a nice book. We have some great recommendations from the 1996 Best Sellers List. So take your choice!

12. **Housebreaking Your New Puppy** by Willy Gough. A concise guide for teaching Daisy, a new Bichon Frise (little white curly dog), to mind her manners at home and away.
11. **Restoring Old Corvettes** by Carl B. Dunsoon. This unique guide describes how you can quit your job, hire lawn service, and work like a slave to complete what's suppose to be a fun, leisurely pastime. Maybe next year??
10. **Long Distance Love** by Minnie Myles Aweigh. This touching love story is about a guy named Robb who made up a song as a way of asking Joni to marry him. The heartbreak begins when he has to leave her in Grove City, Pennsylvania, after he graduates and goes to work as a mechanical engineer for Michigan Scientific in Milford, Michigan. Each week he longs to be with her, but there are drums to be played at the Sunday church service, CDs to record, a marching band to coach and tests for Joni to study for. We won't tell you the ending, but they're getting married next June.
9. **Silly Sisters in Canada** by Olive D. Gals. This thrilling adventure follows Janet, Arlene and Patty and their spiffy spouses on their first vacation together. They lived life on the edge of Niagara Falls and ventured into the depths of Toronto to take in a play, sightsee and shop. The real survivors were Donn, Jack and Phil who had to put up with the reminiscing and giggling. No violence in this one.
8. **Dry Land Vacations Made Easy** by Ida Rather, Bea Sayling. This vacation guide introduces the ultimate compromise for families which are too large to live on a sailboat. Renting a cottage on Traverse Bay and a Catalina 27 allows everyone including, Grandma, Tim, Jen's family, Joni and the Wagners to get in on the action on the water and off. The new girls in the family all passed the tests for sail-ability and late-night game-playing. Other very dry land vacations include seeing the Thompsons and Goodwins in Arizona, the Biggers in Tennessee and the Hawleys in Illinois.
7. **Reach Out and Touch Someone** by Colin Homalot and Hope E. Mayle. The heroine of this tale is named Christy. No matter where she is, some of her dear friends or family members are far away. The plot thickens as she tries to keep all informed about her life. Most of the time, she is studying psychology and business at Hope College but she ventures away for retreats with groups like Fellowship of Christian Students, Alcohol Issues Matter, Lighthouse Bible Study Leaders, and the college yearbook. Even when she worked at Boaters World this summer, she had to get away to visit her roommate in Wisconsin.



6. **The Phenomenon Of Reoccurring Appendicitis** by Dr. Belle E. Button. This is a scientific analysis of the underlying factors that cause three members of the same family to have their appendix removed in approximate five-year intervals. The case study includes Jonn, Jan and Robb (this year) and considers genetics, diet, environment and contagious factors. After a thorough investigation the scientists reached the same conclusion: coincidence. Regardless, Christy and Donn have committed to avoid long wilderness trips for at least five years.
5. **Looking Up** by Barry Short and Seymour Nosehair. This upbeat motivational guide follows the life of a guy named Tim. After working long hours as a store manager, Tim finds a new job as a marketing manager which uses his retail skills, has reasonable hours and great potential for advancement. He combined full time work with school for many years and is only a thesis paper away from his bachelor's degree. Things are definitely looking up!
4. **Recipes for Low Fat Computing** by Ima Ontheweb. This book tells you how to update your ware (hard, soft, flat or dinner) on a budget. First you shop around for a long time at computer shows for parts and pieces, because you don't want to make your mind up too soon or you might miss a bargain. Take one outdated computer, remove cards, motherboard and CPU in that order. Add a Pentium motherboard and 150MHz CPU, blend well. Stir in a new video card and 28.8 Modem. Bake well. Top with one of those free on-line discs. If you have any questions for chefs Robb and Donn, check with [djcolbrunn@aol.com](mailto:djcolbrunn@aol.com). Send us your address, too. Enjoy!
3. **Recognizing Your Friends at the 35th Class Reunion** by Hugh Gotta, Bea Kidding. The trick is to study the nametag while smiling about how they haven't changed a bit. The problem arises when only 75 show up out of a class of 600, most of whom you never knew anyway. Thank goodness for seeing Carol, Pat and Nancy who haven't changed a bit — really! The other recommendation is to take line dancing lessons so you can do the electric slide with the old people there.
2. **Going to the Chapel** by Mary and Will Bethere. This book will keep you in stitches as you follow Jonn and Jen around the country going to one wedding after another. They were the first among their friends to get engaged and married. Since that time, they have been to at least 8 weddings including those who vowed never to wed. It's a good thing for good steady jobs to maintain this addiction. Their other addictions include computers and playing fetch with Sneaker. Yes, Sneaker is a cat!
1. **The Bible inspired by God.** Still top on the Best Sellers List, this inspirational book explains the reason for the season: The birth of Jesus Christ, God's gift of love for the world! May you all enjoy a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.