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■ LOS ANGELES TIMES LIST FOR AUG. 14, 2005

SO.CAL. RATING	Nonfiction	LAST WEEK	WEEKS ON LIST
1.	1776 by David McCullough (Simon & Schuster: \$32) The historian looks at how the American forces took on the world's greatest military power in the Revolution's first battles.	2	9
2.	Freakonomics by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (William Morrow: \$25.95) An economist deconstructs statistics and uses numbers to help explain human behavior.	4	15
3.	The World Is Flat by Thomas L. Friedman (Farrar, Straus & Giroux: \$27.50) How technology and the forces of globalization are connecting — and changing — the world.	3	16
4.	Blink by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown: \$25.95) Gladwell explores why decisions are so often made in an instant and whether we can really trust those first instincts.	1	29
5.	Natural Cures "They" Don't Want You to Know About by Kevin Trudeau (Alliance Publishing: \$29.95) The infomercial mogul touts alternative therapies and supplements.	6	6
6.	New Rules: Polite Musings From a Timid Observer by Bill Maher (Rodale Books: \$24.95) The political satirist brings his irreverent and acerbic humor to the written page.	14	2
7.	100 People Who Are Screwing Up America by Bernard Goldberg (HarperCollins: \$25.95) The author of "Arrogance" indicts celebrity activists and liberal politicians.	5	4
8.	Encyclopedia Prehistorica: Dinosaurs by Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart (Candlewick: \$26) An intricate pop-up book on those all-time favorite prehistoric critters.	—	1
9.	My Friend Leonard by James Frey (Penguin: \$24.95) The former cocaine addict's sequel to "A Million Little Pieces" celebrates the mobster who helped him turn his life around.	—	5
10.	The Purpose-Driven Life by Rick Warren (Zondervan: \$19.99) How the "God-ordained" principles of worship, community, discipleship, ministry and evangelism bring fulfillment.	—	116
11.	The Biology of Belief by Bruce H. Lipton (Mountain of Love: \$25) A research scientist contends that genes do not control our biology, but rather that DNA can be controlled by our thoughts.	—	1
12.	The Perricone Promise by Nicholas Perricone (Warner: \$27.95) A physician advises how to look and feel younger in 28 days through diet, supplements and skin products.	—	6
13.	You: The Owner's Manual by Michael	13	13

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