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The Stephen King Daily Reader

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Second Edition

# January Happenings

## January 1

### 1 January 1962

George Amberson's second timeline: 2703 Mercedes Street was vacant. George installed a surveillance lamp in the combination living room-kitchen. [11/22/63]

### 1 January 1974

Barton Dawes tripped on a mescaline pill he had taken before he went to Wally Hamner's New Year's Eve party. Phil Drake drove him home. [*Roadwork*]

Joyland owner Bradley Easterbrook died in his condo on John Ringling Boulevard in Sarasota, FL. [*Joyland*]

### 1 January 1975

Norm Lawson and Charlie Norton found Carol Dunbarger's body near Strimmer's Brook. [*The Dead Zone*]

### 1 January 1979, Monday, early a.m.

Arnie Cunningham drove Dennis Guilder home after seeing in the New Year. Dennis saw Roland LeBay's corpse driving. In the rearview mirror, he saw the corpses of Rita LeBay, Veronica LeBay, Buddy Repperton, and Richie Trelawney. The town and his development looked as they had in 1959. [*Christine*]

### 1 January 1983, 12:01 a.m.

Billy Halleck quit smoking but started gaining weight faster. [*Thinner*]

### 1 January 1984

*Pet Sematary* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

### 1 January 1995

*Insomnia* rose to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh week on the List.

### 1 January 1999

Stephen King had a nightmare about Baby Mordred and 6/19/99 O Discordia. [*The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*]

**1 January 2007, afternoon**

Edgar Freemantle woke up from a nap where he had dreamed of the perfect orange shell to paint in a Mexican sunset. He walked far down the beach and found a suitable shell. Without realizing it, he had walked farther than he had before. He saw a man—Wireman—wave from a beach chair. Edgar waved back as he turned to go home. This began his Great Beach Walks. Each day, he walked longer and farther than the day before. [*Duma Key*]

**1 January 2012**

*11/22/63* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

**1 January ≥2018**

Scott Carey asked Mike Badalamente to take Bill D. Cat while Scott visited his [fictional] Aunt Harriet in California a few weeks later. [*Elevation*]

## January 2

### 2 January 1972

Rita Billings's mother was in a car accident. ["The Boogeyman"]

### 2 January 1977

Charlene MacKenzie and Herb Smith married at the Southwest Bend Congregational Church. Hector Markstone (her dad) and the Hazletts—Denny, Sarah, and Walter—attended. Johnny Smith was the best man. They honeymooned in Miami Beach and planned to live on a twenty-acre farm in Biddeford, ME. [*The Dead Zone*]

### 2 January 1979

The Rocky Mountain *News* mentioned Ralph Dugan's marriage to Annie Wilkes. A year and a half later, he divorced her because of mental cruelty. [*Misery*]

### 2 January 1983

*Different Seasons* rose to number 8 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-second week on the List.

### 2 January 1994

Lois Chasse and Ralph Roberts married. Harold Chasse gave his mother away. Many Harris Avenue Old Crocks were there. [*Insomnia*]

*Nightmares & Dreamscapes* dropped to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 2 January 1999

Stephen and Owen King spent the night at Hyatt Harborside in Boston. [*The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*]

### 2 January 2000

*Hearts in Atlantis* rose to number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 2 January 2009

*The Stand: Captain Trips* #4 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

Stephen King started *11/22/63* in Sarasota, FL.

### 2 January 2011

*Full Dark, No Stars* rose to number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

## January 3

### 3 January 1979, 10:00 a.m.

Elton Curry helped the limping Johnny Smith on the Amtrak train in Phoenix. The train left at 10:30. [*The Dead Zone*]

### 3 January 1982

*Cujo* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-first week on the List.

### 3 January 1988

After two weeks off, *Misery* re-entered *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List at number 14, its twenty-ninth week on the List.

*The Tommyknockers* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

### 3 January 1993

*Gerald's Game* stayed at number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-fifth week on the List.

*Dolores Claiborne* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifth week on the List.

### 3 January 1999

Stephen and Owen King left for Florida. Steve and Tabby considered buying a home there. [*The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*]

*Bag of Bones* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 3 January 2010

*Under the Dome* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

### 3 January 2016

*The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

## January 4

### 4 January 1946

William Robert Shearman was born. He grew up in Harwich, CT. [“Blind Willie” (*Hearts in Atlantis*)]

### 4 January 1976

A front-page Portland *Press-Herald* article reported an overnight accident, where Mr. Gordon Phillips’s car struck a Central Maine Power utility pole. Blood was found at the scene. A search of the area didn’t find Mr. Phillips or his family. [*Salem’s Lot*]

### 4 January 1981

Carlos Detweiller sent a query letter for *True Tales of Demon Infestations* to Zenith House, Publishers. The manuscript included the following sections: “The World of the Aether,” “The World of the Living Dead,” “The World of Spells,” and “The World of Voodoo.” [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

*Firestarter* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twentieth week on the List.

### 4 January 1982

Afterword to *Different Seasons*

### 4 January 1987

*IT* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, *IT*’s seventeenth week on the List.

### 4 January 1991

Peter Goldsmith-Redman was born—six pounds, nine ounces—by caesarean section. He looked like Jess Rider, his biological father. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 4 January 2004

*The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla* (as *The Dark Tower: Volumes 1–5*) stayed at number 5 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

### 4 January 2009

*Just After Sunset* stayed at number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

### 4 January 2015



*Revival* rose to number 2 *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

## January 5

### 5 January 1946

Gatlin, NE, resident Yemen Hollis was born Edward Hollis. ["Children of the Corn"]

### 5 January 1965, dusk

Yemen Hollis was sacrificed to He Who Walks Behind the Rows. ["Children of the Corn"]

### 5 January 1974

The Dankmans were scheduled to move. Route 784 was going to go through their street, Crestallen Street West. [*Roadwork*]

### 5 January 1979

A postcard from Richard McCandless gave George LeBay's address. Dennis Guilder got LeBay's phone number from Paradise Falls, OH, information.

night: Christine and the dead Roland LeBay chased Pennsylvania State Police Detective Rudy Junkins at more than 120 MPH. They battered and ran his car off the road near Blairsville, killing him, their seventh victim. [*Christine*]

### 5 January 1986

*Skeleton Crew* rose to number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-ninth week on the List.

### 5 January 1992

*Needful Things* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 5 January 1997

*Desperation* rose to number 5 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

Richard Bachman's *The Regulators* rose to number 12 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 5 January 2003

*From a Buick 8* rose to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

### 5 January 2014

*Joyland* dropped to number 13 on *The New York Times* Paperback Trade Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-second and last week on the List.

*Doctor Sleep* stayed at number 5 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

## January 6

### 6 January 1974

Marjorie Duvall, Beadie's last victim, was born. ["A Good Marriage"]

### 6 January 1979, Saturday

Johnny Smith arrived at New York's Grand Central Station. Taxi driver George Clements drove him to the Port Authority Terminal, where Johnny got a Greyhound bus to Portsmouth, NH. That evening, he checked in to the Portsmouth Holiday Inn. [*The Dead Zone*]

"DARNELL INVESTIGATOR MURDERED NEAR BLAIRSVILLE" appeared in the Libertyville *Keystone*. The caption under a picture of his wrecked car read, "DEATH CAR." Library research confirmed Rudy Junkins had investigated the murders of Christine's victims. That night, Dennis Guilder called George LeBay, who told him the darker side of Roland LeBay's past. This confirmed Guilder's suspicions that the dead Roland LeBay and Christine were killing. He decided to destroy Christine. [*Christine*]

### 6 January 1980

*The Dead Zone* stayed at number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighteenth week on the List.

### 6 January 1985

*The Talisman* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh week on the List.

### 6 January 1991

Two-day-old Peter Goldsmith-Redman had Captain Trips. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition* stayed at number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirty-second week on the List.

*Four Past Midnight* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventeenth week on the List.

### 6 January 2002

*Black House* rose to number 7 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 6 January 2019

*Elevation* rose to number 7 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

## January 7

### 7 January 1974, 10:15 a.m.

Philip T. Fenner gave Barton Dawes relocation form 6983-73-73. The city felt Dawes was planning a public display on the 20th, the day the Crestallen Street West demolition for the Route 784 extension was to begin. Fenner offered an extra \$5,000 and to keep Olivia Brenner's living with him private if he completed the form. He agreed. (They knew Olivia had spent a night with him because they had bugged his house.) [*Roadwork*]

### 7 January 1984

Maura Dunbarton killed her husband, two children, and Slugger, their dog. Sentenced to life, she became inmate #4028200-1 at Dooling Correctional Facility for Women. [*Sleeping Beauties*]

### 7 January 1990

*The Dark Half* rose to number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

### 7 January 1991

Tom Cullen, Kojak, and Stu Redman spent the night in Golden, CO, twenty miles from the Free Zone. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 7 January 1996

After fourteen weeks off, *Rose Madder* entered *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List at number 14, its fourteenth and last week on the List.

### 7 January 2001

*On Writing* stayed at number 11 on *The New York Times* Non-Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 7 January 2007

*Lisey's Story* rose to number 8 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

### 7 January 2018

*Sleeping Beauties* rose to number 9 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

## January 8

### 8 January 1948

“AIR FORCE CAPTAIN KILLED CHASING UFO; Mantell’s Final Transmission: ‘Metallic, Tremendous in Size;’ Air Force Mum” appeared in the Kentucky *Courier Journal*. [*Dreamcatcher*]

### 8 January 1974

Barton Dawes visited Sal Magliore, who sent two men in a Ray’s TV Sales and Service van to clean bugs from Barton’s house. They found listening devices in his bedroom, dining room, and two phones. Dawes asked Magliore for explosives. [*Roadwork*]

### 8 January 1979, Monday

Libertyville High School’s first day of classes after the Christmas break [*Christine*]

### 8 January 1984

*Pet Sematary* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

### 8 January 1991, ~1:00 p.m.

Tom Cullen, Kojak, and Stu Redman walked when their snowmobile ran out of gas. Excited about almost being home, they had forgotten to fill its tank. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 8 January 1995

*Insomnia* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 8 January 2012

11/22/63 stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

## January 9

### 9 January 1974

Barton Dawes filled out the relocation form for his house and received a cashier's check for \$68,500. He deposited half in the checking account and took the rest in cash. [*Roadwork*]

### 9 January 1983

*Different Seasons* stayed at number 8 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-third week on the List.

### 9 January 1991

Peter Goldsmith-Redman began recovering from Captain Trips because of his inherited half-immunity. Fran Goldsmith, his mother, was immune; Jess Rider, his father, wasn't.

Lucy Swann was four months pregnant.

~8:20 p.m.: Billy Gehringer, a Free Zone sentry, spotted Tom Cullen, Kojak, and Stu Redman in the center of town. Stu quit smoking. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 9 January 1994

*Nightmares & Dreamscapes* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 9 January 2000

*Hearts in Atlantis* stayed at number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

### 9 January 2002

[Ridley Pearson's] *The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*, edited by Joyce Reardon, Ph.D. (Hyperion, \$22.95) published with a first printing of 200,000 copies

### 9 January 2011

*Full Dark, No Stars* rose to number 5 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

### 9 January 2013

*The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—Sheemie's Tale* #1 of 2 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

## January 10

### ~10 January 1965

Paul Landon had the bad-gunk so bad, cutting him wouldn't let it out; he was dangerous. For three weeks, his father and brother had kept him chained in the basement. They tried drugging him so Scott Landon could take him to Boo'ya Moon to cure him. The first two tries didn't work, perhaps because Paul wasn't awake. Scott suggested drugging him enough to subdue him, but not knock him out—big mistake. Paul opened his mouth wide enough to encompass Scott's head. Before Paul could kill Scott, their father grabbed Paul's hair, pulled his head back, and shot him under the chin with a .30-06 deer rifle. With the bad-gunk gone, Scott had no trouble taking him to Boo'ya Moon to bury him. [*Lisey's Story*]

### 10 January 1978

Jerry, Janey, and Francie Lumley were going to visit Janey's sister in Cumberland, ME. In a blizzard, their car went off the road near Jerusalem's Lot, about six miles south of Tookey's Bar. While Jerry walked to the bar for help, vampires bit his wife and daughter. He returned with Booth and Tookey to find his car empty. Janey bit him. Tookey threw a Bible at Francie when she was about to bite Booth, whom she had under her spell. ["One For the Road"]

### 10 January 1982

*Cujo* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-second week on the List.

### 10 January 1988

*Misery* rose to number 13 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirtieth and last week on the List.

*The Tommyknockers* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

### 10 January 1993

*Gerald's Game* rose to number 7 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-sixth week on the List.

*Dolores Claiborne* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixth week on the List.

### 10 January 1999

*Bag of Bones* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 10 January 2010



*Under the Dome* stayed at number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

**10 January 2016**

*The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* dropped to number 6 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

## January 11

### 11 January 1974

Sal Magliore agreed to sell explosives to Barton Dawes for \$9,000. [*Roadwork*]

### 11 January 1979

At his trial for raping and assaulting Miss Cora Ann Hooper, Morris Bellamy pleaded guilty, blamed the Jack Daniels, and threw himself at the mercy of the court. The judge sentenced him to life in Waynesville State Prison. [*Finders Keepers*]

### 11 January 1981

*Firestarter* stayed at number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-first week on the List.

### 11 January 1987

*IT* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, *IT*'s eighteenth week on the List.

### 11 January 1991

Stu Redman's leg was rebroken and set properly. His cast came off three months later. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 11 January 2004

*The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla* (as *The Dark Tower: Volumes 1–5*) stayed at number 5 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

### 11 January 2009

*Just After Sunset* stayed at number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

### 11 January 2012

*The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Way Station* #2 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

*The Stand: Night Has Come* #6 of 6 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

### 11 January 2015

*Revival* dropped to number 4 *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

**11 January 2017**

*The Dark Tower: The Drawing of the Three—The Sailor* #4 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

## January 12

### 12 January 1974

Alan and Ray, two of Sal Magliore's men, met Barton Dawes at the Revel Lanes Bowladrome. As they bowled, they told Dawes about the explosives he would get. Later, they made the explosives-\$9,000 exchange behind the Town Line Tavern. [*Roadwork*]

### 12 January 1975

Johnny Smith spoke in his coma. [*The Dead Zone*]

### 12 January 1986

*Skeleton Crew* stayed at number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirtieth week on the List.

### 12 January 1992

*Needful Things* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 12 January 1997

*Desperation* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

Richard Bachman's *The Regulators* rose to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth and last week on the List.

### 12 January 2003

*From a Buick 8* dropped to number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh and last week on the List.

### 12 January 2011

*The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger—The Little Sisters of Eluria* #2 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

### 12 January 2014

*Doctor Sleep* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

## January 13

### 13 January 1974

Barton Dawes gave Phil Drake \$5,000 for the Drop Down Mamma Coffeehouse. [*Roadwork*]

### 13 January 1980

*The Dead Zone* rose to number 7 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its nineteenth week on the List.

### 13 January 1985

*The Talisman* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 13 January 1991

*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition* rose to number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirty-third week on the List.

*Four Past Midnight* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighteenth week on the List.

### 13 January 2002

*Black House* dropped to number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth and last week on the List.

### 13 January 2010

*The Talisman: The Road of Trials* #3 of 6 (Del Rey Comics, \$3.99) published

### 13 January 2019

*Elevation* stayed at number 7 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

## January 14

### 14 January 1921

Cora Leonard Newall gave birth to a girl without arms but with fingers growing from an eye socket. The girl died six hours later. Her tombstone in Gates Falls, ME, read, "GOD GRANT SHE LIE STILL." ["It Grows on You"]

### 14 January 1976

Red ended his story about Andy Dufresne with Andy's escape. ["Rita Hayworth and Shawshank Redemption"]

### 14 January 1982

The Boulder *Camera* reported that Annie Wilkes became Head Maternity Ward Nurse at Boulder Hospital. [*Misery*]

Mother Abigail received a letter from President Reagan, congratulating her for reaching her 100th year. Four Republicans were older. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 14 January 1990

*The Dark Half* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh week on the List.

### 14 January 2001

*On Writing* rose to number 10 on *The New York Times* Non-Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 14 January 2006

*Sword in the Darkness*, Chapter 71, Part 1, appeared in *The Weekend Australian*.

### 14 January 2007

*Lisey's Story* dropped to number 14 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth and last week on the List.

### 14 January 2018

*Sleeping Beauties* dropped to number 12 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth and last week on the List.

## January 15

### 15 January 1909

Ellen and John Rimbauer moved into their new home. They hosted a Grand Opening party, which became an Annual Inaugural Ball. More than 250 guests, including a famous baseball player, the mayor of Seattle, Tanner Longford, Jeanine Sabino, Marjorie Savoy, Bradley Webster, and a senator, attended. Dinner, with beef from Chicago and Kansas City, chocolate from Switzerland, fresh fish, pork from Nebraska, and tea from England, was served in six rooms. Grand Ballroom dancing followed. They had Cuban cigars, French champagne, and wine from abroad.

Adam Rimbauer was conceived. [*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*]

### 15 January 1910, Second Annual Inaugural Ball

Ellen Rimbauer wore the same white gown she had worn the year before. The Rimbauers had about 400 guests. [*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*]

### 15 January 1916, Annual Inaugural Ball

Charlie Chaplin and Elizabeth Paige, a famous opera singer, attended. [*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*]

### 15 January 1946, Annual Inaugural Ball

Deanna Petrie, a great film actress, disappeared at Rose Red. [*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*]

### 15 January 1974

Barton Dawes gave Sal Magliore \$15,000 to invest with the dividends going to Olivia Brenner. Another \$3,000 was for Magliore to find Brenner and set up her trust fund. [*Roadwork*]

### 15 January 1981

Apex Corporation's chief comptroller Harlow Enders implied to Roger Wade that Zenith House had a year to improve their sales or Zenith House may be sold. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

### 15 January 1984

*Pet Sematary* rose to number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh week on the List.

### 15 January 1995

*Insomnia* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

**15 January 2012**

*11/22/63* dropped to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.



## January 16

### 16 January 1882

John and Rebecca Freemantle's last child, Abigail, was born in Hemingford Home, NE. For more than a hundred years, she lived there all except the last six weeks of her life. She far outlived her husbands—Nate Brooks, Henry Hardesty, and David Trotts. She was best known as Mother Abigail. [*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition*]

### 16 January 1909

John Rimbauer left a rose on Ellen Rimbauer's pillow. When she told Sukeena its color was rose red, she knew the name of the new grand house would be Rose Red. Sukeena guaranteed Ellen would be pregnant from the previous night's lovemaking. She also warned Ellen to stay out of the Billiard Room because she had seen Indian spirits there. [*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red*]

### 16 January 1974

Barton Dawes sent the checkbook, representing half the money from the house, to his wife. [*Roadwork*]

### 16 January 1981

Zenith House editor John Kenton asked Carlos Detweiller for a synopsis and the first three chapters of *True Tales of Demon Infestations*. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

### 16 January 1983

*Different Seasons* dropped to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-fourth week on the List.

### 16 January 1994

*Nightmares & Dreamscapes* stayed at number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 16 January 2000

*Hearts in Atlantis* dropped to number 16 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixteenth and last week on the List.

### 16 January 2004

Eleanor Druse's [Richard Dooling's] *The Journals of Eleanor Druse: My Investigation of the Kingdom Hospital Incident* (Kingswell, \$22.95) published

### 16 January 2011

*Full Dark, No Stars* dropped to number 12 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth and last week on the List.

## January 17

### 17 January 1974

Mary Dawes received \$34,250 from Barton Dawes—her half of the proceeds from their house. She called to talk about divorce. [*Roadwork*]

### 17 January 1982

*Cujo* stayed at number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-third week on the List.

### 17 January 1988

*The Tommyknockers* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List and eighth week at number 1.

### 17 January 1993

*Gerald's Game* dropped to number 14 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-seventh week on the List.

*Dolores Claiborne* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventh week on the List.

### 17 January 1999

*Bag of Bones* dropped to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

### 17 January 2010

*Under the Dome* dropped to number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

### 17 January 2016

*The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* rose to number 5 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

## January 18

### 18 January 1974

Barton Dawes hadn't secured the Waterford relocation site. Steve Ordner told him The Blue Ribbon Laundry's corporate owners decided not to continue the industrial laundry service. They kept the Laundromats but changed their names to Handi-Wash. [*Roadwork*]

### 18 January 1979, Thursday

Leigh Cabot and Dennis Guilder ate Kentucky Fried Chicken. In the parking lot, they discussed ways of destroying Christine, whose murder toll stood at seven. Arnie Cunningham/Roland LeBay threatened them, and then LeBay's corpse sped away. Dennis and Leigh thought LeBay and Christine would go after them next. [*Christine*]

### 18 January 1981

*Firestarter* rose to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-second week on the List.

### 18 January 1993

A Grayson, KY, high school senior shot and killed his English teacher and the school custodian; he held the class hostage for twenty minutes. The C his English teacher gave him for his essay on *Rage* set him off.

### 18 January 1987

*IT* dropped to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, *IT*'s nineteenth week on the List.

### 18 January 2004

*The Dark Tower V: Wolves of the Calla* (as *The Dark Tower: Volumes 1–5*) dropped to number 7 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth and last week on the List.

### 18 January 2009

*Just After Sunset* dropped to number 12 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth and last week on the List.

### 18 January 2015

*Revival* dropped to number 6 *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

## January 19

### 19 January 1977

George Staub was born. [*Riding the Bullet*]

### 19 January 1979

Christine and the dead Roland LeBay enticed Michael Cunningham, their eighth victim, inside Christine, where they killed him with her exhaust. The newspapers reported he slipped on the ice and the car rolled on top of him.

In the school's parking lot before school, Dennis Guilder persuaded LeBay, in Arnie Cunningham, to meet him later that night at Darnell's Garage with Christine. At the Garage, Leigh Cabot and Dennis used Petunia, Johnny Pomberton's large GM septic-system tanker truck, to batter Christine into a pile of scrap.

Arnie Cunningham and his mother, Regina, drove toward Penn State to talk with the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. As Christine battled Petunia, LeBay struggled with Arnie and his mother. Traveling about 45 MPH in light snow, they crossed the Pennsylvania Turnpike's median and ran head-on into a truck. The car exploded. The truck driver suffered a broken arm and said there were three people in the car. Police found only two bodies.

Aftermath: Dennis had overstrained his leg while trying to open the stuck door to Darnell's Garage. Dr. Arroway treated him in the hospital. Rick Mercer supervised a two-man crew put Christine in Will Darnell's crusher; she came out a 2' x 2' x 2' cube. She bit a crewman; he needed stitches. About three years later, she and LeBay killed Sander Galton at a Los Angeles drive-in movie theater. [*Christine*]

### 19 January 1986

*Skeleton Crew* dropped to number 12 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirty-first week on the List.

### 19 January 1990

A final five hours finished *The Waste Lands*. A voice in Stephen King's head told him to stop; he ended with a cliffhanger. The 800 pages-plus manuscript needed few edits. [*The Dark Tower VI: Song of Susannah*]

### 19 January 1992

*Needful Things* dropped to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 19 January 1997

*Desperation* dropped to number 16 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth and last week on the List.

**19 January 1999**

Dick Hallorann died of a heart attack. He was eighty-one. [*Doctor Sleep*]

**19 January 2014**

*Doctor Sleep* dropped to number 6 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

## January 20

### 20 January 1973

A Route 784 extension was going to go through Crestallen Street West. Hank Albert, the Arlins, the Dankmans, the Darbys, the Daweses, the Hobarts, the Langs, the Quinns, the Stauffers, and the Upslingers were told they had one year to move. Albert moved to Waterford. When they filed a relocation form, the Dawses would receive a check for \$63,500, based on their tax assessment. The Hobarts moved the following November. The Langs moved to Minnesota after a job transfer. By December 6, the Upslingers had moved to Iowa. [*Roadwork*]

There were no *New York Times* articles for this date in Ur 4,121,989. 19 November 1962 was the last archive date in that Ur. ["Ur"]

### 20 January 1974

The deadline for Barton Dawes to evacuate his house arrived. Early in the morning, he spread explosives throughout his house and garage. Later, he started a shootout with sixteen police officers; one was shot in the arm, Dawes in the right leg. Dave Albert, WHLM, Channel 9, News interviewer, worked his way to Barton Dawes's house; Dawes let him in. Later, Dawes threw out his guns, but detonated the explosives, killing himself. WHLM won a Pulitzer Prize for their "Dawes' Last Stand" coverage and their "Roadwork" documentary. [*Roadwork*]

### 20 January 1979, Saturday

Greg Stillson held a feedback meeting in Coorter's Notch, NH. [*The Dead Zone*]

### 20 January 1980

*The Dead Zone* dropped to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twentieth week on the List.

### 20 January 1985

*The Talisman* dropped to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 20 January 1991

*The Stand: The Complete & Uncut Edition* dropped to number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirty-fourth week on the List.

*Four Past Midnight* dropped to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its nineteenth week on the List.

### 20 January 2016

*The Dark Tower: The Drawing of the Three—Lady of Shadows* #5 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

**20 January 2019**

*Elevation* dropped to number 14 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth and last week on the List.



## January 21

### 21 January 1979, Sunday

Rick Mercer talked with Dennis Guilder in the hospital. Because Rick was a close friend of Rudy Junkins, Dennis told him the whole Christine/Arnie Cunningham/Roland LeBay story for two hours, off-the-record. [*Christine*]

*The Stand* entered *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List at number 15. It was on the List for two weeks.

### 21 January 1981

In response to John Kenton's request, Carlos Detweiler sent a letter saying he'd send the entire *True Tales of Demon Infestations* manuscript soon. He wrote that, without his body leaving home, he had joined covens in Flagstaff, AZ, Fall River, MA, and Omaha, NE. [*The Plant* Book One: *Zenith Rising*]

### 21 January 1990

*The Dark Half* dropped to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 21 January 2001

*On Writing* dropped to number 11 on *The New York Times* Non-Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 21 January 2006

*Sword in the Darkness*, Chapter 71, Part 2, appeared in *The Weekend Australian*.

### 21 January 2009

In Ur 1,000,000, *The New York Times* reported that Hillary Clinton succeeded Albert Arnold Gore as 44th President of the United States. ["Ur"]

## January 22

### 22 January 1981

Carlos Detweiler sent human-sacrifice photographs and the *True Tales of Demon Infestations* manuscript to John Kenton. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

### 22 January 1984

*Pet Sematary* stayed at number 1 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twelfth week on the List.

### 22 January 1995

*Insomnia* dropped to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 22 January 2008

*Duma Key* (Scribner, \$28) published with a first printing of 1,000,000 to 1,500,000 copies

### 22 January 2012

*11/22/63* dropped to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

## January 23

### 23 January

Paradise Lines, Inc., cruise ship *Callas* sank in a storm. Ex-surgeon Richard Pine escaped in a lifeboat. Pine was on his way home from Saigon with \$40,000 worth of heroin. It had a United States street value of \$350,000, enough to bribe back his revoked medical license. ["Survivor Type"]

### 23 January [1974]

Blaze prepared to kidnap Joseph Gerard IV, the baby of a wealthy couple. At the Baby Shoppe of Hager's Mammoth Department Store, he told the saleslady he wanted it all for his six-month-old nephew. Working on commission, Nancy Moldow loaded him up with almost \$340 of baby stuff. She sold him everything from clothes and furniture to food and place settings. [*Blaze*]

### 23 January 1981

John Kenton received Carlos Detweiller's letter. The manuscript would be on its way soon. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

### 23 January 1983

*Different Seasons* dropped to number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-fifth week on the List.

### 23 January 1984

The Spring Semester started at the University of Maine at Orono. Louis Creed ran University Medical Services. [*Pet Sematary*]

### 23 January 1994

*Nightmares & Dreamscapes* dropped to number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

## January 24

### 24 January

Richard Pine washed up on a small island after his lifeboat was damaged on a reef. The boat sank. He kept two knives, a fork, a spoon, his heroin, some matches, a logbook, a pencil, four gallons of water, a sewing kit, and a first aid kit. ["Survivor Type"]

### 24 January [1974], night

On Portland, ME's Jolly Jim's Giant Groceries parking lot, Blaze swapped his Ford's license plates with those from a Volkswagen. After dinner, he spray-painted the green car Skylark Blue. [Blaze]

### 24 January 1979, Wednesday

Arnie Cunningham, Michael Cunningham, and Regina Cunningham were buried in a family plot in Libertyville Heights Cemetery. Pennsylvania State Police Inspector Rick Mercer went to the funeral. [Christine]

### 24 January 1982

*Cujo* dropped to number 8 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-fourth week on the List.

### 24 January 1988

*The Tommyknockers* dropped to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

### 24 January 1993

*Gerald's Game* rose to number 13 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-eighth and last week on the List.

*Dolores Claiborne* dropped to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its eighth week on the List.

### 24 January 1999

*Bag of Bones* dropped to number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixteenth week on the List.

### 24 January 2006

*Cell* (Scribner, \$26.95) published with a first printing of 1,100,000 copies

### 24 January 2007

Edgar Freemantle and Pam Freemantle exchanged emails. He told her about his paintings and attached a couple of .jpgs. He thought her “hands-off” gardening gloves would be great for a sunset painting, so he asked to borrow them. [*Duma Key*]

#### **24 January 2010**

*Under the Dome* stayed at number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth and last week on the List.

#### **24 January 2016**

*The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* dropped to number 8 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

## January 25

### 25 January [1974], night

Blaze robbed Tim & Janet's Quik-Pik for the second time that month. Although Blaze wore a stocking over his face this time, clerk Harry Nason recognized him from the first time. [*Blaze*]

### 25 January 1978

"OVERLOOK COMBINE CALLS IT QUIT" appeared in *Resort Magazine*. Albert Shockley, on The Overlook Hotel's Board of Directors, said they wouldn't rebuild the hotel. ["After the Play"]

### 25 January 1980: Russell Bowie's Funeral

Russell Bowie and Stewie McClelland had ridden Stewie's snowmobile on the frozen Reach. The ice broke; they fell in. Russell died, and Stewie lost a foot to frostbite. ["Do the Dead Sing?" / "The Reach"]

### 25 January 1981

John Kenton wrote Ruth Tanaka, his fiancée. He feared Carlos Detweiller might have been another crazy like General Heckler. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

*Firestarter* dropped to number 4 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-third week on the List.

### 25 January 1987

*IT* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, *IT*'s twentieth week on the List.

### 25 January 2003

Introductions to *The Dark Tower: The Gunslinger, Revised and Expanded Edition*, and the Viking re-issues of *The Dark Tower II: The Drawing of the Three*, *The Dark Tower III: The Waste Lands*, and *The Dark Tower IV: Wizard and Glass*

### 25 January 2015

*Revival* dropped to number 10 *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

## January 26

### 26 January

Richard Pine started a diary. ["Survivor Type"]

### 26 January [1974]

morning: Blaze went to Apex Hardware in Apex Center. He bought a Craftwork Lightwork Supreme aluminum extension ladder for \$30 on clearance.

11:00 p.m.: He woke up and fell back asleep, missing a chance to kidnap Joseph Gerard IV. [*Blaze*]

### 26 January 1986

*Skeleton Crew* dropped to number 15 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirty-second and last week on the List.

### 26 January 1992

*Needful Things* stayed at number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

### 26 January 2014

*Doctor Sleep* dropped to number 13 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its sixteenth week on the List.

## January 27

### 27 January [1974], night

Blaze missed another opportunity to kidnap Joseph Gerard IV. [*Blaze*]

### 27 January 1980

*The Dead Zone* stayed at number 9 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-first week on the List.

### 27 January 1985

*The Talisman* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fourteenth week on the List.

### 27 January 1991

*Four Past Midnight* dropped to number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twentieth week on the List.

### 27 January 2002

*The Diary of Ellen Rimbauer: My Life at Rose Red* entered *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List at number 15. It was on the List for eleven weeks.

### 27 January 2007

Edgar Freemantle's Great Beach Walk took him two hundred yards from Wireman.

UPS delivered Pam Freemantle's gardening gloves. *Friends with Benefits* exploded from Edgar's brushes. The painting showed Pam, wearing only panties, with two naked men. Max Stanton was the man on the way out of Pam's life. Tom Riley, Edgar's best friend of thirty-five years, was the man on his way in. [*Duma Key*]



## January 28

### 28 January

Richard Pine killed and ate a seagull, raw. ["Survivor Type"]

### 28 January 1962

Annie Wilkes poisoned Peter Gunn, a cat that belonged to her and USC nursing-student roommate Andrea Saint James. She put him at the top of the stairs for Andrea to trip over. Andrea was dead on arrival at Mercy Hospital in Los Angeles. Peter Gunn was assumed to have eaten rat poison from the basement. [*Misery*]

### 28 January [1974], night

Blaze bought three comic books at the beer store in Apex Center. After dinner, he fell asleep while reading. [*Blaze*]

### 28 January 1977

*The Shining* (Doubleday, \$8.95) published with a first printing of 25,000 to 26,000 copies

### 28 January 1981, Wednesday

John Kenton received Carlos Detweiler's manuscript and photographs. He dismissed most of the pictures, but four of a "Black Mass" seemed to show a human sacrifice. He called the Central Falls Police Department and told Chief of Police Barton Iverson. Before the police received the photos, Iverson sent Riley to confirm Carlos Detweiler still worked at the House of Flowers. After seeing the photos, they brought Detweiler in. Riley recognized the dead man in the pictures as Norville Keen, a living, breathing human being he had seen at the House of Flowers that morning. They released Detweiler. [*The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising*]

### 28 January 1990

*The Dark Half* rose to number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 28 January 1991

Stephen King finished *Needful Things*.

### 28 January 2001

*On Writing* stayed at number 11 on *The New York Times* Non-Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

### 28 January 2007, afternoon

Edgar Freemantle reached Wireman.

After a nap, Edgar Freemantle listened to a message from Jack Cantori. Jack's mother had set up an appointment with Dario Nannuzzi to look at Edgar's artwork. He should bring up to ten finished pieces to the Scoto Gallery on Friday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Edgar Freemantle had a vision of Tom Riley, missing an eye. He thought this suggested Tom would commit suicide. Edgar called Tom but got a recording saying he was on his annual cruise. [*Duma Key*]

## **28 January 2009**

*The Dark Tower: Treachery* #5 of 6 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

*The Stand: Captain Trips* #5 of 5 (Marvel Comics, \$3.99) published

## January 29

### 29 January 1962

“USC STUDENT DIES IN FREAK FALL” appeared in the *Los Angeles Call*. [Misery]

### 29 January 1966

Steve King’s “The 43rd Dream” appeared in Vol. 3 No. 4 of the Lisbon High School newsletter *The Drum*, “Lisbon’s Best Selling Newspaper.”

### 29 January [1974]

12:00 a.m.: Blaze woke up to go the bathroom. He was having second thoughts about the kidnapping. The George Rockley in his mind persuaded him to go.

1:15 a.m.: He left.

2:00 a.m.: He arrived at the Oakwood condominium tower. At the far end of the parking lot, he scratched his leg climbing over the Cyclone chain-link fence. He cut through four acres of deserted parkland across from the Gerard estate. The Gerards’ hedge had an electrified wire, so he jumped over it. He cut his scratched leg, leaving blood on the hedge and snow. He climbed into an unlocked second-floor window over the kitchen and went into the hall. The fourth door he opened was the baby’s room. He took Joseph Gerard IV downstairs to the kitchen. The nineteenth step creaked enough to wake Norma Gerard. He broke the lower kitchen windowpane to get out. Norma Gerard went to see what she thought the cat might have knocked over and found Blaze in the kitchen. He coldcocked her before she could scream. Back home, a jar of Gerber Peas stopped Joe from crying.

afternoon: He bought a copy of *Child and Baby Care* and the *Evening Express* at Walgreens. The cover of the *Express* had police artist John Black’s rendition of him. With letters cut from magazines and comic books, he made a \$1 million ransom note. [Blaze]

### 29 January 1982

Annie Wilkes killed a baby in Boulder Hospital’s Maternity Ward. [Misery]

### 29 January 1984

~8:00 a.m.: Norma Crandall died of a stroke. [Pet Sematary]

*Pet Sematary* dropped to number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its thirteenth week on the List.

### 29 January 1995

*Insomnia* dropped to number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its fifteenth week on the List.

### 29 January 2001

“All That You Love Will Be Carried Away” (collected in *Everything’s Eventual*) appeared in the January 29th issue of *The New Yorker*.

### **29 January 2007, Wednesday afternoon**

Wireman introduced Edgar Freemantle to Miss Elizabeth Eastlake. After tea and *Oprah*, Edgar read her a Frank O’Hara poem from *Good Poems*, edited by Garrison Keillor.

At home, Edgar called Pam Freemantle and asked her to confront Tom Riley. She denied any connection with Riley but relented after she was sure Edgar knew. He pushed her into letting Tom know she’d tell everyone his upcoming accidental death would be suicide. [*Duma Key*]

### **29 January 2012**

*11/22/63* dropped to number 6 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

## January 30

### 30 January [1974]

3:00 p.m.: Outside the Giant Kleen Kloze U-Wash-It, Blaze mailed the ransom note and talked with Georgia Kingsbury's son. He stole Jerry Green's 1970 Mustang from the parking lot.

4:30 p.m.: Nancy Moldow called FBI Agent Sterling. She told him she had seen Blaze's driver's license when he opened his wallet to pay for baby products. Blaze became the prime suspect. [Blaze]

### 30 January 1981

John Kenton wrote Ruth Tanaka, telling her about Carlos Detweiler's "Black Mass" photographs. [The Plant Book One: Zenith Rising]

### 30 January 1983

*Different Seasons* stayed at number 11 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-sixth week on the List.

### 30 January 1994

*Nightmares & Dreamscapes* dropped to number 10 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its sixteenth week on the List.

### 30 January 2007

Thursday, 2:00 p.m.: Edgar Freemantle showed Wireman sixteen drawings and paintings. One was *Hello*, the pencil sketch of a tanker he drew his first night on Duma Key. They gave Wireman an emotional bang. [Duma Key]

Stephen King's Full Disclosure Introduction to Richard Bachman's *Blaze*

## January 31

### 31 January

Donald Knowles gave Edie Rowsmith an engagement ring. They played around, but he wanted to wait until they married to go all the way. His last words to her: “Will you remember to take the milk out of the icebox before you go up?” [*Sword in the Darkness*]

### 31 January

Richard Pine killed and ate another seagull. [“Survivor Type”]

### 31 January [1974]

5:30 a.m.: Blaze and Joseph Gerard IV left Blaze’s Apex, ME, home, two hours before police roadblocks. They went to Hetton House, the county home where Blaze had lived as a child. It had been boarded up for fifteen years.

5:00 p.m.: In the dark and snow, Blaze walked to Cumberland Center, three miles to the north. The Exxon on Route 289 had a pay phone. He gave his real name to the operator when he made a collect call to the Gerards to arrange a ransom. The FBI traced the call. [*Blaze*]

### 31 January 1982

*Cujo* rose to number 7 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its twenty-fifth week on the List.

### 31 January 1988

*The Tommyknockers* stayed at number 2 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its tenth week on the List.

### 31 January 1993

*Dolores Claiborne* stayed at number 3 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its ninth week on the List.

### 31 January 1999

*Bag of Bones* dropped to number 16 on *The New York Times* Fiction Best Seller List, its seventeenth week on the List.

### 31 January 2005

Afterword to *The Colorado Kid*

### 31 January 2007

Friday, 4:00–5:00 p.m.: Jack Cantori took Edgar Freemantle and Wireman to the Scoto Gallery. Edgar showed eight pieces, including *Roses Grow from Shells* and *Sunset with Seagull*. Mr. Dario Nannuzzi thought Edgar's work was quite good for a beginner. He classified Edgar as an American primitive, like Grandma Moses and Jackson Pollock. Mr. Costenza, a patron of the gallery, offered to buy *Sunset with Seagull*, but it wasn't for sale yet. Although they didn't meet, Edgar and Mary Ire became aware of each other—he a new artist, and she an art critic.

Edgar, Jack, and Wireman had dinner at Zoria's on Main Street in Sarasota, FL. While waiting for Jack to get the rented van after dinner, Wireman had a small seizure. He said he was just falling asleep. On Casey Key Road, Edgar saw Wireman have a petit mal seizure that lasted about twenty seconds. [*Duma Key*]

Marvel Spotlight #14: The Dark Tower—Stephen King's Magnum Opus (Marvel Comics, \$2.99) published

### **~31 January 2011**

Holt Ramsey told Darcy Anderson he had wanted to ask her husband a few questions. Since he couldn't, he thought he'd ask her. He told her about his suspicions that her husband was serial killer Beadie. Witnesses had seen Bob Anderson's vehicles near the murder victims' homes. He asked her straight out whether her husband was Beadie. Fearing he was recording her, she answered with a gesture. Before leaving, Holt told her she had done the right thing. ["A Good Marriage"]

### **31 January 2016**

*The Bazaar of Bad Dreams* dropped to number 12 on *The New York Times* Hardcover Fiction Best Seller List, its eleventh and last week on the List.

# January

## January 1880

Skinner Sweet and his gang killed a three-year-old and others while robbing a Bakersville, Colorado, bank. They got away with a mining company's payroll of almost \$20,000 and stashed it in the abandoned mine where they had been hanging out. [*American Vampire*]

## January 1918

Dick Hallorann was born. He inherited the shining from his maternal grandmother. [*The Shining*][*Doctor Sleep*]

## January 1946

Kermit William Hodges was born. [*End of Watch*]

## January 1951

Patrick Hockstetter worried that his parents might replace him with his baby brother. Suffocating Avery Hockstetter with a pillow awakened an enjoyment in killing. For the rest of his life, he killed bugs then small animals. [*IT*]

## January 1953

Johnny Smith ice-skated backward into a hockey game on Runaround Pond in Durham, ME. He fell and hit his head, knocking himself out. When Chuck Spier woke him up, Johnny foresaw him in an explosion (February 1953). For the next seventeen years, Johnny had occasional hunches about things that would happen. [*The Dead Zone*]

## January 1959

Roland LeBay ran a Western Auto hose from Christine's exhaust into her passenger compartment to kill his wife. Veronica's death was recorded as a suicide, which ended months of depression. Six months earlier, their daughter, Rita, died inside Christine. These two deaths gave Christine a supernatural power where she became self-repairing. [*Christine*]

## January 1960

Thaddeus Beaumont entered his story, "Outside Marty's House," into *American Teen* magazine's writing contest. He heard from them five months later. [*The Dark Half*]

## January 1964

Dolores St. George reverted to her maiden name, Dolores Claiborne. The previous summer, she killed her husband and made it look like an accident. [*Dolores Claiborne*]

## January 1971



“The Blue Air Compressor” and “In the Key-Chords of Dawn” appeared in the Spring issue (Vol. 1, No. 1) of *Onan*, the University of Maine at Orono’s literary magazine.

### **January 1973, 6:45 p.m.**

Vinnie Corey, David Garcia, and Bob Lawson pushed Kathy Slavin off her apartment building’s roof to make room for Garcia in Jim Norman’s class. [“Sometimes They Come Back”]

### **January 1975**

On the first day after the Christmas break, Castle Rock Middle School history teacher Miss Chiles hosted Curiosity Day. Each student could ask a history-related question. She’d put any question she couldn’t answer up for class discussion. Gwendy Peterson’s question stimulated the most conversation: if pushing a magic button caused someone to disappear or something to be blown up, who should die or what should be blown up? Most students suggested foreign countries they perceived as a threat. [*Gwendy’s Button Box*]

### **January 1977**

Sam Landry started *Scarlet Town*, his first Clyde Umney novel. He wrote four more in the next ten years. [“Umney’s Last Case”]

### **January 1980**

*New Tales of the Cthulhu Mythos*, edited by Ramsey Campbell (Arkham House, \$14.95), with “Crouch End” (collected in *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*), published

### **January 1981**

Alva Thornton gave Brett Camber a puppy. Charity Camber paid \$9 for rabies and distemper shots. A couple of months later, they called him Willie. [*Cujo*]

### **January 1983**

“The Word Processor” (collected as “Word Processor of the Gods” in *Skeleton Crew*) appeared in the January issue (Volume 40, Number 1) of *Playboy*.

### **January 1984**

full moon: GS&WM flagman Arnie Westrum waited out a blizzard in a tool and signal shack, nine miles from Tarker’s Mills, ME. The Beast broke into the shack and killed him. [*Cycle of the Werewolf*]

Danny Torrance found Horace Derwent in his closet. Danny locked him away in his mind. [*Doctor Sleep*]

### **January 1985**

Researching copyrights at the Library of Congress, Steve Brown found that Stephen King owned the copyright to *Rage*, Richard Bachman's first book.

"Dolan's Cadillac," part 1 of 5 (collected in *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*), appeared in the January 1985 issue (Vol. 1, No. 1) of *Castle Rock: The Stephen King Newsletter*.

## **January 1992**

*Shock Rock: The New Sound of Horror*, edited by Jeff Gelb (Pocket Books, \$4.99), with "You Know They Got a Hell of a Band" (collected in *Nightmares & Dreamscapes*), published

The Dark Tower III: The Waste Lands (Plume, \$17.95) published

## **January 1998**

*Robert Bloch's Psychos*, edited by Robert Block (Pocket Books, \$6.99), with "Autopsy Room Four" (collected in *Everything's Eventual*), published

*The Best of the Best: 18 New Stories by America's Leading Authors*, edited by Elaine Koster and Joseph Pittman (Signet, \$22.95), with "L. T.'s Theory of Pets" (collected in *Everything's Eventual*), published

## **January 2007**

Azzie visited Charlie Hayes in The Helen Rivington House's Alan Shepard Suite. Nurse Claudette Albertson paged Doctor Sleep to help Charlie pass on. [*Doctor Sleep*]

## **January 2012**

"Final Dispatch," an alternate final chapter to *11/22/63*, available on [www.stephenking.com](http://www.stephenking.com)

## **January 2015**

Johnny Shining Path Parker had the item Alden McCausland wanted; it cost \$2,000. Two or three days later, Alden went to pick it up; it was in a nailed crate. Johnny showed him a video of the Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind (CE4). Alden and his mother opened it the next day. It was much bigger than the one in the video. They stowed the CE4, the only firework Alden bought that year, in the garage. ["Drunken Fireworks"]

## **January 2016**

Sunday: Janice Ellerton killed Martine Stover with an oxycodone overdose in Martine's feeding tube then suffocated herself in the bathtub.

Monday:

morning: Detective Pete Huntley consulted with Holly Gibney and retired detective Bill Hodges on the Stover-Ellerton murder-suicide. Holly found a Zappit Commander between the arm and cushion of Mrs. Ellerton's chair.

Brady Hartsfield extended his middle finger at Nurse Ruth Scapelli. Two of her uniform buttons popped. He smiled. That afternoon, Nurse Scapelli reached into Brady's shirt, grabbed a nipple, and pinched and twisted it. His non-reaction angered her more. She threatened to do his testicles if he ever gave her the finger again. He did and smiled. She didn't know Dr. Babineau had a nanny-cam with a fisheye lens in Brady's room. At 8:00 p.m., the doctor confronted Ruth Scapelli about assaulting and criminally threatening a mentally-deficient patient. He gave her a Zappit and said it would all be forgotten if she tapped pink fish in the Fishin' Hole demo until their numbers summed to a 9-digit number. Dr. Babineau left; Brady Hartsfield entered through her Zappit and persuaded her to kill herself. She slashed her arms with a butcher knife.

#### Tuesday:

Dr. Wendell Stamos told Bill Hodges his pancreatic cancer had spread to the liver. Bill needed chemo and radiation.

Listening to a voice—Brady Hartsfield—from her Zappit, Barbara Robinson cut school. Brady tried to talk her into suicide as she walked along Martin Luther King Avenue in Lowtown. When Barbara stepped on the curb, with a black truck approaching, Dereece Neville grabbed her and clowned around with her, taking her Zappit. She kicked Neville in the shins, snatched her Zappit, and ran into the street—in front of a panel truck. Dereece tried to push her out of the way. With a broken leg, she was sent to Kiner Memorial. She told Bill Hodges that Dereece may have saved her life.

Holly Gibney found that the company that owned the Zappits, Sunrise Solutions, had gone bankrupt.

~8:00 p.m.: Brady Hartsfield, inside Al Brooks as Z-Boy, killed Mrs. Cora Babineau. He transferred from Al Brooks into Dr. Babineau. At Freddi Linklatter's apartment, he had Freddi start a repeater to search for Zappits. After five minutes, it had found one.

#### Wednesday:

~2:00 a.m.: In Kiner Memorial's Room 217, Brady Hartsfield returned to his body to take enough Vicodin and Ambien to kill it then went back into Dr. Babineau. He headed for Dr. Babineau's hunting camp.

>10:00 a.m.: The repeater had found and updated forty-five Zappits. At an I-47 rest area, Brady persuaded Ellen Murphy to jump out her second-floor bedroom window. The snow may have saved her life, but she broke her collarbone and three ribs.

Bill Hodges talked with Todd Schneider, the Sunrise Solutions bankruptcy trustee. Myron Zakim had bought \$80,000 worth of Zappit Commanders. They were sent to Gamez Unlimited, 442 Maritime Drive, c/o Ms. Frederica Linklatter, Brady's co-worker back in his Cyber Patrol days.

>11:04 a.m.: From Heads and Skins, the hunting camp Dr. Babineau co-owned with other doctors, Brady had Jamie Winters shoot himself.

Bill Hodges, Holly Gibney, and Jerome Robinson went to Freddi Linklatter's. Jerome cut the repeater's cables. Freddi told them Brady Hartsfield had perfected personality projection; sometimes, Z-Boy and Dr. Z were Brady.

Brady's laptop reported 248 Zappits found, but the repeater was offline. zeetheend.com showed more than 9,000 visitors.

It didn't take much shaming about her weight and overeating for Brady Hartsfield to convince Jane Ellsbury she'd be better off dead. She took her father's thirty back pain pills, OxyContin, five at a time.

Bill got in touch with Nurse Becky Helmington and found Dr. Babineau co-owned Head and Skins, a hunting camp near Thurston's Garage north of the city. Holly and Bill rented a Ford Expedition

from the Hertz at the airport. Mr. Thurston directed them to the camp. Brady caught them by surprise as they crawled in the snow toward the house. He knocked Holly out with a gun butt. A second swing broke Bill's right wrist. Inside, he had Hodges play the Fishin' Hole demo. As it relaxed Bill, and as Brady started to enter Bill's mind, a text alert on Bill's phone broke the mood. They fought. Holly woke up and shot Brady in the shoulder; he ran outside.

Brady had Dr. Babineau's FN SCAR 17S, which fired 650 rounds a minute. He set it to FULL AUTO and opened fire on the house, sweeping back and forth across the great room. Something with bright lights approached. He fired at the Tucker Sno-Cat. Driver Jerome Robinson jumped out; the Sno-Cat ran over Brady. In agony and unable to move, he pleaded with Bill Hodges to kill him. Instead, Hodges left one bullet in a Victory .38 and put the gun in Brady's hand. When Brady couldn't move it, Holly Gibney placed his hand beside his head, with the gun's muzzle against his temple. His finger wasn't on the trigger, so he pulled it telekinetically.

On the way back, Bill read the text. His daughter, Allie, wished him a happy seventieth birthday. He passed out. [*End of Watch*]

## **January ≥2018**

Scott Carey lied when he told Doctor Bob he was still losing up to two pounds a day, Zero Day was still early March, and his current weight was 106. His true weight was around seventy pounds with Zero Day later in January.

three days later: After losing so much weight but keeping his muscle mass, walking was a series of leaps, almost like walking on the moon with its lower gravity. Scott Carey jumped down the front steps to get the mail but slipped on the crust-covered snow, slid down his front yard, and smacked into the mailbox post. He couldn't stand without slipping and falling again. With the mailbox flag, he broke through the crust to make holes for a knee then a foot. Many such holes helped him back to the steps.

### Monday:

At his home, Scott Carey hosted the Dr. Ellis Party's last meal. He came clean and told them he had stopped weighing himself when his rate was three pounds a day. It had been difficult moving around with little weight but with the strength of a full-grown man.

He weighted himself: 30.2 pounds.

Doctor Bob had Bill D. Cat in a pet carrier to take him to Mike Badalamente.

### following Sunday:

morning: 2.1 pounds

evening: Scott called Deirdre McComb. She strapped him in a wheelchair that kept him from floating away. She wheeled him to his front lawn; Missy Donaldson and Myra and Bob Ellis stood at the street. Deirdre released his harness. He floated above the house. When he was high enough to see Main Street and the town square, he lit a SkyLight firework. After the last sparks died out, he left Earth's gravitational field. [*Elevation*]