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Acclaimed #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel delivers her most moving, emotionally charged novel yet, in which lives are transformed after a series of heartbreakng accidents, and healing is achieved through the redemptive power of hope and love.

When a horrific chairlift accident leaves 17-year-old competitive skier Lily Thomas paralyzed, she must come to grips with the fact that she'll not only be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life, but will never fulfill her lifelong dream of winning Olympic gold. Meanwhile, her wealthy father, who has doted on Lily since her mother died when she was three, is devastated as he watches his only child lose all she once cherished and suffer through the arduous road to recovery. But just as all hope seems lost, Lily meets Teddy, a young man even more badly injured than she, but as doggedly determined to live an enriching life. Danielle Steel is at her best in this powerful story of a father and daughter triumphing together over unthinkable tragedy, creating new lives for themselves and providing hope for others along the way.

Winners Details

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Silvia Petrova says

Donna F Bender says

Great book. A feel good book

Easy read and makes you feel good about happily ever after.
One of her better books that I have read

Aymen Ben cheikh says

I started reading this book when I was sick and unable to work, I was looking for an inspiring story, maybe a therapy. So it's about a 17 year old athlete who had an awful accident, she has to face her new life in a wheelchair. Her father tries to do everything he can to make it easier for her, and her doctor Jessie sees her whole life fall apart... In this book I liked that it wasn't only about Lily, many characters had their own physical, psychological, personnal struggle. It shows how life can change in a second, and you have to find the strength to face it, and change it. It's a good story, it inspired me and made me think a lot, and it was an easy read. But I think it could have been better, the fact that Lily's father was so rich made things less interesting, but the character needed to be rich to do the project... Lily was really strong, and I was expecting that it would be more difficult and scary for her. And I didn't like last scene (not telling you), it didn't feel real. However, I liked the book, It was a good experience.

Geo Marcovici says

Inca o data, Danielle Steel a reusit sa ma impresioneze!

De data aceasta cu o poveste de viata plina de durere, traume; soarta crud? care iti arunca in cale obstacole aproape de netrecut. Dar, optimismul isi spune cuvântul: pentru a fi un înving?tor, nu trebuie decat sa lupt! Recenzia mea completa o g?si?i aici: [http://www.delicatesliterare.ro/inv...](http://www.delicatesliterare.ro/inv/)

Suzanne says

I am on a happily ever after stand alone novel phase right now. LOL

This is a feel good book about learning to grieve, accept, and prevail in the face of adversity. I thought the characters were well formed and the plot was intense with stories of redemption and triumph.

Overall, another quick, feel good read by Danielle Steel. I am really glad my grandmother gave me these books. I needed a change for a bit from my normal reading material.

Tammi Ashbee says

Read It in a day, so what does that tell you !

Sarah says

As a public librarian for seven years now, I'm almost ashamed to admit that I hadn't picked up Steel before now. After all, I consider it a part of my duty to read popular authors so that I can understand the appeal about them. I get why people clamor for Steel's novels (escapism, predictable comforting plot, all loose ends tied up!), but I can't fathom ever enjoying one myself.

There's the hallmark adage about writing: show, don't tell. Steel, though, tells, tells, and tells. It's a very unbalanced method of telling, though, as she allocates the same amount of time for Thanksgiving dinner's dessert serving as she does the one of the main character's acceptance of her spinal cord injury. It's odd. (Sidenote: hilariously and coincidentally, I JUST had a lady return this very book to me as I type this at the check-out desk!)

Other various things that bothered me:

- Even a spinal cord injury is no big deal for the fabulously wealthy.
- Much older men can happily find love with younger women.
- Tone deaf descriptions of present day teens buying CDs for bands popular 10 years ago.

Blerg.

Debbie says

Typical Danielle Steel novel. Love conquers all, and being rich doesn't hurt. The endings are always tidy, and everyone lives happily ever after. And yet I keep reading her books - they represent escapist fiction at its best.

Lily is hurt in a horrific accident, but thanks to the apparently endless wealth of her father, she gets the best medical and rehabilitative care available without regard to the realities of health insurance and endless obstacles that would overwhelm the rest of us. She is a paraplegic as a result of the accident, a fate which she seems to accept rather easily (sorry, but I would expect considerable emotional distress from a teenage athlete with this unfortunate fate). There just seemed to be way too many holes in this novel (for example, how on earth could the Lily Pad be built and operated without state and Federal inspection or licenses?) to be believed, and the inevitable coupling of the various characters was predictable.

Heather says

Lily is 17 and is on the U.S. Olympic Ski Team when a chairlift she is riding on breaks. She falls and is paralyzed from the waist down. Now Lily and her father need to figure out how to move on.

Danielle Steel is one of my guilty pleasures but Holy Cow did she phone it in on this one. First of all Lily is 17 and on the Olympic team and several of her friends at school are on the Olympic team? It makes the U.S. Olympic team sound like an after school club. They only train in the winter. They never go to any other competitions than the Olympics. When she gets interested in the Paralympics she wishes that there were more competitions than just the Paralympics every 4 years. I'm not expecting exacting research but I spent 2 minutes on Google and found out that the average age of people on the U.S. National Ski Team is 26 and found the schedule of the many international Paralympic skiing events for the year.

This book also discusses the surgeon who operates on Lily - whose husband dies the same night. Lily's father is absolutely abusive to her and she takes it even though other doctors want to (correctly) have him removed by security. She says that they can't understand because they aren't parents. I understand that the correct thing to do when someone shoves nurses out of the way to get into the trauma center and then threatens to kill you if their critically injured child dies is to call the police. If it wasn't a critical case, you tell them to get out and not to come back. Been there, done that.

So of course you see where that relationship is going, but to Danielle Steel's credit, it is not the focus of the book.

The book talks a lot about rehab but glosses over any medical problems and just discusses how hard it is to get anyone to serve you at high end department stores when you are in a wheelchair. First world problems, I suppose.

I like some of her other books but I'd skip this one.

Kerri Jones says

Disaster strikes all round in this moving story of love and loss. The story was particularly well thought out with a clear message of hope woven through it. DS is my reading "bread and butter" and many of her stories have a "sappy" aspect but I just found this one offered a little bit more and I loved it.

lacy [a ravenclaw library] says

This is clearly one of the better DS novels. It is very reminiscent of her older work and I love that. This book had me smiling from ear to ear and it really was such a feel good book, perfect for when you are in between books.

I think this book captures the feelings well of what happens when you are injured or someone you know/love gets injured. Bill, which he did drive me nuts, was absolutely devastated when Lily gets injured. You could feel his anger and grief. I really did think he was a good dad, despite some of the things he says.

One of the best aspects of this book is the female/male friendship between Lily and Teddy. Often times, in adult books, you don't see a lot of f/m friendships. It was honestly just so refreshing to see. They bonded over their injuries but it quickly became so much more than that.

I'll keep this short because honestly there isn't much to say when it comes to DS. Honestly, just check out this novel if you are in between books or looking for a fast and easy book to pass the time.

Ameena says

Every once in a while I come across a Danielle Steel book at the library and I think, "I should really give her books a try again. Maybe this one will be a winner (no pun intended)."

This one is not a winner.

And truth be told, Danielle Steel hasn't had a winner in...just about forever.

I'm not sure how Danielle Steel manages to create characters that excel at being vapid and boring, or how her editors let her get away with writing ridiculous things like "The Lily Pad worked!"

But she does and they do. I guess they figure it's a volume based business...just keep churning out the books, no matter how terrible, and Steel's empire will continue to grow.

While inspiring in tiny sections, this book is so terribly written that I can only suggest you avoid it like the plague. It's too late for me but please save yourself.

Erin says

I enjoy Danielle Steele and I LOVE "chick lit" books so I picked up another of her novels and was hoping for the best. Not the case.

The story idea was great and I admired it and would've really enjoyed it if it hadn't been so fluffy and perfect. A young athlete training for the Olympics has a terrible accident and then has to adjust to a life in a wheelchair and still finds a way to fulfill her dreams by picking up Paralympic skiing. Great story.

What was not so great? The perfect marriages of Bill and Jessie, the descriptions of cars (limousines,

Bentleys, Cadillac Escalades) as well as the private jets, international quick trips, fancy hotels, Ivy League college educations and acceptances of the younger children, highest paying elite positions, best specialists, best doctors, best nurses, best friendships... way, way, way too much.

The people that read the books are normal people, not the neurosurgeons of the world with the Harvard educations and the perfect marriages and perfect kids and perfect jobs with private jets, Bentleys, limousines and escalades. It would be nice to have this story done at a more realistic level that "normal" people could relate to instead of going so above and beyond that it becomes annoying and readers such as myself start skipping descriptive paragraphs because it gets so disgusting I just want to know what happens in the end.

I would give this book a 1*, but the story was a great idea. I just did not enjoy the descriptions of how it got from the beginning to the end. Very disappointing.

Michelle says

I really enjoyed this book. Some parts even brought tears to my eyes. I couldn't seem to put the book down.

Carol says

I guess I've grown out of Danielle Steel books. This is the first one I've picked up in many years. This story was similar to lots of others. Readable, but forgettable. Even with all the hardship the characters encounter, the story always end nice and tidy. This one was no exception. This is not how it is in the real world. No more Danielle Steel for me!
