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In this rich, involving novel from #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Danielle Steel, a woman's life catapults from the old to the new, as she learns to seize the moment.

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Stephanie Adams is a devoted stay-at-home mother, married to a successful lawyer in northern California, in a dead marriage she's stayed in for years for the sake of her children. Then, on a ski trip in Squaw Valley, her fifty-two-year-old husband dies suddenly and all bets are off.

Despite her children's grief, and her own conflicting emotions and loneliness, Stephanie tries to move on, but struggles to find herself as an independent individual after years of giving up her life for everyone else. A spur-of-the-moment road trip and fork in the road lead her to Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and a chance meeting—and her whole life changes forever.

She meets country music megastar Chase Taylor, who opens his whole world to her. Stephanie is no longer the same woman, and can't be anymore: A new man. A new life. The excitement of Nashville. She discovers not only Chase, but herself. The music is bittersweet and the lyrics true in his dazzling, exotic, and honest world.

As it deftly explores the complex ties between spouses, children, lovers, and friends, and dances between the past and the future, Danielle Steel's moving novel brilliantly captures the shock of sudden loss, and the freedom it can bring. Here America's most beloved novelist shares the enduring power of seizing the day. Carpe diem.

Country Details

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Donna says

Just loved this book. When you think you life is ok, something happens to change it. How two people, totally different find each other, by a chance encounter. Nothing will ever be the same again.

Sarah Nessler says

What an amazing story. Couldn't help being a fan of this book for starters I love country music, but the story line regarding finding true love and Carpe Diem really hits home. Seizing opportunities in life is very important as Stephanie finally figures out in the end. If someone does not value you as a person then walk away that is another lesson that was learned. There were so many life lessons throughout this book and I can see the same struggles in our day to day world. Danielle Steel remains in my eyes as a wonderful storyteller, it is amazing to me that she has been able to create as much as she has in her lifetime. I hope she never stops!

Olivia McMullan says

I know I say this a lot about books but that was the best book I've ever read! it started off as a rough patch but by the end of the book it had me laughing and and strong power to continue reading and not wanting the book to end! :)

Flewts says

Danielle Steel has interesting plots, but I get really annoyed at her style of writing. This happened. Then this happened. Then they did this. [Whew, background on this character done...] Meanwhile this person did this, then that, and got here. [Whew, two done...]

It plods quickly, if there is such a thing, but it's as if she wants to get the early chapters out of the way so she can get to the good stuff. It's almost as if she's dictating the book to a secretary, instead of writing flowing sentences that draw you into the book.

I didn't notice this in her earlier books (maybe it was always there and I didn't notice) but the last few books were like this. :-(

Mary Taitt says

When Stephanie Adams suddenly and unexpectedly loses her husband, her life is thrown into grief and dismay. She's been a stay-at-home Mom and wife for years, but the marriage has been empty and sterile ever since her busy lawyer husband had an affair. Suddenly, she's the odd man out with all her married friends.

When she takes a wrong turn and ends up in Vegas and then goes on to the Grand Canyon, she meets a friendly man who turns out to be a famous country-Western singer, Chase Taylor. He gives her complimentary tickets to his gig in Vegas and the ball starts rolling in a whole new direction. Of course, her kids object.

I kind of liked the story, and it gets better near the end. At first, I was absolutely infuriated with myself for bringing home another Danielle Steele book. I hated the beginning of the book, it was so full of cliches and platitudes I could hardly keep from barfing. As I have complained about in her previous books, I HATE certain things she continues to insist on saying, such as, "she had no other choice," when there was, in fact, a multitude of other choices. Also, she did a lot of telling and very little showing. Plus, she repeats herself over and over and over, like she thinks her reader is too stupid to remember anything unless she pounds it into them. It did, however, improve somewhat, I ended up liking the ending, even though it was pretty predictable. I decided that that is why, from time to time, I pick up the books. I need a rest from terrible, sad agonizing distressing books, I need something with a predictably happy ending. I was only going to give it a 1 or a 2, but I guess I'll give a three, with reservations. Definitely not high literature! But good for a light read if you need a break from something heavy and like a cheery love story.

Personally, I'd like to write stories with happy ending, and not have them be predictable or full of cliches and platitudes. Seems to me that that could be accomplished by stopping at a happy point in the tale.

Samantha says

I haven't read a Danielle Steel novel since high school so I figured I'd try out this ridiculously popular title. I know that with Steel you get what you get... not great writing, but usually great storytelling. So it makes me sad, but I have to call DNF on this one. It's horrible. Positively horrible.

There is so much repetition in this book! I get that Stephanie's husband cheated on her. I get that her friends have weird marriages. I get that she thinks all men are bad and scary (I mean seriously, she thinks she's going to be raped everywhere she goes, by every man she meets). I get that she has never considered doing a single spontaneous thing in her life. For the love of all things holy, stop repeating yourself. And please, please, please stop writing sentences that begin with "and" and "but." It's fine once in a while, but multiple times in the same paragraph and too many to count in one page, every page, just starts getting annoying, especially when you don't even use it correctly.

I'm just going to go back and read *Jewels* or *Palomino* again. I'll pretend I'm in 7th grade, learning about all sorts of grown up things I shouldn't be learning about (Mom, where was all your parental supervision???)

HappyRuth says

This is a beautiful love story about a woman whose husband dies, she meets a country singer, and falls in love for the first time in her life. This is a talking book and can be found on the bard sight

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Lorena says

Ah so good.

Helen Wilson says

this was another one of Danielle Steels good books, it reminds us of the power of love and how families worked through everything good and bad, it also was very good from beginning to end and it was how two people met by chance due to a tragedy, grew apart for a time and then in end came back to each other and never looked back, the families overcame everything to be closer then they were, i recommend it to anyone who looks as Danielle Steel writes alot of love stories

Desere says

The reads tells of Stephanie Adams, as any good mother will do she hides her unhappy marriage from her family in order to spare her children from seeing their family spit. But it's not easy being the devoted mother,life is hard and unkind.

But then life offers an escape, her husband suddenly passes away and it's her chance to alter her life for the better. The better life comes in the form of country music megastar Chase Taylor.

He shows her passion, teaches her there is more to life then just being a mother and ultimately Stephanie sees her life becoming what she has always wanted it to me. But can her family find it in their hearts to let her go and allow her to really live her life for the first time in forever?

CountryThis was one of the prettiest DS reads ever! It had depth, emotion, passion and a story so beautiful it brought me to tears. But sadly the book did also have it's annoying features such as this happens , then that happens then this person does that and this one does this , which is all normal in any read but not if keeps getting repeated over and over. Non the less the plot was interesting enough to keep me interested and therefore I kept going and in the end I can honestly say this was one of DS's better reads.

As I said definitely the prettiest because it was so nice , sometimes too nice, but when I say nice I mean nice where it certainly had to be, but on some scenes the niceness was a little too much and it felt a little overdone.

Now let's forget about the over sugar coated and nasty repeating business and let me tell you what made this book worth the read., simply put it's the message!

A message of just when you think " This is my life, I am in a loveless marriage, or I will always be a single mom " , whatever the issue is there is beauty in tragedy. For that message alone I will reread this book over and over , because the author reminded me that there is always hope, there is always guidance we simply need to keep the faith.

Recommended for all DS fans!

5/5 star review

" Country takes her breath away but will it be able to have her heart too? "

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Tracy says

Stephanie's husband dies unexpectedly and she falls in love with a huge country music star. Think Keith Urban. Her kids are mad, her friend thinks she's moving on too soon, etc etc. I still liked it even though it was standard fare.

Jamie Holzberg / Fluff Smut & Murder says

Every time I pick up a Danielle Steel novel I end up hating myself a little for wasting time reading her novels, but I'm a sucker. I loved some of her novels so much (Family Album, Daddy) that I keep hoping that THIS will be the magical novel that takes me back to her writing style from so long ago that I loved and I'll be happy. And each time I am just disappointed.

This is yet another tale of a beautiful, wealthy older woman who has an enviable life gets to be considered even more enviable by FINALLY finding her one true love (OTL) - who just also happens to be drop dead gorgeous and considerably wealthy in his own right. Of course her children are unhappy about this (aren't they always?) but at least they are all adults and not living with her, so she doesn't need to sacrifice her OTL. And then they ride off together into the sunset.

What I loved: I think my favorite character ends up being the dog Stephanie adopts in the end. But of course, a regular mutt isn't good enough for our heroine – she has to find a rare Chinese Hairless Crested!

What I didn't love: Do you have 10 minutes so I can vent? From the holier-than-thou "friends" Stephanie has to her ungrateful children, to the fact that the paparazzi doesn't bother to haunt her outside of L.A., and that she can sneak some dog into a Las Vegas concert on New Year's Eve – this is not the kind of fluff I was looking to read.

What I learned: That I get stupider with every Danielle Steel novel I read because I never learn that she will never break her formula like she used to.

Overall Grade: C-

Anita Soni says

This is actually a 'better' novel by Danielle. I have read most of Danielle Steel's books and they all have the

same style and mostly very expected ending. But her writing style makes each story unique and interesting. This one veered off from the predictable in an unpredictable way which made the 'country' a book I found that was hard to put back without finishing.

Marcia says

Actual Rating: **!2

Every now and then, I just have to give in and read the latest from Danielle Steel. This was truly a Lifetime movie story extended to 300+ pages with constant repeats of the same phrases and facts. But I enjoyed the hero and heroine, so kept reading to the very last predictable page.

Cathleen says

I'll never stop reading DS! This one was much better written than the last few.
