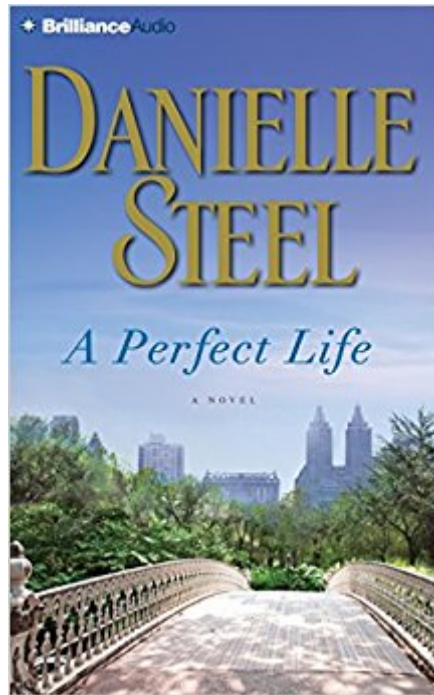


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A Perfect Life: A Novel



Synopsis

From #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel comes a heartwarming and inspirational novel about a mother and daughter who face challenges, cope with celebrity, and overcome tragedy while maintaining the outward appearance of a perfect life. The epitome of intelligence, high-powered energy, and grace, Blaise McCarthy is an icon in the world of television news, asking the tough questions and taking on the emotionally charged issues of world affairs and politics with courage and insight. A single mother, she manages her well-ordered career meticulously, always prepared on the air or interviewing world-renowned figures and heads of state. To her audience, Blaise seems to have it all. But privately, and off the set, there is another untold story she has kept hidden for years. Blaise's teenage daughter, Salima, was blinded by Type 1 diabetes in childhood, and her needs have kept her away in a year-round boarding school with full-time medical care and assistance ever since. When Salima's school closes after a tragedy, Salima returns to her mother's New York City apartment, and suddenly they face challenges they've never had to deal with before, and that Blaise feels ill-equipped to handle. A new caretaker provided by Salima's school creates as many problems as he solves. Handsome, accomplished, thirty-two-year-old Simon Ward, with strong opinions on every topic, questions how mother and daughter view themselves and each other. Simon opens new doors for both of them and refuses to accept Salima's physical limitations. He turns their world upside down, and the three become friends. Then everything starts to unravel and Blaise can't keep her two worlds separate anymore. A beautiful young anchorwoman is hired at the network; it is no secret that she is being groomed to take Blaise's place. Her career as she has known it is threatened, and her previously well-ordered life feels totally out of control. For the first time, Blaise's life is not perfect, but real. In this unforgettable tale, the incomparable Danielle Steel has written a novel that pulsates with emotion and honesty as three people face the truth about themselves. A Perfect Life is about what we do when facades fall away and we can no longer run from the truth. As old ideas fail, everything changes, and life is suddenly brand-new.

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Customer Reviews

Indeed,,Danielle,Steele continues to capture my heart...after how,many years? I love. the fantasy, the wealth and the solid story line. Winners is my current favorite since I have been a quadrapelegic,,and I am happy that ms. Steele has a leading character here in A Perfect Life who is blind. Thank you for another fine, fun, engrossing read. Now how long do we have to wait for the next one?

hated it she repeats herself so much it is annoying

Horrible dribble. It could have been written in one-third of the pages. Redundant. Oh yah, redundant. Did I mention the narrative was redundant? But that's probably not the worst of it. The worst was the flat, non-developed characters and a story line that was incredibly predictable.

Most of time when I write a review I just say wheather it is good or not,I dont think I will purchase any more danielle steel books these booksare so predictable and boring.I have read all her books with no exceptionand they are all the same.While I do like happy endings in books I wouldalso like some unexpected surprises to keep me interested,I heard oncethat she writes 4 or 5 books at once maybe this is the problem

I have been a huge fan and read every book the day they come out. however, this is the first time that I regret the purchase! Although the character of the blind daughter was great, the story line was dull at best. Definitely her worst book. Very disappointed as this is not her style of writing. An average read at best

Heroine is rich and powerful (usually quite snobbish), has several relationships throughout the years, then finally finds true love and has a second family at the end of her childbearing years. Ms

Steel's plots are so predictable and boring, the only things that change from book to book are the characters' names and professions. There are so many grammatical errors, partial sentences, and repetitive and inconsistent information in Ms Steel's books, that I find them very hard to read anymore. Who is doing the editing?

SpoilersThis is a page turner but I could see the end of the book coming a mile away. Blaise is an international "star" journalist and commentator who has a daughter (Salima) due to type 1 diabetes. Salima who lives at a school away from home with a dedicated caregiver is very sheltered. Circumstances force Salima to leave the comforts of the school and the caregiver and move back home with her mother and a new caregiver. The new caregiver is an attractive man, Simon Ward, 15 years Blaise's junior and then the drama begins. Is he too young for anything permanent with Blaise? Will their exes cause complications? Unfortunately Salima seems to be lost in the shuffle and it's all about Simon and Blaise with occasional appearances by Salima. She is with the music teacher when Simon and Blaise go to a room to make love. The ending is very predictable but I thought contrived and the way Simon acted going to "try again" with his ex did not exactly scream true love. This is an improvement over the last few books but I wish Salima had gotten more attention in the book.

I have read better Danielle Steel books and I have read worse. It is interesting how someone can be in a routine with their life and then things change and its how you cope with the changes that makes life interesting. When Blaize and Salima are comforted with change they resist it at first and then they start to enjoy the change. Then change happens again, this time it is not good because the teacher wants to try and work things out with a former girlfriend. There are a few chapters in the middle of the book, I just wanted to skip. In fact I read the end of the book to see how it would work out and then I went back to the middle of the book to see how the story would unfold. I am in the process of taking graduate classes so I look at this as a lite read, a form of escape for a little while,.

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