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Oliver Watson's world suddenly dissolves around him when Sarah, his wife of eighteen years, returns to Harvard to get her master's degree. Oliver is left on his own, with three children and a freedom he never wanted and doesn't completely understand. His family's needs and demands suddenly consume his life.

When Oliver's mother is diagnosed as having Alzheimer's disease and dies soon thereafter, Oliver's father's life is changed as well. Braver than his son with less of a future before him, George Watson, at seventy-two, quickly embraces new relationships and, eventually, a new life. The sudden changes come as a shock to both father and son.

Ben, Oliver's oldest son, rejects his father and reaches outward, under the illusion that he is grown-up and can make it on his own. Melissa, the middle child, blames Oliver for her mother's desertion. And Sam, the "baby," is too shaken to deal with it at all. Now the only parent, *Daddy* must somehow cope this, his troubled family and explore a world of new responsibilities, new women, and new experiences.

Each of the three men must start a new life: Oliver in New York and then in Los Angeles with his children; once he faces the biggest change in his life; his widowed father with the woman next door; and seventeen-year-old Ben with his girlfriend and baby. Nothing is as it was before... nothing is as they once thought it would be. But in the end, different is better... different is more... for each of them—and especially for "Daddy."

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Suzanne says

I've read this. I didn't bring another DS with me, so I'll read another short Rosamunde Pilcher. My new holiday fave <3

But how will I get through my 100+ pile of DS novels if I don't read them in summer?!

Dale says

OK so when I was in high school my girlfriend was very into Danielle Steel, to the same extent that I was into Stephen King. And my girlfriend also read a few Stephen King books, so somehow she convinced me that it was "only fair" that I read a Danielle Steel novel. She recommended "Daddy" because it had a male protagonist.

What I learned from this book was that one Danielle Steel novel is enough.

Carol Waters says

I should not read this stuff, just should throw it away when I find it in my bookshelf. That was a waste of an afternoon.

This is the painfully long story of a man who talked his wife out of three abortions and then got stuck with the kids. He tries to talk his teen son into an abortion for the ugly and stupid girlfriend that this child supposedly trips over at his upscale high school. Daddy then falls in love with a series of women who seem to want him for his body and then meets The One. This is not a spoiler, you had to see it coming.

An indictment both of daddies, who work until 9:00 p.m. and have live-in maids and have big paychecks but no knowledge of their kids having sex lives or hopes and dreams or bedwetting issues, and of mommies, who, gasp, sometimes put themselves first, although those who do have to go to funerals. Just saying. The mom, trapped in a rich and sexy but male-dominated marriage, seemed to try to get a life but blamed Dad for her not ever pursuing her dreams. Steel did let her spend her inheritance on Harvard (yep, sure, she got admitted there 20 years after finishing her BA without even having to take an SAT.) And Alzheimer's went from confused to dead in six months. That could be a mercy as compared to real life.

If the plot wasn't bad enough, the editing missed a slew of grammatical lemons. I do like when their eyes grab, though.

Marple says

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had a rough patch but they were written in such a way that the reader genuinely cheered for them when things grew better. Staying through the ride of frustration and unhappiness was not easy, though, and during the book you may feel as drained as they are (which is what the author hopes to accomplish.)

On the negative side, Steel really needs - and hopefully has by now - to learn how to effectively head-hop. In one large paragraph she incorrectly switched from three people's points of view. Never is this allowed, as it's always confusing and just bad writing form. In this book, this even happens in the same sentence, one person's thoughts separated by another's by a mere comma mark!

And, although this may seem silly and wrong of me, Oliver is just too damn weepy. He's a great guy I enjoyed and rooted for, and I'm all for a man that sheds a tear when the situation warrants it, but I can't count on one hand how many times he switched on the waterworks. It's a small side issue, though, and of course didn't take away from my enjoyment of the book or affect it's rating. Still it was an unrealistic flaw that never helped the character. His sweet personality was endearing but sometimes I just wanted to grab him and yell, "Shake her, call her a rotten bitch, scream, something!"

Basically this book was good, so I see why Steel has made a name for herself. I remember wanting to read this when I was a pre-teen but for some reason or other my mother denied it. Oh well, parents can't make sense all the time right? Just like ones in this book. Give it a try if you want to weep a bit or are in the mood for some inspiring drama.

Julie Barrett says

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This book is about George, Oliver and Benjamin, 3 generations of one family, are all learning to cope with their struggles in life.

Their spouses: one is dying, another is heading off to college and one is expecting a baby.

Moments of joy and some tragedies as the twists and turns in this book leave you wondering what will happen next to each of them.

Lots of travel and much more loving.

I received this book from National Library Service for my BARD (Braille Audio Reading Device).

Redfox5 says

This is one of Steel's better books. The story is engaging, she doesn't keep repeating herself. There are characters you love and hate. And by hate, I mean Sarah who was nothing but a selfish biatchhhh. I loved Oliver as the main character, even if at times I didn't agree with how he handled some situations, like with his son and his baby. His kids were cute and likeable and the romances in the book were handled well, even if the last one happened super fast but I will let that slide as it is a chick-lit book. If you're looking for somewhere to start with Steel, you wouldn't go wrong picking this one.

Brandy says

This book was good but very predictable. I didn't like how the mom Sarah was a major character in the beginning and the first few chapters were from her point of view and then when she leaves the family, her character is basically gone from the book. It then picks up and has to rebuild characters again with the other family members. It was good, a great pool read but too predictable.

Bonnie says

This is the book that got me hooked on reading. I had never been a reader until a friend introduced me to this book. LOVED LOVED IT.

Mashaël Alamri says

[illegible]

Rae says

This is the worst book I've ever read in my entire life. I had to finish it to see how it would end and MAN, it did not disappoint. Just the worst.

Kathy Piper says

I didn't want to read this book. I had a pre-conceived notion that anyone who writes as many books as Ms. Steel must just grind them out in a formula -- or has a staff of 20 or so doing the writing in her name. In any case, I just wasn't interested. But this was our book club pick for this month, so I jumped in and started reading. And to my surprise, I couldn't put it down! I was hooked -- really, really hooked! There are real life issues in this story - real life sorrows and pain and drama. I wasn't too impressed with the ending, as I felt it lacked the reality that had been present up to then, but endings often disappoint me. But this was a gripping, moving story and I highly recommend it. [BTW -- those who read this book may fall into 1 of 2 camps: Team Oliver or Team Sarah. I'm definitely on Team Oliver. Hated Sarah. What a cold, selfish bee-atch.]

Athena says

Another awesome book by an awesome Author!!!

Melissa says

Loved it when I read it....have grown over such books but the story is very heart breaking...i remember having tears in my eyes
