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Accident is a powerful and ultimately triumphant novel of lives shattered and changed by one devastating moment.

Although frequent business meetings keep her husband, Brad, away from home, Page Clarke feels blessed with her happy family and comfortable marriage. They have a house near San Francisco and she keeps busy looking after their seven-year-old son, Andy, and their teenage daughter, Allyson.

Allyson, at fifteen, is trying her wings and one weekend, instead of an evening with her friend Chloe, the girls lie and go out with two older high school boys. But a Saturday night that was supposed to be fun ends in tragedy when their car collides head-on with another.

At the hospital, Page finds Chloe's divorced father, Trygve, and, unable to locate Brad, she leans on his strength throughout the the long hours of tormenting questions. Will Allyson live? Will any of them? Were the teenagers drinking? Using drugs? Who was at fault? And where is her husband? Without Brad by her side Page feels her life start to come apart as she is forced to confront the fact that Allyson may not live, and if she does, she may never be the same again.

In an inspiring novel that explores how many people are affected by one tragic accident and how they survive it, Danielle Steel brings us close to the characters whose lives are as familiar as our own... and who live, as we all do, in a world where everything can change in a single moment.

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Caroline says

I liked the story overall, but I really thought the ending was too abrupt. It was like she reached some magic page number limit or something and just wanted to end the story.

Don Stanton says

I read it to see what it was like.... humdrum..... plot thinly laid out too dymentional all characters were. It was a week for trail of the Stepford Wives, well actually even weaker than that. What would it be like to be the crowning Queen of dribble. What's worse than that, good hard working people pay money for that dribble. The

only use I can see for these types of books are an escape from reality.

No more Danielle Steel for me.

" The Princess Bride" was a far far superior book.

Nicki says

This was my first Danielle Steel book and I think I expected a little more because she's a famous author. I liked the overall storyline, but she repeated herself so many times as far as their feelings, emotions, etc. that a few times I even thought I had read the same page already and had to check the page numbers! That was a little annoying. I think she could have left some of the repetition out and added more at the end telling how Addie took the news of her friends death, her parents split, and both her parents falling in love with other people.. I expected to have all of that answered and I found myself turning the last page and thinking it wasn't finished. It left me with too many questions at the end.

Overall, not so impressed, but I would probably read another one of her books still.

J Jahir says

Uno de los más dramáticos que he leído de ella, pero que me ha parecido brillante. Cómo una familia completa se enfrenta al accidente de Allison, la chica, que llegó en condiciones muy graves. no sólo es esa incertidumbre, sino que Page y Brad parecen vivir situaciones que podrían poner cuesta arriba su matrimonio, además de estar al tanto de su hijo, andy.

es un libro que te mantendrá a la expectativa, te llegará al corazón más que todo, por allison.

Charity Yoder says

while i normally enjoy her books... this one just kind of... was there. and ticked me off. daughter gets hurt.

wife finds out husband cheats on her. instant divorce. finds a new lover (who of course is better at EVERYTHING than her ex. and treats her better as well). of course this lover is the father of her daughter's best friend because they bond due to the accident. of course... the book ends with the daughter getting better. not a full recovery. just better. like she can talk now, and is out of the hospital. so everyone ends happy. the ex gets a new trophy of sorts. mom ends up pregnant. they plan to get married. peachy. WHAT's there NOT to love. gag me.

Ana says

I read this book as a recommendation. I'm thinking that because the person who recommended it to me actually listened to it as an audio book, her experience of it must have been different to mine. I wish I could say that this is the first and last book that I read by Danielle Steel, sadly that's not the case, as I got given another one by her for Christmas, which I must read! My problem is I have to read the books I get given and I cannot put a book aside once I start it even if I am not enjoying reading it.

It made me raise my brow when I read Georgia Metcalfe's review of this book, well you can call me a cynic but you really don't need any tissues. From the start you know where the book is going, when Page paints her life and marriage so rosy and the building up to the accident, there can be only two things about to happen: her marriage breaking and an accident happening. The whole book is totally predictable. Also, I know it's only fiction, but it's totally unrealistic too, the fact that the woman involved in the accident doesn't get tested for alcohol. Also throughout the book I couldn't stop rolling my eyes because of so much repetition and towards the end all the clichés just made me cringe. I find that if you take out all the repetition the book would easily express the same story across in half the amount of pages. I have read many bad books but this is possibly up there with one of the worst.

Diane Taylor says

I have a friend whose daughter was in a terrible accident a few years back. The whole time I read this I thought of her. I always admired Mel, but after reading this she's my hero. I don't think I would make it out the other side.

Kavya U. says

The book started well, went on terrifically, and fizzled out towards the end. Wish Danielle Steel learns to pen stories with crisper narrative.

Ashley says

This was the first Danielle Steel I've ever read. I've kind of shied away from her writing all these years because I just couldn't bring myself to read "that kind" of writing. I started the book skeptical and I found that the writing could have been better (I rolled my eyes at plenty of her adjectives and metaphors), but the

characters and the story kept me reading. In the end, I was disgusted by Brad, admired Page, and fell in love with all the teens and children in the book (especially Andy and Bjorn). So while the writing was mediocre, the characters were very entertaining. I would consider reading another Danielle Steel book again, only if the characters are as enjoyable as these in this book.

Paulina says

"Why are you so good to me?" She whispered as he pulled her closer to him. 'Because I'm trying to seduce you' was the answer."

I absolutely loved this book! Words can't express the pain I've felt throughout this. I was on a rollercoaster ride in this book and I cried many times! The only issue was how Page let her husband treat her so wrong but then I understood because they have been together for 16 years and it's hard to just let go of that.

This book is wonderful. Even though I guessed some of the plot twist I was still shocked at times. I'm so glad I picked this one up!

Redfox5 says

Considering how much I moaned about the last Steel book I read (Hotel Vendome) this one was a big improvement and it's one of her older ones.

The start of this book when the accident happens is really emotional, I cried my way through pretty much all of it. Page just couldn't seem to get a break, first Allie and then her husband. What a rat he was!

I don't feel Steel forced how amazing the characters were on us so much in this one. Although Page's new love story happened pretty quickly.

The only thing I didn't like was that they didn't question the whole drinking thing with senator's wife and then after she killed that whole family, no one expressed any guilt about not being more forceful about it. I know they had other things on their mind but I would have thought 'oh I could have stopped her from doing that again' but maybe that's just me.

Random irritations were the names. The spelling of Page should have been Paige. Allyson should have been Alison. And I have no idea how you are supposed to pronounce Trygve?

Other than that, this is a really good book and if you are looking for somewhere to start with Steel, then this wouldn't be a bad one to start with.

- N i i G H T O W L . says

Thanks to my mom for having most of Danielle Steel's books, I came across this one years ago; picked it up, read it, and fell in love with it. There is no doubt in my mind that Danielle Steel is an amazing author and this book, I've read at least 10 times up until now. The story of a mother whose world comes crashing down

after the accident of a loved one, yet, she fights tooth and nail to get through the tough times and never gives up. This book definitely hits home, and even though I pretty much know it by heart by now, I can never get sick of it. I, for sure, am gonna read it again in the near future! Thumbs up to Miss Steel for such a heart touching story.

Charlotte (Buried in Books) says

Hmmm, tough one this. I wanted to like it, honestly I did. But I struggled with it.

Page has a seemingly perfect family (which you know is about to fall apart), wonderful husband (yeah - right), 2 beautiful children. But a terrible car accident one night changes everything. Page's daughter goes out with her best friend (who has a wonderful divorced dad) on a double date - they lie to both parents, by the end of the night one boy is dead, the 2 girls are fighting for their lives and another boy walks away with scratches.

This is the cue for Page to find out that her husbands cheating on her (eventually leaving her), a sub story about her terrible family (which it really didn't need) and her whirlwind romance with best friends dad (which you could see coming from the first chapter).

Everyone seems to spend most this book in tears - three quarters of the way through this got really old. It just went on too long.

Diane Wallace says

Brilliant! a moving and powerful storyline about how precious life is to most people/everyone..classic D.Steel writing (paperback!)

Christina Zanakos says

Accident is an amazing family novel centered around Paige, mother of two and devoted wife. Paige feels incredibly lucky to have such a blessed life, until one night her teenage daughter Allyson tells a white lie that will transform the family forever, so far from normal that it can never go back. The two teenage girls, Allyson and Chloe, go to dinner with two older boys, lying to their parents that they are together. A car accident leaves Allyson in a coma and Chloe badly injured, one of the young boys dead. Paige must lean on the comfort of Chloe's father in the hospital while her own husband is nowhere to be found, beginning the unraveling of his dark secret that cannot be untold. Paige acts as a hero, standing tall in her courage and protecting herself and what's left of her family in this time of tragedy. It's a heartwarming book and is amazingly written, as all of Danielle Steel's books are.
