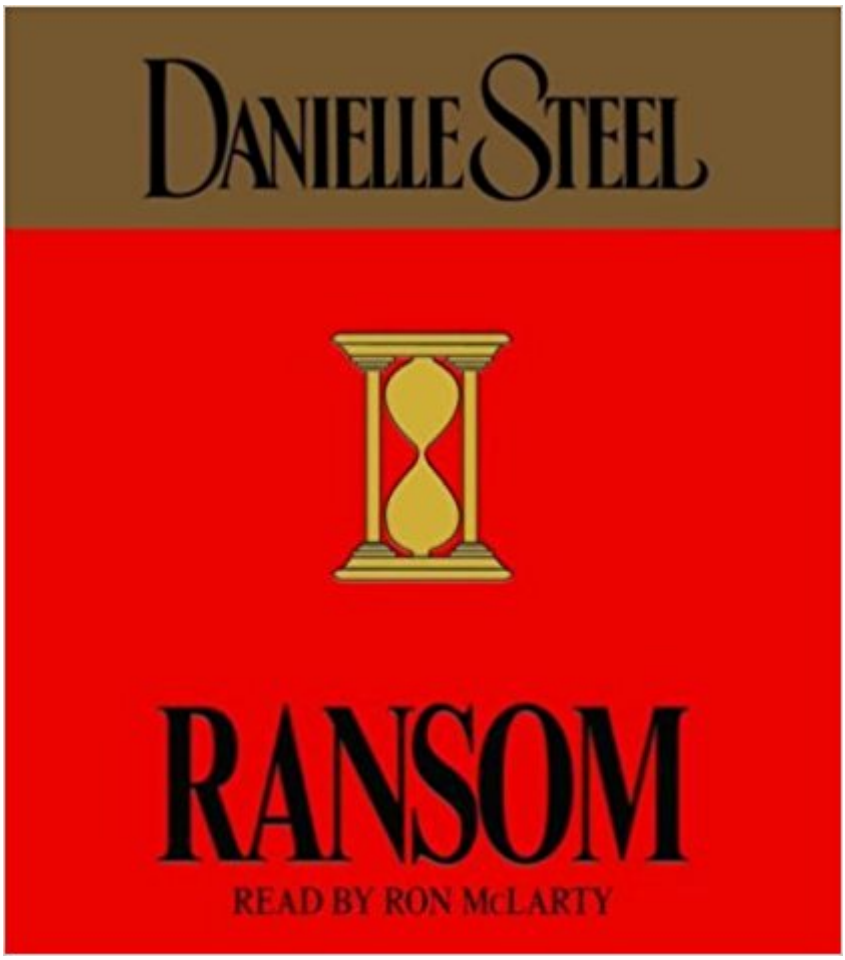
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Ransom (Danielle Steel)



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Synopsis

A violent crime brings together four lives in Danielle SteelÃ¢â ¬â„¢s sixtieth bestselling novel, the story of a motherÃ¢â ¬â„¢s courage, a familyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s terror, and a triumph of human strength and dignity in the face of overwhelming odds.Outside the gates of a California prison, Peter Morgan is released after four long years and vows to redeem himself in the eyes of the young daughters he left behind. Simultaneously, Carl Waters, a convicted murderer, is set on the path of freedom with him. That night, three hundred miles south in San Francisco, police detective Ted Lee comes home to a silent house; for twenty-nine years, he has been living for his jobÃ¢â ¬â •and slowly falling out of love with his wife. Across town, in an exclusive Pacific Heights neighborhood, a mother tries to shield her three children from the panic rising within her. Four months after her husbandÃ¢â ¬â„¢s death, Fernanda Barnes faces a mountain of debt she cannot repay, a world destroyed, and a marriage lost. Within weeks, the lives of these four people will collide in ways none of them could have foreseen. For Fernanda, whose life had once been graced by beautiful homes, security, success, and stunning wealth, the death of her brilliant, brooding husband was already too much to bear. She simply couldnÃ¢â ¬â„¢t imagine a greater loss, until a devastating crime rocks her family to its coreÃ¢â ¬â •and brings Detective Ted Lee into her life.A man of unshakable integrity, Lee will soon become the one person who tries to save FernandaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s family from a terrifying fate. Fernanda must draw on a strength she never knew she had. Racing against time in the underbelly of the criminal world, buffeted by the dark side of power, and unmoored by loss and betrayal, no one can predict where this tragedy will take them.Danielle Steel brilliantly explores the collision of a shocking crime with the ordinary lives of its victims in a novel that mesmerizes from start to finish. Ransom is at once a riveting evocation of lifeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s inexplicable turns of fate and a testament to the human will to survive.From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

A reformed drug dealer, a desperate widow, a bigtime crook and a compassionate cop are the players in this perfunctory kidnapping yarn set in San Francisco. Peter Morgan, a privileged young man, lost everything in a personal war with drugs, including his wife and two daughters. When he is released from prison, he is determined to go straight, but hard times force him to seek out Phillip Addison, a business mogul with many shady operations on the side. Addison makes Morgan an offer he can’t refuse: either recruit some fellow ex-cons to kidnap the children of recently deceased dot-com multimillionaire Allan Barnes, or his own kids will suffer. Against his will, Morgan hatches a plan. Meanwhile, Allan’s widow, Fernanda, is struggling to make ends meet, since unknown to nearly everyone, Allan lost all his money in bad investments before committing suicide. The San Francisco cops, led by Insp. Det. Ted Lee, find files suggesting that Addison is plotting something, but even heavy police protection can’t prevent Fernanda’s youngest son, Sam, from being snatched. Lee moves into the Barnes mansion to oversee the search for the kidnappers and watch over Fernanda, but in the end Morgan plays the crucial role in saving Sam. The novel begins slowly, with lengthy introductions to all the principal characters, and never picks up speed, with Steel narrating as if from a distance, glossing over critical scenes and skimping on dialogue. Reluctant villain Morgan is a sympathetic bad guy, and Steel engineers the requisite romance between Ted and Fernanda, but this is thin fare. Copyright Ã Â© Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

Four seemingly unconnected people intersect during one completely heinous crime in Steel’s latest. Peter and Carl are released from the same California prison on the same day. Morgan is a Harvard MBA convicted of drug dealing; Waters has been in prison for 24 years for murder. The two never spoke, but each knows the other. Morgan has a hard time adjusting to civilian life, and as a last resort seeks out a powerful business associate who sets him on the road to addiction, and back on the criminal path. He recruits Carl and two other men to pull off the allegedly lucrative kidnapping of Fernanda Barnes and her children. Her husband recently died, and she should be worth half a billion, but her husband actually left her broke. San Francisco detective Ted Lee is the man who

pieces together the crime and tries to protect the family while hiding his interest in the noble Fernanda, to whom is he is attracted. Morgan is also attracted to Fernanda, seeing her as the embodiment of the life he could have had. This lackluster suspense novel and its plastic characters will have automatic appeal for Steel fans, but other readers may find it wanting. Patty EngelmannCopyright Ã Â© American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to the Audible Audio Edition edition.

I really enjoyed this book a bit different to the general Danielle Steele books I give it 5 stars

I gave this book a 4 star rating instead of a 5 star because I found a few parts to remind me of reliving Ground Hog Day! A few parts seemed to repeat over and over! A few times I actually backed up my Kindle to be sure I didn't somehow go backwards instead of forward, as I seemed to be re-reading the same text over! Otherwise, the book held my interest and was a quick finish. Actually found myself not able to put it down once I was about 60% through. Would highly recommend this book....

Danielle Steel's mystery love story is a twist from her usual novels of wealth or wealth lost, love that needs to be found or lost, circumstances that interfere with happiness. It does have some suspense, so it keeps you reading.

This is not Danielle Steel's usual book. This has suspense and drama with a little romance. I enjoyed this book all the way through

Very, Gripping, an angle of suspense I don't usually see in her writing; clearly showing Danielle's ability to write in many different styles, certainly different to any other of her works I ever read, and very well done!

Love this book and all her books. A great writer!

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