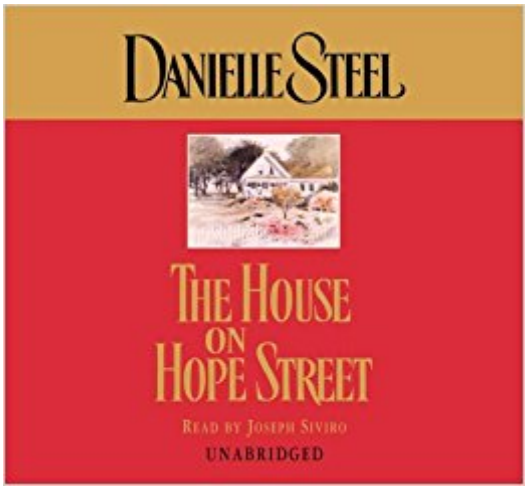
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Synopsis

Five CDs, 6 hoursLife was good for Liz and Jack Sutherland.Ã Â Ã Â In 18 years of marriage, they had built a family, a successful law practice, and a warm, happy home near San Francisco, in a house on Hope Street.Ã Â Ã Â Then, in an instant, it all fell apart.Ã Â Ã Â It began like any other Christmas morning, with joy and children's laughter.Ã Â Ã Â But for Jack Sutherland, a five-minute errand ends in tragedy.Ã Â Ã Â And suddenly, Liz is alone, facing painful questions in the wake of an unbearable loss.How can she go on without her husband, her partner, her best friend?Ã Â Ã Â How can she grieve when she must console five devastated children, including one with special needs of his own?Ã Â Ã Â Powered by her children's love, Liz finds the strength to return to work, to become both mother and 'daddy', coaching her youngest son for the Special Olympics.Ã Â Ã Â And one by one the holidays come and go before her eyes: Valentine's Day without flowers and without Jack...Easter...July 4th...Then, just weeks before Labor Day, a devastating accident sends her oldest son to the hospital-and brings a doctor named Bill Webster into her life.Ã Â Ã Â Bill becomes a friend to Liz as he slowly heals her shattered son.And as long as the days of summer blend into fall, a new relationship offers new hope, and Liz reflects on what she has, on what she's lost, on the little blessings that give strength when nothing else is left.Ã Â Ã Â Then, with the first anniversary of her husband's death approaching, and with it another Christmas in the house on Hope Street, Liz will face one more crisis before she can look back at a year of mourning and change-and ahead to the beginning of a new life.

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Customer Reviews

A year in the life of newly widowed Liz, dealing with a special-needs child while warming to a new doctor friend. Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A wife and mother puts the pieces back together after her husband is murdered.Liz and Jack Sutherland are successful divorce lawyers who live in Marin County, California, with their five children. On Christmas morning, the enraged husband of a client shoots Jack dead. In her typical singsong style, Steel (Granny Dan, 1999, etc.) takes Liz and her kids into the unthinkable horror of losing the person they love most in the world and then leads them pretty quickly out. Liz is helped through the following year by her best friend Victoria, her secretary Jean, and her housekeeper Carole. Nonetheless, in true soap-opera fashion, she shoulders most of the burden herself. Although she's grown to dislike dealing with people's nasty divorces, she stoically takes on a double caseload. She helps all her kids--especially her youngest child Jamie, a learning-delayed boy whose brain was damaged at birth--deal with the death of their father. When it comes time for the Special Olympics, an annual occasion for Jamie, Liz takes over Jack's job as trainer, coaching Jamie to his first winning medals ever. After an agonizing nine months of learning to sleep alone, Liz meets Dr. Bill Webster, the trauma doctor who helps her teenaged son Peter recover from a diving accident that left him with a head injury. Though Bill has always avoided long-term commitment, he can't help but be impressed by Liz's grit and her love for her family. Her daughter's resistance to him temporarily scares Bill off, but another Christmas finds him ready to take on carpooling with the manliest of them.This time out, Steel makes an intelligent choice of subject matter--and only occasionally threatens to treacle it to death. -- Copyright Ã Â© 2000 Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to the Audio Cassette edition.

Start to finish this book just kept rolling along! It held my interest without any blood & gore & I had a great read! Its fun. Its moving and it has a very cool story line!!!! Read it! You'll be glad you did!!!!T

This is a typical Danielle Steele novel with characters you learn to care for, a storyline that you really don't want to end, and a fairly predicable outcome. Even though predicable, it is still a good read. I picked it for the slight mystery involved in the ancestry. I have also worked in real estate law so the lawyer characters and real estate interests piqued my own. I will likely reread the book and recommend it to others, especially D. Steele fans.

I Enjoyed the story and the ending . The way the characters came together and the story of finding a reason to go on after the loss if one’s spouse .

Another great story from the author of this story.. Will check out what the next story will be out. Will do that now..

A very easy transaction and book arrived exactly as described.

I loved everything!!! The ambiance, the story itself. And how she described all the decorating and renovations, etc. A truly wonderful love story besides. Through the many generations! A must read! One of your good ones Daniel Steele! I also recommend, "A Good Woman", and "44 Charles Street" All were difficult to put down! Thank you!!!

Good story.

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