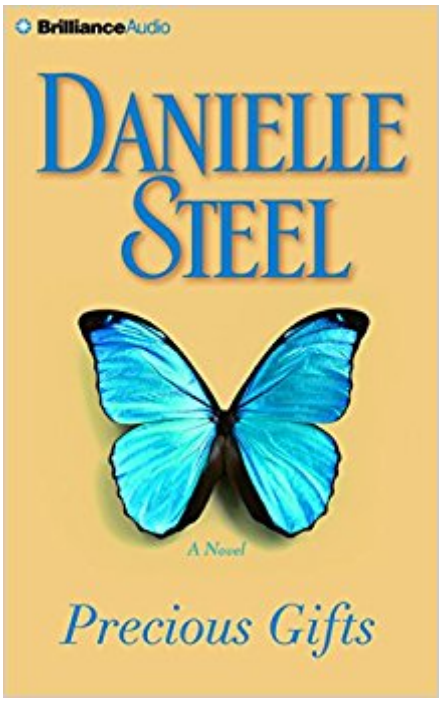
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Synopsis

Sweeping from New York to Los Angeles to Paris, Rome, Venice, and the South of France, Precious Gifts is Danielle Steel at her most acute and affecting, with the story of Veronique Parker and her three very different daughters, who each find their destiny with a late assist from a charming rogue.Paul Parker was the ultimate bon vivant, charismatic but feckless, who left his wealthy wife and three beautiful daughters wounded and wary of men. But after his death, Paul shows surprising insight in the bequests he leaves to each. Knowing that VeroniqueÃ¢â ¬â„¢s wealth is reserved for emergencies and special cases, so as to build the sense of responsibility he failed to provide, Paul aims to address their daughtersÃ¢â ¬â„¢ immediate needs in his will. To Timmie, he bequeaths the necessary funds to open her own facility to serve her homeless and underprivileged clients. To Juliette, enough to hire a staff to manage her bakery, so she can have time to get away, travel and live more fully. And to Joy, the money to hire a talent manager and funds for two years to get her acting career off the ground. But while Paul may have shown his daughters more support and affection in his final will than he ever did in his actual life, he leaves Veronique with a shocking revelation that shatters her remaining illusions about the understanding they had shared: the existence of a now-adult daughter whoÃ¢â ¬â„¢d been born three years before their divorce. Yet this too, is a gift, as it propels Veronique to at last forge a life of her ownÃ¢â ¬â •and to open her heart to the magnetic photographer she meets in the course of her journey.

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Customer Reviews

DANIELLE STEEL has been hailed as one of the worldÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most popular authors, with over

650 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Undercover, Country, Prodigal Son, Pegasus, A Perfect Life, Power Play, Winners, First Sight, and other highly acclaimed novels. She is also the author of His Bright Light, the story of her son Nick TrainaÃ¢â ¬â„¢s life and death; A Gift of Hope, a memoir of her work with the homeless; and Pure Joy, about the dogs she and her family have loved.

I’m one-third of the way through this book, and it sure is dragging and boring. Don’t know if I’ll read any more, or not. Not at all what I was hoping for.

I’m in chapter 5 still waiting for something to happen, there seems to be a lot of words but nothing said.Her 80 books were wonderful, you were caught up in the books story line in the first chapter couldn’t put it down.

I am a huge Danielle Steel fan and always recommend her books. This book tells you that there are still wonderful caring people around. Having four daughter’s myself, it showed how caught up you can get in they’re world but you have to make your own world. It was an enjoyable warm hearted read, enjoy

Danielle Steel needs to spend more time spinning an net resting story and less time repeating things over and over! If one more thing was "the best, the most delicious, or the most amazing", I would have quit reading! So boring. I just wanted it to end. I put the book in the Goodwill box and won’t bother offering it to a friend!

This is my first book by Danielle Steel and I was very pleased. It’s a heartwarming story of a father that was unable to show his love in this life but certainly gave his wife and child more than anyone could imagine by his death. A must read for those warm hearted, nostalgic readers. It leaves you feeling very happy and satisfied. a must read

I love the dynamic of the grown girls and their mother. Leaving the nest is a messy business and the author captures both the love and the hurt involved so poignantly. For the mother it is the story of her descent from all important to very rarely important except in the role of giver. For the child it is the confusion of independence with emotional separation. There is love but also misunderstanding. It is an ongoing process ,but an intriguing study of how to set boundaries and still retain caring.

Recognition of the individual is not the same as recognition of the role and this book captures that idea very well

Let’s just get this out there, I love Danielle Steel books. Precious Gifts doesn’t disappoint. I don’t want to give the story away, so will keep this simple. Precious Gifts is a story Veronique, an ex-wife, and mother who has raised 3 beautiful strong daughters. When her ex-husband passes away, his will is read and the gifts he leaves each of them will change their lives in unexpected ways. The daughters learn that their mother needs and desires a life of her own, and her role is not just to sit and wait for one of them to call.Another Danielle Steel book that I couldn’t put down and stayed up late to finish.

This is one of Danielle Steel’s best novels. The plot is interesting as it follows the interpersonal relationships between mother and her daughters as well as the mother’s feelings of betrayal by her ex-husband. Steel has obviously done meticulous research about the various locations in the novel as well as the historical incidents revolving around treasures lost by the Jewish people during the Holocaust. One never gets tired of the new plots the author develops and her extensive range of knowledge about multiple issues and venues.

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