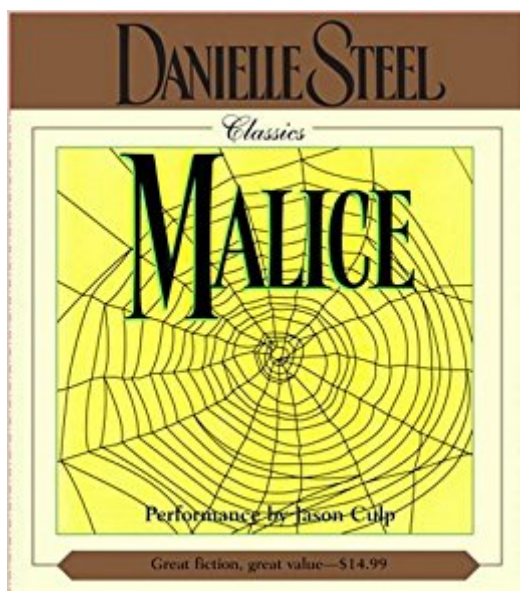


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Malice (Danielle Steel)



Synopsis

In her 37th bestselling novel, Danielle Steel tells the compelling story of a woman who must struggle to overcome a shattering betrayal, and the cruelest kind of malice. At seventeen, the night of her mother's funeral, Grace Adams is attacked. It is not the first time, and a brutal crime ensues. And to everyone's horror, Grace will not tell the truth. She is a young woman with secrets too horrible to tell, with hurts so deep they may never heal. She is also beautiful enough for men to want her no matter how much she does not want them. Whatever the outcome, Grace Adams will have to live with whatever happened during those terrible years. After a lifetime of being a victim, now she must pay the price for other people's sins. From the depths of an Illinois women's prison to a Chicago modeling agency to a challenging career in New York, Grace must carry the past with her wherever she goes. And in healing her own pain, she reaches out to battered women and children who live a nightmare she knows all too well. When Grace meets Charles Mackenzie, a New York lawyer, she has found a man who wants nothing from her—except to heal her, to hear her secrets, and to give her the family she so desperately wants. But, with happiness finally within her grasp, and precious loved ones to protect, Grace is at her most vulnerable—in danger of losing everything to a vicious tabloid press and an enemy from her past, an enemy bent on malice at all costs. With rare insight and power, Danielle Steel writes this extraordinary woman's story, portraying her struggle to triumph over malice and betrayal, and to transform a lifetime of pain into a blessing for others. Revealing both the stark reality of domestic abuse and the healing power of love, *Malice*, is more than superb fiction. It is a piece of life. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Only veteran author Danielle Steel can make dysfunction this fashionable! In *Malice*, her 37th potboiler, the gloves come off. Life is no fairy tale for teenager Grace Adams. The preternaturally quiet and dowdy daughter of Watseka's favorite son, lawyer John Adams, and his lovely, cancer-stricken wife Ellen, Grace has an ugly little secret that she's kept for four years. When her father brutally rapes her following her mother's funeral, Grace kills him. Only 17 years old, she faces the death penalty in a town all too willing to perpetrate the fiction of John Adams, even when it means prison for Grace. Upon release two years later, Grace heads for Chicago where life starts looking up when she finds a job as a receptionist in a downtown modeling agency. Unfortunately, Grace encounters an unscrupulous photographer and a slimy parole officer. As soon as her parole is over, Grace escapes again, running to New York City to disappear among the hordes. Working as a secretary in a law firm, she's asked to work for a partner. After a rocky start, Charles Mackenzie and Grace establish a comfortable routine. But when Grace is brutally beaten by the husband of a woman in the crisis center where she volunteers, Charles is at her side constantly, arranging for the finest medical care and talking her out of her coma. Love blooms as Grace slowly recuperates. Finally whole again, inside and out, Grace and Charles marry and start a family. Life couldn't get much better as Charles enters politics and Grace tends to their growing family. But when tabloids release the story of Grace's sordid past and explicit photos of Grace taken while she was drugged, their family is left reeling, with Charles's campaign in shambles and Grace's life crumbling around her. Danielle Steel doesn't even pretend that *Malice* is a piece of romantic fiction, but loyal fans will happily make the transition as she charts a new course! --Alison Trinkle --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Sexual abuse in myriad forms imbues Steel's new novel with uncharacteristically dark tones. The narrative covers more than 20 painful years in the life of Grace Adams, an incest victim who, at age 17, shoots dead her abusive father. Sent to prison, Grace is rescued from a lesbian gang-rape by a pair of women who provide protection during her two-year sentence. Once released, she heads to Chicago, where she lands a job in a modeling agency, only to be sexually harassed by a series of men, including her parole officer, her boss and a wicked photographer. After her probation ends, Grace moves to New York; there, she works as secretary in a major law firm and volunteers in a shelter for abused women. Steel is careful not to let the nearly fatal beating that follows mar her

heroine's good looks, or future. Grace emerges from a coma to find handsome Charles Mackenzie, her high-powered lawyer boss, at her bedside. A happy ending?which follows some satisfying vengeance on Grace's part?doesn't minimize the aura of victimization that surrounds this heroine. Only in a Danielle Steel novel would a 19-year-old ex-con show up at her first job interview in a "little Chanel knockoff" suit?but neither pseudo-high fashion nor the high-handed conclusion keep this yarn from being, ultimately, a big downer that earns its title in more ways than one. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grace Adams had been abused both physically and emotionally by the two people who were supposed to love, protect and cherish her. The citizens in the town of Waseka did not believe Grace had been brutally attacked and raped by her father from her early teens. The law enforcement, the courts and the people of the town believed her father was not capable of such heinous crimes towards his own flesh and blood, thus finding Grace guilty of manslaughter. Grace had to endure most of her teenage years and half of her adult life constantly having to defend herself from malicious attacks towards herself and her loved ones. Great story it's sad and frustrating at times and happy and joyful at others.

The rape by the girl's Father was too graphic. I happily tossed it into the waste basket after 10 minutes of reading.

I loved this book altho quite sad in parts one of Danielle Steele best

I really enjoyed this book from beginning to end! In fact, I could not put it down because I wanted to find out what happened! I highly recommend it to all Daniele Steel fans; you won't want the book to be over!

Danielle Steel keeps amazing me with her work. Malice is the second Steel book I have read to date and it far reached my expectations. I thought with the title Malice that it would be a mystery, but to my surprise it was so much more. The characters in the book are so real and the main character feels like they are sitting next to you as they tell the story. It didn't take me long to finish the book, because I found myself coming home from work and reading before I started dinner. It is a sad book and makes you wonder how many people actually live in horror each day. It makes me want to do charity work for abused children. This is a great read! My first Steel book was Southern Lights and

Malice is soooooo different! There is still love, but what a rocky path Grace has to walk and survive to get the fairy tail life..then Steel throws another curve and Grace's past comes back in an attempt to end her fairy tail.Courage

This for me was out of character for Danielle Steele. It was very disturbing and some very graphic scenes of parental sexual abuse as well as prison abuse. I did not expect this sort of content from this author. The overall story was good, not great. I did like the strength of the main character. Without creating a spoiler it would be difficult to share more. Not sure I would recommend this one.

This gut wrenching novel Malice wakes a person up to our daily intake of take offs of people's misery and events of daily life. This is the second time I read Steel's book and it was stomach churning how hungry people are for sordid sensationalism on a daily basis with no disregard of truth or how the lies affect the victim's lives. I take a much dimmer view of the damage that this book brought to light in this novel very touching. The story of Grace Adams is worth reading.

was a great book

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