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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 Paperback edition.*

## **Malice Details**

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Author : Danielle Steel

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## From Reader Review Malice for online ebook

### Brandy says

This was my 3rd book I read by this author. It was a great story, heartbreaking at times. Strong Characters and a great ending. I will definitely be rereading this. Highly Recommended!

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### Diane Wallace says

Great read! emotional but it's a wonderfully written story told from beginning to the end (paperback!)

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### J Jahir says

Listo. el libro me ha gustado mucho, otra historia más, que desde que lo empiezas te das cuenta que va a ser duro. YA viendo la sinopsis lo percibes, pero una vez estás en la lectura de las primeras 10 páginas, te agarras con lo bueno, y desde ese momento le toca a Grace sufrir la injusticia. Por lo menos fueron condescendientes con ella y le dieron 4 años de prisión teniendo en cuenta que fue por defensa propia, pudo haber sido peor.

Es una historia cruel, pero donde vemos claramente que después de todo ello viene la calma. ME encantó la relación que se fue estableciendo entre Charles y grace, pero odié a los hdp que se meten en donde no les importa. Por algo empiezas a odiar a la prensa y a todo lo que se trata de los medios de comunicación. EL único pero que le vi al mismo es que algunas escenas de la cronología las aceleraba un poquito, pero igual no creo que haya sido tan malo porque sería mucho rollo, así que tuvo una fluidez notable y fácil de llevar. Muy recomendable porque es otra de sus novelas que no es de las típicas, traen bastante drama detrás

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### Jasmine says

This has been my first experience of Danielle Steel's writing and I have to say it was exactly what I was expecting. It was the domestic novel I thought it would be, just a lot more intense and emotionally harrowing than I think I was prepared for. Definitely a great discussion on coping with abuse and grief; I would recommend you stay away if themes such as rape/sexual abuse/miscarriages trigger you.

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### Jenny George says

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-Story opens with the death of Grace's mother and story of her being raped by her father for 4 years till then since she was 13.She k

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## Sα?ina says

My first book by Daniel Steel. I found it incredibly insightful and beautifully heartbreaking. Big words, but I mean them completely.

The summary here pretty much tells you how the story progresses. It follows the journey of Grace, a girl who is victimized and has endured far more than should be fair. Her strength and character are an important part of the story, and leave you inspired.

This book deals with abuse, both physical and mental. It captured my complete attention and didn't give me any time to get bored. There were constant punches and speculations throughout the story.

But for me the best part was in the beginning i.e. the court case. Legal disputes are always far more interesting to me, which I guess is a result of reading too much Perry Mason.

One thing I wasn't impressed by was the ending. But probably because I didn't want it to end.

Malice is the correct term to describe what leads to the events of this story and it is disturbing to think how realistic it all is. This is the kind of book which makes you think about a lot of issues and empathize, and reconsider your views on people. It's also one of the books I refuse to find faults with.

I would summarize it as **intense, feminine and powerful**.

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## Jenny says

This book was so intense!! I had no idea it would be that depressing to read it!!  
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## Booklover says

This was such a heart wrenching story if a 17 year old Grace Adams,she suffered so much from the age of 14 and from there on her life changed completely,she was charged with murder and sent to jail in jail she took her degree and made friends who help her in all possible way then came to Chigaco there again she goes through a horrible time leaves from there and comes to another place where she finds love of her life Charlie Mackenzie,the age difference is of 20 years but the love that they share is so deep,they are living a perfect life Grace has left her past behind and is happy with her 3 children and Charlie is standing up in politics that is when again her past catches up with her and again she life is turned upside down,she suffers a miscarriage and even loses Charlie's trust so she leaves but then again Charlie-Grace stand together and they start collecting their life pieces and once again they have their life back

Grace is such a strong women,she has a spine of a steel god so much she suffered and still managed to make a good life with her but then when again her past catches up with her i was like ohh please not again she deserves to be happy but yet again Grace manages to put her life back together and this time she has Charlie also with her

Grace-Charlie's love is so sweet and heart warming,both complete each other and in between the storm Charlie's trust was a little shaken but nor completely broken but he realises that he should'nt have left Grace alone and then again their love manages to come through the storm unaffected

it was such a emotional read,though many readers have reviewed as terrible read but i liked it very much  
do keep loads of tissue boxes in handy while reading  
Recommend it

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### **Pam says**

4.5

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### **Michael says**

Since this is the first Danielle Steel novel I've ever read, I figured a brief review was necessary. Let me make one thing perfectly clear, right out of the gate. Ms Steel is a terrible writer. Yes, terrible. Fragments, run on sentences, and grammatically incorrect narratives abound. With that being said, Ms. Steel is a great storyteller (much in the same way that Sidney Sheldon is a horrific writer, but can spin a tale of deception, murder, and double crosses with a dab of back-stabbing like nobody's business). I've noticed that reviews for other Danielle Steel novels see-saw from positive to negative, as with any other author. For me, Malice was riveting for most of its 406 pages, although the end was anti-climatic and wrapped up a bit too tidy. Nonetheless, I can see that Ms Steel will become one of those guilty pleasures to indulge in from time to time. Oh, who am I kidding? I've got six more stacked on the shelf right now!!

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### **Mary says**

Grace Adams is a woman with a past full of deep, dark, hurtful secrets. A stunning beauty, daughter of an influential lawyer, she has spent the last years nursing her dying mother through her final battle with cancer. On the night of her mother's funeral, she is brutally raped by her father and, after years of such repeated abuse, she snaps and kills him.

Only 17 years old, she faces the death penalty in a town that is only too willing to believe in and continually perpetrate the supposedly perfect reputation of her father, even if it means prison for Grace. After her release two years later, she tries to pick up the pieces of her life. Eventually, she falls in love with and marries Charles Mackenzie, an up-and-coming politician and they start a family together.

During an important campaign, a tabloid releases the sordid story of Grace's past as well as several explicit photos of Grace taken while she was drugged. This leaves their family reeling; with Charles's campaign in shambles and Grace's life crumbling around her. I really enjoyed this book. It was a departure from Danielle Steel's other work and I give it an A+!

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### **Danielle says**

UGH!! i wish she was a better writer! i am probably the only person in america that doesn't like her writing, but there it is. the plots of her books are pretty good, predictable, but good. but i hate how her sentences describing things go on and on and on. i don't know why i read this book. honestly, i just needed something

to occupy my mind as i sat out in the sun the yesterday.

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### **Jia Humayun says**

This is my favorite book among all Daniel Steel's books up to date. Mostly her books represent the extreme of every issue pertaining our community giving them an unrealistic touch. Malice. though, on one hand representing the extreme of media's interference to ruin one's life also corresponds to the hardcore realities of incest cases in our society. Grace Adams a teenager of 17 is forced to kill her father while he attempted to rape her. As the story continues we learn that she was forced to for 'it' with her father since 13 when her mother got vaginal cancer. Grace refuses to tell the truth. After much prodding from a psychiatrist and her lawyer she admits the truth but her father being a popular figure among the society prejudiced the jury and they charged her for voluntary manslaughter. She is sent to jail where she survives particularly hard times. After that she gets employed my a modeling agency where she faces new challenges and learn crucial realities about surviving alone in this world. After her two years of probation, she moves to New York and starts working for a law firm. She also did charity work to serve battered women and children and bring them out of the trauma she knew so well. She gets married to her boss Charles Mackenzie, who is horrified to discover such a young and beautiful girl who had suffered more than anyone can handle. He just wants to heal her by loving her and giving her a family she yearned for but was too scared to pursue. When it seemed nothing could go wrong, something goes terribly wrong. Her family, her respect, her status is practically ruined when someone from her past strikes back. An enemy bent on pure Malice aiming to make her miserable for the rest of her life.

Malice is a must read story. It teaches us many things apart from the unjust realities of life.

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### **Diane says**

Wonderful read! very insightful writing..painful and emotional journal...well written (paperback!)

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### **Joshua says**

Danielle Steel is a HUGE guilty pleasure for me. Her writing can be awful at times, but the smooth flow and quick pace of her plots can be thoroughly enjoyable. So usually when I read Danny Steel, it's not for the literary merit or the substance of the story.

Malice was different.

I was interested to see how Steel would write on such a dark subject matter, but Malice impressed me.

Not only did she obviously do her research, but it actually felt like she had something to say. It wasn't an empty or half assed attempt on a book about sexual abuse, and I applaud Danielle Steel for raising awareness on such an important issue. Especially considering this book was published over 15 years ago, when there wasn't nearly as much awareness or social consciousness about abuse as there is now.

A solid four stars for Malice, I was pleasantly surprised :)

