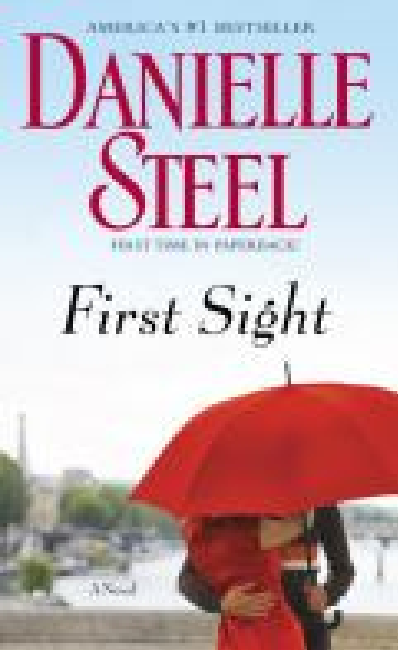


ACORN LIBRARY'S SPOTLIGHT AUTHOR:

DANIELLE STEEL

First Sight
(Fic Steel D)



Without A Trace
(Fic Steel D)

"A riveting new novel from Danielle Steel, whose countless #1 New York Times Bestselling novels have made her one of America's favorite storytellers. Charles Vincent seems to have it all - a beautiful wife, two successful children, and a well-paying career. Yet happiness remains out of reach. He is trapped in a loveless marriage and his job is simply a paycheck. But his life changes forever one night as he drives along the Normandy coast, heading to their lavish chateau for the weekend. In one terrifying moment, Charles falls asleep at the wheel and veers off the road, plunging thirty feet down the face of a rocky cliff. Miraculously, Charles survives. After gathering the courage to climb to safety, he starts to walk - bruised, bloody, and desperate for help. In the dark of night, he happens upon a cabin where he meets the kind and beautiful Aude Saint-Martin. They have an instant connection, and as she nurses him back to health, Charles begins to discover the passion he's been missing for so many years. In the aftermath of the crash, Charles has a startling realization: He doesn't have to go back. He could simply choose to disappear, to walk away from his old life. When his car is discovered, he'll be presumed dead, washed away at sea. If he stays with Aude, he has a chance at a fuller, happier life that he didn't know was possible. It all seems so good to resist. But Aude has secrets of her own, and before long their pasts catch up to them, threatening everything they have fought to build. What would happen if you were given a chance to walk away from everything in your life and start over with a blank state, and you had a split second to decide? In *Without a Trace*, Danielle Steel tells an irresistible story of the risks two people are willing to take in exchange for a chance at the life they've always wanted



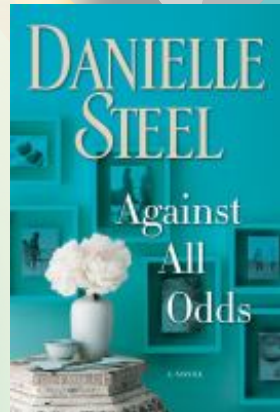
New York. London. Milan. Paris. fashion Week in all four cities. A month of endless interviews, parties, and unflagging work and attention to detail at the ready to wear fashion shows twice a year. At the center of the storm is American Timmie O'Neil, whose renowned line, Timmie O, is the embodiment of casual chic in fashion and for the home. She has created a business that inspires, fills, and consumes her life. With an unerring instinct for what the next trend will be, Timmie has built an international empire over two decades that has brought her enormous satisfaction and success. Yet as blessed as she feels, Timmie harbors the wounds of a devastating childhood and past tragedy. She is too hurt to want much in her personal life beyond a succession of very limited relationships. Always willing to take risks in business, she never risks her heart. But despite her highly controlled world, Timmie O'Neil is not immune to magic when it strikes. And it strikes during Paris Fashion Week, when an intriguing Frenchman comes into her life. At first, Timmie and Jean-Charles Vernier are only patient and physician, but neither can deny their growing friendship and the electricity that sparks whenever they meet.

Similar to Danielle :

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A Perfect Life
(Fic Steel D)

"A Mother and Daughter confront respective challenges, cope with celebrity and work through tragedy while maintaining an idyllic façade to the outside world, in an uplifting tale. [A] heartwarming and inspirational novel about a mother and a daughter who face challenges, cope with celebrity, and overcome tragedy while maintaining the outward appearance of... A Perfect Life. The epitome of intelligence, high-powered energy, and grace Blaise McCarthy is an icon in the world of television news, asking the tough questions and taking on the emotionally charged issues of world affairs and politics with courage and insight. A single mother, she manages her well-ordered career meticulously, always prepared on the air or interviewing world-renowned figures and heads of state. To her audience, Blaise seems to have it all. But privately, and off the set, there is another untold story she has kept hidden for years. Blaise's teenage daughter, Salima, was blinded by Type 1 diabetes in childhood, and needs have kept her away in a year-round boarding school with full-time medical care and assistance ever since. When Salima's school closes after a tragedy, Salima returns to her Mother's New York City Apartment, and suddenly they face challenge's they've never had to deal with before, and that Blaise feels ill-equipped to handle. A new caretaker provided by Salima's school creates as many problems as he solves. Handsome, accomplished, thirty-two-year-old Simon Ward, with strong opinions on every topic, questions how mother and daughter view themselves and each other. Simon opens new doors for both of them and refuses to accept Salima's physical limitations. He turns their world upside down, and the three become friends. Then everything starts to unravel and Blaise can't keep her two world's separate anymore. A beautiful young anchorwoman is hired at the network; it is no secret that she is being groomed to take Blaise's place. Her career as she has known it is threatened, and her previously well-ordered life feels totally out of control. For the first time, Blaise's life is not perfect, but real.



Against All Odds
(Fic Steel D)

"Taking chances is a part of life, but when you bet your future against the odds, it's a high-risk game. Kate Madison's stylish resale shop has been a big SoHo success, supporting her and her four kids since her husbands untimely death. Now they are grown and ready to forge lives of their own. And they all choose to play against the odds, to their mother's dismay. Isabelle, a dedicated attorney, is in line to make partner at her Wall Street firm when she falls for a client she represents in a criminal case. She tells herself she can make a life with him - but can she? Julie, a young designer, meets a man who seems too good to be true and falls under his spell. She marries him quickly, gives up her job, and moves to Los Angeles to be at his side - but is all what it seems? Justin is a struggling writer who pushes for children with his partner before they're financially or emotionally ready. Will the strain of the relationship; take too high a toll? And Willie, the youngest, a tech expert, makes a choice that shocks them all with a women twelve years Kate - loving, supportive, and outspoken - can't keep her children from playing against the odds. Can the odds be beaten? Not often - as her children have to learn for themselves. For Kate, the hardest lesson will be that she can't protect the children she loves from the choices they make - but can only love them as they make them"

