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In her fifty-fourth bestselling novel, Danielle Steel weaves a compelling story of fame and friendship, charmed lives and private struggles...and of three very different men whose lives converge and collide at **The Cottage**.

On a sunny day in Hollywood, a gleaming Rolls-Royce convertible pulls through the gates of the magnificent estate known as **The Cottage**. Modeled after the “cottages” of Newport, Rhode Island, the spacious, elegant property, sitting on fourteen acres of lush Bel Air, fits its owner to a T. For the man behind the wheel of the Rolls is Hollywood’s ageless wonder, Cooper Winslow. A star of the silver screen for decades, a man whose allure to women is the stuff of legend, Coop exudes grace, charm, and old-fashioned style. But today Coop Winslow is in for a major surprise. He’s broke. And with no major roles coming his way, Coop is faced with the heartbreaking prospect of selling his beloved home of forty years, or at least renting out the gatehouse and part of the main house. A huge blow to Coop, whose debonair attitude allows him to escape reality much of the time.

His new tenants, Mark Friedman and Jimmy O’Connor, are busy coping with problems of their own. Mark’s wife of sixteen years just walked out, and Jimmy recently lost his own wife to a devastating illness. But everything changes when Mark’s teenage son and daughter move in. Suddenly, **The Cottage** is transformed, with music blasting from every corner, teenagers on skateboards crashing into vintage cars, and a never-ending parade of young starlets streaming in and out to visit Coop.

But amid all the noise and the chaos, something unexpected is happening. Three men who never would have met are becoming friends...and each man finds himself changing in surprising ways, Coop most of all. Because beneath the dazzle and flash, the impeccably tailored suits and the sheer bravado, is a man trying to keep control of his carefully ordered world—a world that is becoming more and more unpredictable with each passing day.

First, a tabloid scandal erupts, threatening Coop’s budding romance with a wealthy debutante. . .A stranger approaches Coop with stunning news....A devastating accident almost claims the life of one of the housemates....And in the midst of it all, **The Cottage** welcomes a new houseguest with a secret of her own, who will change Coop’s life in unexpected ways. Because among the people who share his cottage and his life, Coop Winslow—loner, bachelor, movie star—may find the rarest of all opportunities: a chance to build a happiness he could never have dreamed of on his own, and to become the kind of human being he has never been.

Against a glittering backdrop of celebrity and glamour, Danielle Steel digs deeper to tell a story of friendship and love, tragedy and second chances...of the choices and unexpected turns of fate that can shape characters and lives.

*From the Hardcover edition.*

## The Cottage Details

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## **From Reader Review The Cottage for online ebook**

### **Ashley Daviau says**

This was such pleasant, easy reading! I really enjoyed the mix of characters and watching them each grow and evolve. I was also quite happy with how everything ended up working out, it was the perfect ending!

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### **Mandy says**

Typical ds.

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### **Dpic says**

Entertaining fluff. A bit 'rich'.

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### **Suzanne says**

Read this a long time ago but do remember really enjoying it. Easy reading, but satisfying.

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### **Sarah Waters says**

Was initially too embarrassed to publish that I have read this book on here then I thought why not....everyone needs to read a predictable, trashy story occasionally. This book fits that description to a t.

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### **Alona Perlin says**

This is the first time I gave a Danielle Steel novel a 5-star rating. It was truly a mix of a very interesting story, with memorable characters and enough Hollywood glitz. I couldn't wait to get back to it when I took a break from it. I am a Jackie Collins fan and miss Jackie-type novels and this was close to what Jackie Collins wrote about. The characters were woven in well together and the story had an interesting concept. It was predictable, at times as I could tell who was going to end up with whom, but still I thoroughly enjoyed this book!

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### **Victoria says**

Kind of silly  
2.5 stars

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**Jenny Laengle says**

Predictable, boring, keeps repeating herself over and over and over again, no surprises.  
Incestuous

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**ReneeB says**

I was a bit surprised that most of the characters in this were all men. Not really what I expected from DS. But it was a nice change of pace.

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**Elizabeth Mulligan says**

A happy read. I listened to the audio book and found myself giggling and smiling throughout!

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**May Hui says**

I'm a huge Danielle Steel fan but clearly it's like she's writing this book like she is drunk. Repeating the same thing over and over again. I don't even like it when my friends repeat stuff, let alone reading the same thing. Disappointed in this book. Maybe her editors are failing her. Shouldn't someone say something to her? Her earlier books might be better because she cared more? I hate when authors do this, care less because they are now just a money making machine.

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**Michelle Robinson says**

Wow, this book was overwrought and impossible to believe. I understand that it is a work of fiction but this stretches credibility a bit too far. There is a happy ending but this is a bit too much. It strains even the most forgiving reader's ability to accept. For me it is just too too much of a fairytale. You will find yourself asking really???? Too convenient too contrived for one to enjoy the ending or the read.

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**Phil Williams says**

I read this book because my niece is a fan of Danielle Steel. I had expected that after writing ten thousand books, or however many she has written, that the words would flow over the pages as smoothly as a fine scented oil.

They don't.

The writing is as hard to wade through as a swimming pool filled with Jell-O. The characters are stiff and barely there. We know who they are, but not really what they feel, only the surface emotions. The point of

view changes from one character to another, from paragraph to paragraph until you really don't care who is doing what and why.

Terrible, terrible stuff.

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## **Mitsu Vaishnav says**

The Cottage !!!

Against a glittering backdrop of celebrity and glamour, DANIELLE STEEL digs deeper to tell a story of friendship and love, tragedy and second chances...of the choices and unexpected turns of fate that can shape characters and lives.

Danielle Steel has always been one of my favorite writers. The way she presents various relationships with a stroke of a pen is simply mind-boggling. I myself have lost count of the number of novels I have read which have been written by her. But all of them have touched a part of my soul. There is something I have loved and learnt from her novels which I will try to express through this post.

The Cottage: Is basically a story of 3 men. All of them are different. Basically they represent 3 types of men which actually are present in our universe.

1)Cooper Winslow : A spoiled Brat !!! An EX-Movie Star !!! Imagine Tom Cruise after 20 years. He is 70 years old having affairs with 20 year olds. Supporting a lot of DEBT because of his lavish life style. We know the GRIND . Ultimately falls in love with a Girl “Alex”, who is a NEONATOLOGIST. Whether he loves her or her huge inheritance is left to be seen !!

2)Jimmy O'Connor : Jimmy is the social worker kind of Guy !!! Works with troubled kids. Head over heels in love with his wife. Well, the CATCH here is his wife dies due to Cancer. The book describes his painful journey in order to move on with his life.

3)Mark Friedman: The Corporate kind of Guy !!! Divorced !!! Wife fell in love with someone else and cheated on him !!! Two kids. Jason and Jessica. His life basically revolves around his kids.

How do the THREE of them meet ????

Cooper Winslow rents out a part of his house known as ” THE COTTAGE”. He rents the guest wing to Mark and gate house to Jimmy.

The Plot revolves around Cooper Winslow and Alex, his Girl friend. Alex is the opposite of Cooper. She is beautiful, caring, down to earth and rich due to her huge inheritance. Cooper loves spending time with her. She is 30 and he is 70. He is never sure during the length of the book whether he “LOVES HER BECAUSE OF HER” or “LOVES HER PARTLY BECAUSE OF HER INHERITANCE”. The way Danielle Steel reflects his conflicting emotions regarding that, is really note-worthy.

Meanwhile Mark and Jimmy become great friends. They both help each other get over their grief. How a Strong bond of Friendship can help people tide over their problems is wonderfully shown.

Cooper is cordial with his tenants. But Alex develops a strong bond with Jimmy over a period of time.

Especially when Jimmy tries to commit suicide in grief for his wife. Alex helps him out emotionally at that point. Jimmy's mom comes to live with him at that point and hits off extremely well with Cooper, makes Cooper see sides of himself he didn't know existed.

Cooper discovers that he has a daughter Taryn, she is 40 when both of them meet for the first time. Being reluctant at first, they hit it off well together. Cooper discovers a part of him that he also didn't know was missing. Mark and Taryn ultimately get together and fall in love.

The question remains that what happens b/w Alex , Cooper and Jimmy ?? Who does Alex go with ??? For that you need to read the book.

What did i learn from the book ???

Relationships which are wrong, are ultimately wrong. The faster you get over them and move on the better. Even after a huge heartfelt break-up there is always a rainbow at the other end. Whatever happens, always happens for the best. Friendships don't depend on the duration for which you have been friend's, it depends on depth of emotions. Even if a person is self centered and carefree and egoistic at some point of time, fate has a way of turning him into a good human being.

p.s. Date guys more of your age... is another lesson I learnt from this one

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### **Deb Rankin-moore says**

Danielle Steel is worth \$385 million. Good for her, I guess. She made this money writing toss aside novels, in my estimation.

My mom and sister devoured her books. I may have read my first and last. Her characters are out of my league, and so narcissistic and shallow, I can't foresee myself torturing myself with this drivel.

This is her 54th novel. Perhaps that is why she repeated words within the same paragraph. She repeated sentences - word for word - through the the book. Heck, she repeated full paragraphs in order to fill the page!

Here's an example of her "stellar" writing skills. From page 451 (Large Print Edition): "It was a promise to promise to try to promise to maybe if they were lucky fall in love with each other one day."

Never more.

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