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In her 39th best-selling novel, Danielle Steel brings to life the story of three women, old roommates from college, who come together after twenty years, one summer at **The Ranch**.

They had been inseparable in college, Mary Stuart, Tanya, and Zoe. But in the more than twenty years that followed, the three had moved on with their lives, settled in different cities, and found successful careers and new roles as mothers and wives. By chance, each would find herself alone for a few weeks one summer, wrestling with the present and the past. At a sprawling ranch in the foothills of Wyoming's Grand Teton Range, the three women come together and find courage, healing, and truth, and reach out to each other once again.

Despite the honesty they once shared, now pretense between them runs high. Mary Stuart Walker, married for twenty-two years to a Manhattan lawyer, kept herself busy with volunteer work, and now masks the loneliness that consumes her life. A year has past, and Mary Stuart still hasn't gotten over the guilt, or the fear that her husband will never forgive her for their son's death... Tanya Thomas, an award winning singer and rock star, enjoys all the trappings of fame and success--a mansion in Bel Air, legions of fans, and a broken heart. All the Grammy awards in the world can't make up for the children she wanted but never had, the men who have taken advantage of her, and just gone along for the ride, and still are... Dr. Zoe Phillips has her hands full as a single mother to an adopted two-year-old, and as a doctor at an AIDS clinic in San Francisco. Predictably, as they all know, she is as liberal as she ever was, and marriage was never a dream she coveted or shared with them. Tending to her patients is a full-time job that leaves Zoe little time for herself--until unexpected news forces her to reevaluate both her future, and her current life.

But despite the changes in their lives, their friendship is still a bond they all treasure and share. For each of the women, a few weeks at the ranch will bring healing and release, as old hurts are buried, ancient secrets revealed, and love replaced or renewed. In *The Ranch*, bestselling novelist Danielle Steel brings reality to the meaning of friendship, with dramas whose truths we all share.

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Cat. says

This was difficult to read because it's so very poorly written; there's no editing, the style is almost oral storytelling, as if she wrote it directly from dictation with no changes whatsoever. The plot is obvious, with a completely unreal ending, and all tied up in a neat little package end. Yuck--hence 0 stars.

Now I can honestly say I've read a Danielle Steel.

Karlie Nyte says

I realized about two thirds of the way through this book, which I had been devouring ever since I started to read it, that I had in fact read this book once before. And I loved it the second time through as well. I enjoyed the three main characters so very much, and I feel like I could identify with all in some way, even though they all are written as very successful women, and having all achieved an extraordinary standard of living, neither of which applies to me. I am highly recommending this book for a nice read, and happy endings, even though tragedy is woven throughout the entire story. At this time in my life, however, I do not feel the need to keep this book on my shelf. Too much has changed in me since the first time I read it, and too much hits home in it for me to want to read it again. But I believe it to be a fantastic book, and it makes me miss the mountains more than I already do.

Mel Schanz says

Complete and utter boredom. I'm not even kidding. I love Danielle Steel, so this is hard and utterly shocking for me to write about one of her books. I finished it out of respect of her, but it was completely boring and predictable. Surprisingly, I felt like it needed an epilogue. Where are these three ladies a year from when they parted? Or ten years later? There are much better Danielle Steel books out there.

Bigedsgirl1 says

One of Danielle Steel's best! A story that will resonate with all women, especially those of us who have longtime friendships with other women that we treasure and still count on, no matter the distances of place or time between visits. As you read this extraordinary novel, you will experience the full gamut of emotions caused by the loss of a child, the betrayal of a spouse, and the strength of spirit regained through a renewal of faith in the love, loyalty, and trust of others. In the book, The Ranch has a wondrous effect on all who visit there and the effect on every reader will be just as great and long lasting.

Tami Faulhaber-Talbot says

I normally enjoy DS, although I know she does not necessarily write the most edifying books ever. However, this book was horrible. Really? After agonizing for chapters over their individual relationships, they all fall madly in love in the same three days?!? Ugh.

Selena Moreno says

Can someone please tell me why Danielle Steel do THAT with the finals of her books? I mean, it's amazing all the story, the characters, everything. But I feel like she always write the finals fast, as if she were in a hurry and leaves so many things unfinished. Such a shame.

Sam says

Didnt enjoy this as much as other Danielle Steels i've read. I skippedto the end to see what happened to Stu, the only 1 of the 3 main characters that i was interested in.

Ayesha says

Weird is the word!

Sabrina Bellesbach says

I have nothing nice to say. I'm not even going to bother writing a review for this.

Tiffunee says

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I started this book, fully expecting another Danielle Steel story, this one was pretty good. Surprise ending.

Connie says

I cannot believe it only took me a month to read this book, seriously it seemed like a year.

Way too repetitive and hokey. No three woman can be that wonderfully perfect and beautiful. If all of the parts were taken out about how beautiful they are were, the book would have been half it's size.

Jyotika Varmani says

I think this book took the 'feel good' factor to a very far fetched extreme. Everything turns out to be so perfect that it's hard to digest. The protagonists are like some goddesses, and have simply no flaw and can do nothing wrong. This book is like a fairytale, where the ranch is the solution for the protagonist's issues. Also, it was too predictable. I seriously expected something better from an author I heard so much about. A very overdone affair.

Tanya says

First Steel book I have ever read. It actually wasn't that bad but it seemed very dramatic and unlikely to happen in real life. I was surprised with the ending when Bill and Maria ending up getting back together.

Amy says

I think this may be my last Danielle Steel book. I just can't handle her overwritten books any more! I've read too many good authors lately...

Becky says

Reading books like this piss me off because the writing is so bad. It's like reading something I would have written in high school. It could have been about 150 pages shorter with all the extraneous sentences we didn't need. How many times are you going to talk about how they don't look their age?! We get it.

I get pissed off because I should have 360 million copies of books sold since I can write better. Maybe I should read more of Danielle Steel to force me to get off my ass and write something of my own.
