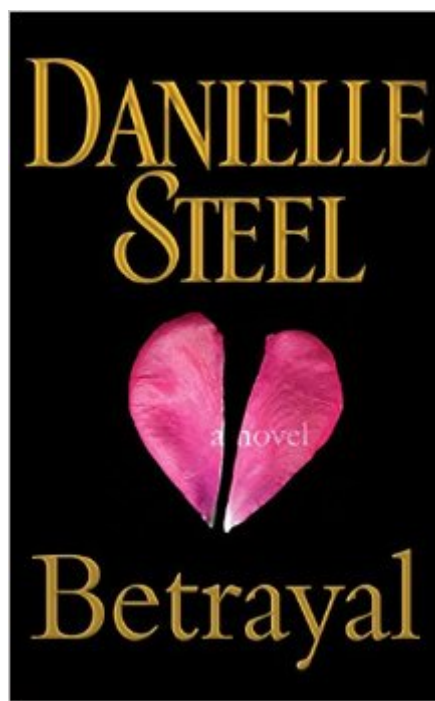


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# Betrayal: A Novel



## Synopsis

At thirty-nine, Tallie Jones is a Hollywood legend. Her work as a film director is her passion and the center of her life; one after another, her award-winning productions achieve the rare combination of critical and commercial success. With no interest in the perks of her profession or the glitz and glamour of Los Angeles, Tallie maintains close and loving relationships with her college-age daughter and her aging father, and has a happy collaboration with Hunter Lloyd, her respected producing partner, confidant, and live-in lover. Rounding out the circle and making it all work is Brigitte Parker, Tallie's devoted personal assistant. Friends since film school, they are a study in contrasts, with Brigitte's polished glamour balancing Tallie's artless natural beauty, and her hard-driving, highly organized style a protective shield for Tallie's casual, down-to-earth approach. As Tallie is in the midst of directing the most ambitious film she has yet undertaken, small disturbances begin to ripple through her well-ordered world. An outside audit reveals troubling discrepancies in the financial records maintained by Victor Carson, Tallie's longtime, trusted accountant. Mysterious receipts hint at activities of which she has no knowledge. Soon it becomes clear that someone close to Tallie has been steadily funneling away enormous amounts of her money. In the wake of an escalating series of shattering revelations, Tallie will find herself playing the most dangerous game of all—to trap a predator stalking her in plain sight. In this riveting novel, Danielle Steel reveals the dark side of fame and fortune. At the same time, she brilliantly captures a woman's will to navigate a minefield of hurt and loss toward a new beginning.

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## Customer Reviews

After DS last few books which were terrible, Hotel Vendedome was the worst, Danielle Steele finally writes a good one!!! This was more in line with her earlier works. We has a well thought out plot, and characters that you actually cared about. Talle is a well known director who places her life and money in the hands of two trusted employees. When she finds out that these two trusted "friends" betray her in some horrible acts, Talle must set out to redefine her life. Along the way she must make some decisions to part ways with Hunt and Bridget and that is the heart wrenching part of the story. Without giving away the plot to much, you will find yourself shocked at some of the events that occur along the way. The character development is great and Talle, Max and Jim are three well written characters..that you will actually root for in the end.Much like Danielle Steels earlier work, this one is a page turner and you wonder did she actually write this one since her last few novels were terrible. I told myself after the last few books that I was done....having read all of her books. However this one intrigued me and I went ahead with it and I am glad I did. I really enjoyed it!!! SHES BACK....DANIELLE STEELE IS BACK!!!!

By the second chapter the plot became predictable. Steele has become formulaic and she "fills" the verbage with repetition. I am disappointed because she was much better with her earlier novels.

I enjoyed this book but I was predicting what will happen and I was right. Nothing great about the plot, a little sappy at times. Not a page turner but it holds your interest. Wish I could give it 3 1/2 stars.

I read this book overnight. I could not put it down. I was sitting on the edge and nearly cheated, although I did not do that. It really is a great novel by this wonderful Author. I have read all Danielle Steel's books and this is my 3rd favorite of all. My first is The House, My second is Hotel Vendone and my third is Betrayal.I am eagerly waiting for her next novel. I wish she would bring out some movies from these novels again.

I give up on DS books. I don't really need to know how the upper 1% lives. Honestly, this was very predictable. How many times can the words, "sob, sobbed, or cried" be used per page during the first third of the book. For being so smart, the heroine had a few brain cells missing in order for her lover and assistant to fool her for FOUR years. Give me a break.

I've read all Steele's books. While she is known for verbosity, this takes it to a new low. I kept

thinking an old person was writing it or someone who thought readers did not have many brain cells. Sorry. I like her other books but I had to review this honestly in my opinion.

As much as I am an avid Danielle Steel fan, this book was anything but a masterpiece. The story in of itself was decent enough but it unfolded too predictably; the qualities of the characters were one-dimensional & the reader was lead along a path that was already complete without much ability for speculation. Sadly, this novel was a disappointment in many ways; I was very much looking forward to diving into this story full-speed ahead and instead, forced myself to complete it. If you find yourself intrigued by this novel's description, do yourself the favor of buying the book at a deep discount.

This is one of DS' more cleverly crafted books. As usual, her characters are very real and if you hadn't read a preview , you would be surprised when "the plot twisted". Also as usual her characters are strong women who face the challenges they face and come through it unharmed. I enjoyed it and would recommend it for light reading.

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