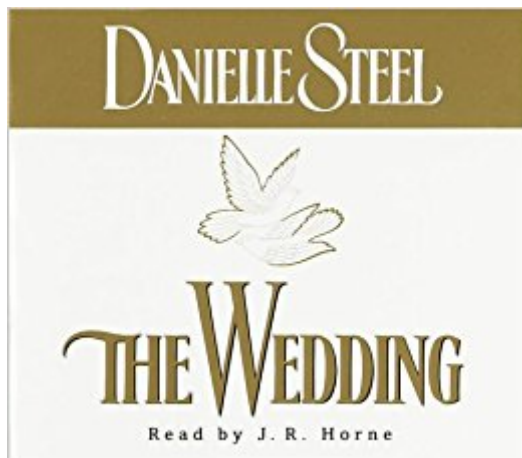


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The Wedding (Danielle Steel)



Synopsis

5 CD's 6 hours Read by J.R. Horne Simon Steinberg and Blaire Scott are among the most respected couples in Hollywood. Simon, a major movie producer, and Blaire, an award-winning television writer, have defied the Hollywood cliches, keeping their marriage together for decades. Their three children, aspiring teenage model Samantha, pre-med student Scott, and entertainment lawyer Allegra, are successful and happy. As an attorney to the stars, twenty-nine year old Allegra Steinberg's career consumes so much of her time, she has little time for a private life. Until a chance encounter with a New York writer turns Allegra's life upside down. And suddenly, she finds herself planning a wedding at her parent's Bel Air home. As preparations begin for a September ceremony, the chaos of last-minute arrangements, surprise announcements, and ever-increasing anxiety brings out the best and worst in everyone. But as couples in each generation in the Steinberg family struggle with broken vows and new hopes, the real meaning of Allegra's wedding emerges. For the bride, the ceremony is a bridge between her past and her future. For her parents, it is a reminder of the bond that holds all together. And for both families, it is an opportunity for reconciliation, forgiveness, and new hope for the future, as weddings often are for us all.

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Customer Reviews

Allegra Steinberg has all the real-life problems of a Hollywood mover and shaker. As the daughter of two prominent producers and the entertainment lawyer for some of the most famous stars, Allegra spends her time supporting those who stand directly in the glare of fame. When Allegra's fragile

personal life starts to crumble, however, she finds the courage to turn her attentions to her own life. And when she meets Jeff Hamilton, a sincere, sexy writer, she finds a reason for self-examination. The course of true love soon takes its required detours, and Jeff and Allegra must learn to compromise, grow up, and grow together. Once again, Steel delivers the goods: a novel full of fame, fashion, and modest passion. Though the story starts off a bit unfocused, and takes minor side trips to investigate unrelated issues, fans should find it a satisfying Steel fix. The Wedding has no pretensions of being anything other than what it is--a perfect read for a plane trip or a long, lazy weekend. --Nancy R.E. O'Brien --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

Steel's 48th novel (after *Irresistible Forces*), about weddings Hollywood-style, gets off to a slow start, but just when the singsong prose and bland introductory details begin to get frustrating the plot picks up steam. Beautiful, brainy lawyer Allegra Steinberg's life is one drama after another--once she gets rid of her boyfriend, philandering dullard Brandon Edwards. Her clients are superstar musicians and actors who phone her at 2 a.m. because they've fallen in love or gotten arrested or think they're being stalked. Her family are superstars, too: Mom is TV director Blaire Scott, Daddy is Golden Globe humanitarian-of-the-year producer Simon Steinberg, and then there's her 17-year-old sister, Sam, a leggy model whose pregnancy throws everyone for a loop. Steel's characters are already over-the-top, but leave it to this clever megaselling author to throw not one but three weddings into the mix. Movie stars Carmen Connors and Alan Carr elope, wig-and-polyester-style, in Las Vegas, and Sam secretly marries Jimmy Mazzoleri, who isn't the father of her baby. The centerpiece of the tale, however, is the big one, complete with an odious wedding planner, for Allegra and Jeff Hamilton, a gorgeous, soulful New York writer. Although Steel's prose is predictable, no one can gainsay her charitable heart. On the far side of tears and melodrama, everyone in the cast is redeemed and paired off--even Jeff's anti-Semitic mother and Allegra's sociopathic biological father, who richly deserve one another. (Apr.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Mass Market Paperback edition.

I noticed that this book was copy rights in 2000, and yet this is the first time I have seen it published. I have ALL of Danielle Steel's books and this one was new to me. I liked the way she developed the characters in this book and followed along with them with different events. It was interesting to see how she introduced new characters, and let the reader wanting more from the subplots. The ending was very nice and brought the past to the present and tied up loose ending. Great reading - and Danielle Steel never lets a reader down. Strongly recommended.

I read most of DS books and like many of them but Wedding is not one of the her best work. Story is so incredibly trite and boring. I couldn't stand main character Allegra who is so weak and whiny and has so many issues that would make your head spin. And most of them, she created herself, I might add. Her father hated and abandoned her, told her how she wasn't his daughter anymore because he was an ass and Allegra still feel obligation to have him walk her down the aisle? Geez, I just wanted to throw up. All the bad things that happened, I could see coming from a mile away-her stepfather's affair, her fiance's mother issues, her own insecurities, all very predictable. Her relationship with Jeff was described endlessly until I was flipping pages-yes, he was great and he loves her and we all know how much they love each other, can we move on please to something else? If you are DSteel fan, you maybe dissatisfied with this book. I know I was.

Danielle Steel definitely wrote another hit. It is definitely a good book for women. It goes about the trials and tribulations of getting married to the right person. She tells a lot about how the wealthy live.

Really liked this work. I think that Steel's "new" approach to fiction is compelling to say the least. In this work, she deals with real life as we know it in the 21st century. Dealing with marriage as it matures and partners become distracted as well as with the issues a contemporary bride faces is no small feat. Again, she takes the entertainment business and its participants and pulls back the veil allowing us to see some of the issues that confront that "magic" world. Her characters are so real that believing they live next door is not difficult. As the young heroine, Allegra, deals with her personal chaos, the reader gets a better view of what young adults deal with in today's society. I highly recommend this work.

Five stars. This novel was very complete and enjoyable to experience the ups and downs of. The trials and tribulations of the characters were solved in a sensible and realistic manner. In some of Danielle Steele's books the character's main issues are spoken of so often and are not really solved--they suddenly just become non-important. In this book each issue is worked through and solved in one way or another.

I thought as all that I have read is very well written and keeps you involved in all the characters that she introduces to you in each of her novels. Very well written as I have enjoyed the book very much

The last great DS novel before it all went downhill from there.

A very easy transaction and book arrived exactly as described.

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