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APPENDIX

The Authoress's Biography

Danielle Steel is an American novelist, ranked among the best-selling authors of all time. With over 800 million copies sold, she is currently the best-selling author alive. A prolific writer, she has written more than 90 novels and each of her books is a bestseller.

In addition to novels, she has also published several children's books, nonfiction works, and poetry. Her books have been translated into more than 40 languages and sold in about 70 countries. Some of his works have also been adapted for television. Despite her immense popularity and commercial success, critics often accuse her of writing "fluff". Known for adopting a consistent and formulaic writing style, she is especially popular with female readers.

Danielle Steel loved writing from a young age and started writing stories when she was a child. After completing her education, she worked at a public relations agency. There a client, impressed by her freelance articles, advised her to focus on writing and start her literary career.

There was no looking back after the publication of her first novel, 'Going Home' and she soon established himself as a popular and much-loved author. She is also the founder of The Nick Traina Foundation, named in honor of her late son.

Childhood & Early Life

She was born as Danielle Fernandes Dominique Schuelein-Steel in New York City on August 14, 1947, into a wealthy family. She was the only child of Norma da Câmara Stone dos Reis and John Schuelein-Steel. Her parents divorced when she was seven or eight years old and she grew up mainly in Paris and New York. She developed a love for writing as a young girl. After graduating from the Lycée Français de New York in 1963, she studied literary design and fashion design first at Parsons School of Design and then at New York University.

Career

Danielle Steel married young and soon became a mother. She took a job at a public relations agency in New York called Supergirls shortly after the birth of her first daughter. While working there she was first praised for her writing. One of her clients was particularly impressed with her freelance articles and suggested that she try her hand at writing.

She eventually moved to San Francisco and started working for Gray Advertising as a copywriter. Her debut novel, 'Going Home', came out in 1973. After its release, she wrote several other novels, but none of them were selected for publication. Eventually her novel 'Passion's Promise' was accepted for publication in 1977. The plot revolves around the life of a glamorous socialite who is also a social justice journalist, and is confused about her own identity.

In 1979, she published a romantic novel, 'Season of Passion', which follows the lives of Kate and Tom Harper and the way their relationship develops over a period of time. Initially the couple enjoyed a wonderful

relationship but when Tom became suicidal, Kate realized that she had to make a fresh start. She soon developed into a prolific writer, producing several novels within the same year. After a series of lesser-known novels in the early 1980s, she released 'Full Circle' in 1984 which not only became a bestseller but was also adapted into a television movie later on.

As her popularity grew over the years, several of her works were adapted for television. These include 'Now and Forever' (1983), 'Crossings' (1986), 'Fine Things' (1990), 'Daddy' (1991), 'Danielle Steel's Heartbeat' (1993), 'A Perfect Stranger' (1994) and 'Family Album' (1994). Her most successful adaptation was 'Jewels' in 1992, a miniseries that earned two Golden Globe nominations. Besides writing novels, she also writes children's fiction. She wrote a series of 10 picture books, known as the 'Max and Martha' series which aims to help children deal with real-life issues such as new siblings, loss of loved ones, changing schools, etc. Some of the prolific author's recent books are 'A Gift of Hope' (2012), 'Until the End of Time' (2013), 'First Sight' (2013), 'Power Play' (2014), 'A Perfect Life' (2014), and 'Prodigal Son' (2015).

Major Works

Her novel 'Kaleidoscope' (1987) is one of her most popular bestsellers in which she explores love and the relationship between siblings. The story revolves around three sisters whose father kills their mother and commits suicide. The gripping novel was also adapted into an NBC television movie. Her most popular non-fiction book is 'His Bright Life', in which she shares the life and death story of her son Nicholas Traina who committed suicide in 1997. He

suffered from bipolar disorder. The proceeds from the book were used to establish a foundation in her son's name.

Awards & Achievements

In 2002, the French government made her an Officer of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres, for her contributions to world culture. In May 2003 she became the recipient of the "Outstanding Achievement Award" for working with teenagers from Larkin Street Youth Services in San Francisco. She was awarded the "Distinguished Service in Mental Health Award" from New York Presbyterian Hospital, Department of Psychiatry and Columbia University Medical School and Cornell Medical College, in May 2009.

Personal Life & Legacy

Danielle Steel may be famous for writing romance novels, but she herself has been unlucky in love. She has been married five times, and each of her marriages ended in divorce. She has six children from all her marriages.

Danielle Steel's Popular Literary Works

Going Home	1973
To Love Again	1981
Zoya.....	1988
No Greater Love.....	1991
Special Delivery	1997
His Bright Light	1998
Mirror Image	1998

Lone Eagle	2001
Dating Game	2003
Johnny Angel	2003
Miracle	2005
A Good Woman	2008
Big Girl.....	2010
Family Ties.....	2010
Legacy	2010
A Perfect Life	2014
Property of a Noblewoman	2016
Rushing Waters	2016
The Duchess	2017
The Mistress	2017
The Right Time	2017
Fairytale.....	2017
Against All Odds.....	2017
The Cast.....	2018
Beauchamp Hall.....	2018
Accidental Heroes	2018
In His Father’s Footsteps	2018
Zamek Beauchamp Hall.....	2019
Lost and Found.....	2019
Child’s Play.....	2019

Silent Night	2019
The Dark Side	2019
Royal	2020
All That Glitters	2020
The Numbers Game	2020
Invisible	2022
Daddy's Girl.....	2020
Moral Compass	2020
The Affair	2021
The Butler.....	2021
Nine Lives	2021
Finding Ashley	2021
Flying Angels	2021
Complications	2021
Neighbors	2021
Season of Passion.....	2021
The Whittiers.....	2022
Suspects	2022
The Challenge	2022
High Stakes	2022
The Wedding Planner	2023
Palazzo	2023
Without a Trace.....	2023

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