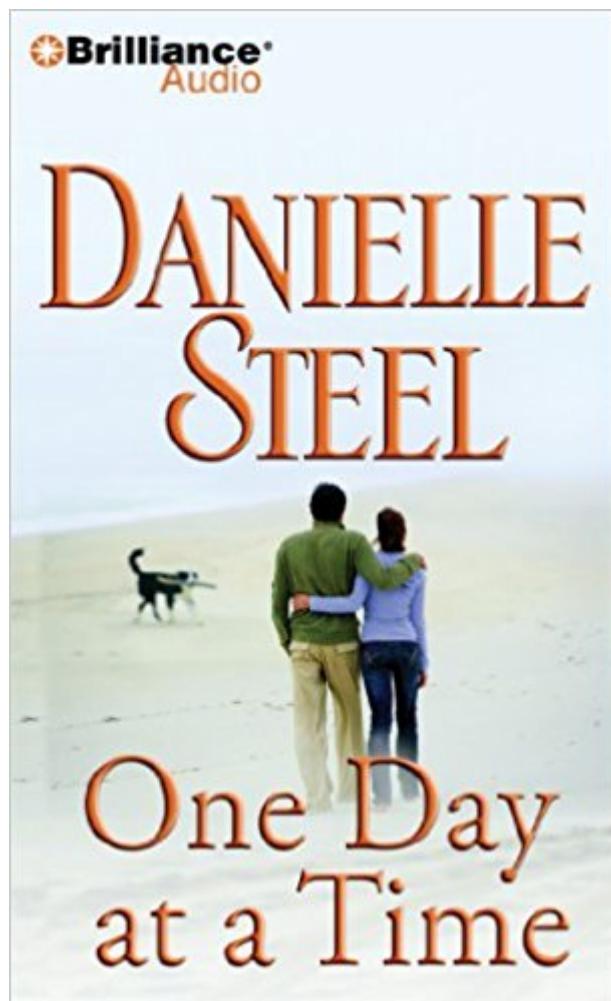


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# One Day At A Time



## Synopsis

Coco Barrington was born into a legendary Hollywood family: her mother Florence is a mega-bestselling author, and her sister Jane is one of Hollywood's top producers. Jane has lived with her partner, Liz, for ten years, in a solid relationship. Florence, widowed but still radiant, has just begun a secret romance with a man twenty-four years her junior. And Coco, a law school dropout and the family black sheep, works as a dog walker, having fled life in the spotlight for the artsy northern California beach town of Bolinas. When Coco reluctantly agrees to house-sit in Jane's luxurious home, it turns out Jane's house comes complete with an unexpected houseguest: Leslie Baxter, a dashing but down-to-earth British actor who's fleeing a psycho ex-girlfriend. Their worlds couldn't be more different. The attraction couldn't be more immediate. Suddenly Coco is seeing things differently: Leslie is not just a celebrity, he's a single dad to an adorable six-year-old girl. Her mother is a woman in love, with vulnerability and new insight. And Jane and Liz are about to take the bravest plunge of all: into parenthood. As Coco contemplates a future with one of Hollywood's hottest stars, as her mother and sister settle into their lives, old wounds are healed and new families are formed all bonded by love. With wit and intelligence, Danielle Steel explores love in all its guises, taking us into the lives of three unusual but wonderfully real couples. *One Day at a Time* is at once moving, thought provoking, and utterly impossible to put down.

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## Customer Reviews

Steel does not depart from her typical formula in this latest offering, which centers on the life of

Coco Barrington, a young and beautiful daughter of privilege. Much to her domineering mother's shock, Coco not only drops out of law school but also rejects her family's wealthy L.A. lifestyle. She chooses, instead, to pursue a semi-hippie existence in an artsy Northern California beach town. After her equally footloose boyfriend dies in a hang-gliding accident, she finds herself bereft but still choosing to live apart from her family, existing on her trust fund and the little she makes from her dog-walking business. One weekend, while house-sitting for her movie-producer sister, Jane, she strikes up a friendship with Jane's houseguest, Leslie Baxter, an impossibly handsome and witty British actor, who is currently in hiding from a psycho ex-girlfriend. Not surprisingly, Leslie and Coco begin to fall in love, and after overcoming a series of difficulties, they appear to be headed for "happily ever after." In addition, by the end, Coco has also begun to resolve her other familial difficulties, becoming closer to both her mother and sister. Fairly brief and lighthearted; nonetheless, Steel's fans will enjoy. --Kathleen Hughes --This text refers to the Paperback edition.

Danielle Steel has been hailed as one of the world's most popular authors, with over 590 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Happy Birthday, 44 Charles Street, Legacy, Family Ties, Big Girl, Southern Lights, and other highly acclaimed novels. She is also the author of the story of her son Nick Traina's life and death.

Light & fluffy, it was an easy, fun read! No suspense, enough drama to hold ones interest, but not boring, at all! Kinda fun, actually!!!!

If you are a lover of the author Danielle Steel, than this book won't disappoint. If you believe in fate, chance, destiny or things coming to you in due course, then this book will surely delight. I've been reading Danielle Steel's books for many years, and the main character of her novels have all been very strong women. I believe that is the universal appeal of Danielle Steel and the main reason for the popularity of her books. We can easily identify with the main character, even if we don't have quite as much money as they do. But we bond with them early on in the story. Since they usually portray women who may be vulnerable , but have a lot of poise and strength in the face of adversity, we somehow feel as if we can handle life's blows as well as the heroine in the novel. "One Day At A Time" is a prime example of that happening."Three very different women, Three very different relationships. The best way to make it through, is to learn to love, and to laugh and to take life.... One Day at A time." - Danielle Steel (insert "One Day At A time)Coco Barrington was born into a

legendary Hollywood family, last Her mother is a mega-bestselling author who writes under the name of Florence Flowers--and her sister, Jane, is one of Hollywood's top producers. They're not your typical family by any means....Jane has lived with her partner, Liz, for ten years, in a solid, loving relationship. Florence, widowed but still radiant, has just begun a secret romance with a man twenty-four years her junior. And Coco, a law school dropout and the family black sheep, works as a dog walker, having fled life in the spotlight for the artsy northern California beach town of Bolinas.Coco reluctantly agrees to dog-sit in Jane's luxurious home, she soon discovers how much things can change in just a matter of days....It turns out Jane's house comes complete with an unexpected houseguest: Leslie Baxter, a dashing but down-to-earth British actor who's fleeing a psycho ex-girlfriend. Their worlds couldn't be more different. The attraction couldn't be more immediate.Suddenly Coco is seeing things differently: Leslie is not just a celebrity, he's a single dad to an adorable six-year-old girl. Her mother is not just a self-centered walking advertisement for great cosmetic surgery, she's a woman in love, with vulnerability and new insight. And Jane and Liz are about to take the bravest plunge of all--into parenthood. As Coco contemplates a future with one of Hollywood's hottest stars, as her mother and sister settle into their lives, old wounds are healed and new families are formed--some traditional, some not so traditional, but all bonded by love. With wit and intelligence, Danielle Steel's new novel explores love in all its guises, taking us into the lives of three unusual but wonderfully real couples. Funny, sexy, and wise, *One Day at a Time* is at once moving, thought provoking, and utterly impossible to put down.

When Colette (Coco) Barrington was growing up, she was surrounded by the Hollywood lifestyle, with her father in the movie business and her mother a mega bestselling author. It is no surprise that her older sister Jane also grows up to join the movie game as a top producer. But Coco wants nothing to do with that life. After graduating from Princeton, she begins law school at Stanford, but drops out and creates a dog walking business. A way to enjoy life on her terms. Unfortunately, her family disapproves, and even though her father is now dead, her mother and sister miss no opportunity to show how much they cannot understand her choices. Jane is also a bit of a bully, treating Coco like a recalcitrant child, whom she somehow wrangles into house-sitting when she and her partner Liz go to New York. Their home in San Francisco is gorgeous, and should be a treat. But Coco is still frustrated by how her sister always manages to get her way, and is then stunned to meet an unexpected houseguest; someone she recognizes from the movies. Movie star Leslie Baxter is even more handsome in person, and before she knows it, Coco and he are involved in a passionate love affair. From this point on, the story can conceivably only go in one direction. The

two will meet obstacles along the way, have a few disagreements about the lifestyle, and may even part for a bit. But there will definitely be some kind of happy ending, since this is a romance novel. Even knowing this, I did enjoy the story, with the descriptions of beautiful settings, scenes, clothing, and jewels. The glitz and glamor that Steel can present to the readers is as predictable as the plot. Because I did like the lighter fare for a change, I'm giving *One Day at a Time: A Novel* 3.5 stars.

## **Gift**

Coco came from a family who were all in the movie industry and she hadn't wanted the headache....so she became a dog walker. Her family all called a hippie, dropout and a "nobody". Her older sister used her in anyway she could. As it so happened, Coco was house sitting for her older sister when a man arrived the day after she arrived. He was one of the biggest movie stars on the planet! Jane, Coco's sister said that he could stay in the house with Coco! The fun begins! Read the book for yourself and enjoy!

This book would have been a lot better if the author didn't keep repeating everything. Very slow book and the story seemed to drag out....

I like Danielle Steel so of course I enjoy the novels.

look its an ok book - i wouldn't have paid full price for it though so if you want to read it id order it from the library - is it me or is danielle steel repeating everything time and time again to fill up pages - i only need to be told once that Coco is a disappointment to her family - or that the guy she falls for is a movie star with a reputation - its readable and i suppose great on a beach where you have nothing to read... not one of her best - apart from her repeating things time and time again it could have been a better story

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