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A dazzling contemporary novel that vividly portrays the glamorous White Dinners that occur annually in Paris, and the ups and downs of three interconnected couples for whom the dinners have become a tradition, from #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel.

The White Dinner is a love poem to friendship, joy, elegance, and the monuments of Paris. And each year it is an unforgettable summer night, especially for Jean-Philippe Dumas, a longtime participant, and the three couples he's carefully selected to attend this exclusive and cherished event. Interweaving the stories of seven individuals, lives will be forever changed on the eve of one such White Dinner; a night that will lead to new friendships, new love, and of course, magical possibilities.

Magic Details

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Lois R says

I don't know why I continue to bother reading Ms. Steel's books.

Who cares about a white dinner in Paris that you can only go to if you get an invitation? Who has the kind of money all of her characters have? Who can afford to travel around in their own private plane. And why are all of the adult kids she writes about distant from their parents. If this is the kind of world Ms. Steel lives in, I want no part of it or her books!

Mala Ashok says

This book made me wonder if I'd OD'd on Danielle Steel. The book starts with an improbable magical annual dinner and deals with a whole year in the lives of three couples till the next year's annual magical dinner. The book has a lot of gender stereotyping too. For example after Chantal's big dinner, which she cooked, the women clean the kitchen while the men play video games. I'd say I stuck with it only because I don't like to read part of a book and give up. All that I can say in its favour is that it's an easy read.

Tim says

Ms. Steel provides some good writing here in her predictive, narrative style. Unfortunately, there's just not enough to move this story or stories of couples to the wow factor. 4 of 10 stars

Helen says

Yuck! Now I remember why I am not a Danielle Steel fan.

Suzanne says

3.5*

The story was enjoyable and I really liked the depth of the characters and their entwining relationships. I actually read this one in one sitting because I got so involved in the characters relationships. There was an odd sense of disliking a character or two at the beginning because of their selfishness but by the end I was uneasy with their fate, like a struggle with was it karma and did they deserve that.

Overall, a good read with realistic characters struggling with the real feelings and difficulties of relationships.

N.KH # says

Why do I need to bother myself with something I am not interested in at all????? I am reading for fun , but unfortunately there is no fun to be found in this book ??

nothing seems like magic at all . Everything sounds miserable and I just can't stand it . In other words, this Book is KILLING ME . I am really sorry to say that , but I need to admit it . I find only rubbish and nothing interesting at all . It is perhaps good book for others , but it is not written for me .

What is the point of knowing about Jean Philippe who has a trouble attempting to persuade his wife to move to another city and to utterly different culture temporarily , for he is looking for better future for his family. On the other hand, his wife doesn't want to move for the sake of her current job . (How lovely ?)

What is the point of being aware how much Chantal feels lonely because her three children are grown up now and have their own lives . And here a handsome man who is younger than her by seventeen years seems interested her (obviously, he likes her?)

What is the point of knowing about how much Benedetta suffers because of her husband, the one who sleeps with other young ladies ,but still loves her by all of his heart. Suddenly, he becomes a father of two Twins from another lady (GREAT?) . Meanwhile, Benedetta is arranging for divorce.

To make a long story short , i need to say that I find no slight interest or fun in neither the plot nor the characters. Besides, there are a lot of repetitions of the same ideas (which I can't stand?)

The only good thing is the white dinner, yet it lasts only ten pages or so . Then I have to struggle with theses characters and their lives (how remarkable ?)

Laura Rash says

Why some might think her books frivolous & corny, I always feel happy to live vicariously through them.

Kathryn says

I liked it. Just light and airy, rather fun to live vicariously through all the characters. The ending was happy and it was just nice to sit back and read on a hot summer afternoon.

Karen Burke says

This was entirely too fanciful to be taken seriously. All of the "life struggles" presented were handled so

much easier by these people with money than they would have been without. While I enjoy a "fantasy" novel as much as the next person, I had no sympathy for most of the characters/situations. Things are so much different when you can't travel between countries to see an injured child, or take multiple inter-continental vacations to move on from a bad marriage, or suffer marital discourse by trying to keep up an entirely superfluous way of life with a horrible job change vs changing your spending habits. I would have enjoyed this a little more one way or the other, less "real, serious" problems or more realistic people dealing with them.

Laurie says

Magic is a perfect book to throw in your beach bag and enjoy a day of frivolous reading at the beach or the pool. In classic Danielle Steel style, this story follows three couples who attend a glamorous Paris dinner party known as the White Dinner. The story begins at the party and as the year unfolds some of the party guests struggle with relationships while others find new love. The characters are one dimensional, the plot is obvious, the setting are extravagant and entirely unrealistic, and yet it is still a fun read and great way to escape from reality for an afternoon.

Laura says

Is it just me, or does Danielle just recycle the same cliché tropes?
Slow, boring and predictable. Too many rich people complaining about privileged problems, uh

Suzanne says

A strange concept where special members of Parisian society are secretly invited to a sublime 'WHITE' themed extravaganza/party? - including shoes, dress, linen, tableware - forms the basis of this DS story. It's a divine event, held in secret locations, all at the last minute. Elegant and perfect. It can't be this way! People apparently transfer their meals, beverages, linen, tableware etc, all by a golf like cart to this secret place. I didn't mean to be harsh but in typing this review, it's a little laughable! It was an okay read, my commute was always helped along with this offering. Unfortunately it was by the same narrator with the slight lisp that I've heard previously. Redeemed by the flawless (what would I know) French accent. This helps when the reader has no idea of French pronunciation. How on earth does she come up with these themes?! Secondary to all this are the relationships breaking down, forming and being tested.. A couple of them didn't ring true. All falling together unrealistically and some characters even being forgotten too simply. Fiction with DS is allowable like this though, isn't it?!

Katarzyna says

Truly magical novel! Fabulous!!! Way beyond amazing! Wonderful characters, engaging plot, fantastic entertainment, pure bliss, happiness and joy. The action takes place in the most beautiful places all over the world: Paris, Milan, Los Angeles, Hong Kong, Beijing, India, Berlin to name just a few. I recommend it to anyone looking for pleasure and escape from everyday problems.

Denise says

Magic is another typical Danielle Steel summer beach read. I enjoyed reading and learning about the White Dinner in Paris. Steel introduces her readers to several individuals who attended this celebration. We follow these characters for one year! Cheered some characters and disliked some too.

Lauren says

Sorry, this book needs an editor. I decided to not waste my time.
