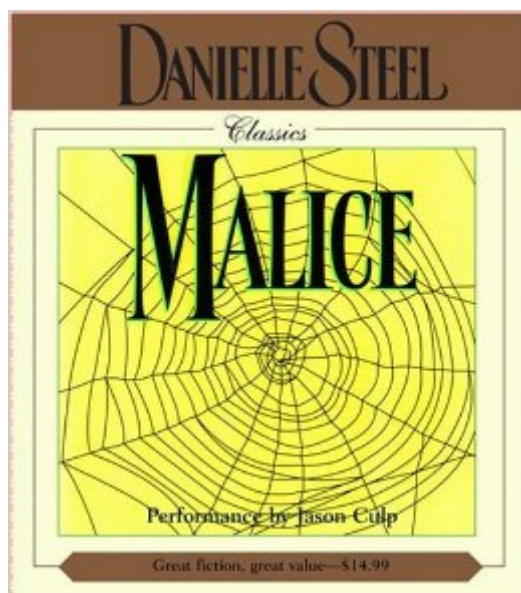


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# Malice (Danielle Steel)



## Synopsis

In her 37th bestselling novel, Danielle Steel tells the compelling story of a woman who must struggle to overcome a shattering betrayal, and the cruelest kind of malice. At seventeen, the night of her mother's funeral, Grace Adams is attacked. It is not the first time, and a brutal crime ensues. And to everyone's horror, Grace will not tell the truth. She is a young woman with secrets too horrible to tell, with hurts so deep they may never heal. She is also beautiful enough for men to want her no matter how much she does not want them. Whatever the outcome, Grace Adams will have to live with whatever happened during those terrible years. After a lifetime of being a victim, now she must pay the price for other people's sins. From the depths of an Illinois women's prison to a Chicago modeling agency to a challenging career in New York, Grace must carry the past with her wherever she goes. And in healing her own pain, she reaches out to battered women and children who live a nightmare she knows all too well. When Grace meets Charles Mackenzie, a New York lawyer, she has found a man who wants nothing from her—except to heal her, to hear her secrets, and to give her the family she so desperately wants. But, with happiness finally within her grasp, and precious loved ones to protect, Grace is at her most vulnerable—in danger of losing everything to a vicious tabloid press and an enemy from her past, an enemy bent on malice at all costs. With rare insight and power, Danielle Steel writes this extraordinary woman's story, portraying her struggle to triumph over malice and betrayal, and to transform a lifetime of pain into a blessing for others. Revealing both the stark reality of domestic abuse and the healing power of love, *Malice*, is more than superb fiction. It is a piece of life. From the Hardcover edition.

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## Customer Reviews

I was impressed with the way Ms. Steel developed the character of Grace Adams. She was deep and real. I was a little bothered by what she went through and at times I winced and shook my head in pity. A sad tale about a young girl named Grace Adams who is abused savagely from when she was 13 until her mother's death when she turned 17. Four long years of abuse and the night of the funeral she is once again attacked brutally and then knows for certain it will never end. Doing the unthinkable, she ends her torture and finds herself on trial. Thinking things can't get worse, they do as she is convicted of murder and is sentenced to prison. Once a weak girl she becomes a strong woman in those years and wants to start her life over and she does. Taking a job in Chicago for a modeling agency Grace is thrown into the seedy world of drugs and backstabbing. Beautiful enough to be a model herself, Grace finds that men want her but she wants nothing to do with men. She can't, she has a terrible secret. After disaster in Chicago she moves to New York and takes a challenging job where she meets Charles Mackenzie, a New York lawyer. He wants nothing from her, just to be her friend, heal her wounds and listen to her. Can she trust him? He's an older man...reminds her of her horrible secret. Throwing caution to the wind she grasps love and embraces it. Years go by and she is happy with a husband and three children when he goes into politics and a tabloid digs up her past for all to see...Old enemies, her prison time, a man she saw once in Chicago has some revealing photos of her and Grace feels the pressure. Can Malice destroy what she worked so hard to heal and build? How can she and Charles get past this? Will he ever look at her the same way?

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