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Danielle Steel explores the perils of dating, relationships, and love in a novel that takes us into the intoxicating, infuriating world of three charming single men, also known as...

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They were the best of friends and the most daunting of bachelors....Charlie Harrington, a handsome philanthropist, has such high expectations for his perfect bride that no mortal need apply....Adam Weiss, a forty-something celebrity lawyer, prefers his women very young, very voluptuous, and very short-term....And for Gray Hawk, a gifted artist with a knack for attracting troubled relationships, women are fine; it's just the idea of family he can't imagine (particularly the family of the woman he's dating).

Now the three friends, spending their annual summer vacation cruising the Mediterranean aboard Charlie's majestic yacht, are about to have their bachelorhood rocked. By autumn all three will fall precipitously into relationships they never saw coming. Charlie begins dating a crusading social worker who couldn't be further from his ideal—until he makes a stunning discovery about her. Adam gets involved with his usual twenty-something bombshell—only this one has a remarkable mind of her own. And Gray, who has avoided both business and family like the plague, has managed to fall head over heels for a successful career woman—who just happens to be a mother as well.

As another holiday on the yacht approaches, and with it a turning point in each man's life, the three bachelors are forced to face the things that scare them most: their phobias about relationships, the wounds of the past—and the kind of women who challenge their deepest terrors. What happens next will spark big changes for Charlie, Adam, and Gray—and might just put an end to their carousing days forever. For as the once-carefree trio is about to discover, love is the most unpredictable adventure of all.

Filled with all the joy, complexity, and unexpected surprises of life, **Toxic Bachelors** is Danielle Steel at her poignant and penetrating best.

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Destiny says

As always with Danielle Steel, I was not disappointed. She has an amazing way of drawing you into the lives of her characters. One of the things I took away from this book is that you can not live your life in fear of what may happen. With each of her characters, you see how the only thing keeping them from happiness is their own selves. I also liked how there was more than 1 love story to follow in this book.

Kristen says

In Toxic Bachelors, Danielle Steel told us another tale from a different POV for her main character--men's. For Charlie, Gray and Adam, they were three commitment-phobic confirmed bachelors and best friends for life. Charlie, a handsome philanthropist, wanted a special someone with high expectations for Mrs. Right; Adam, a 40-year-old celebrity lawyer, preferred his women young and for short-term, while Gray, a gifted artist, couldn't imagine having a family with the woman he with. When one summer they were on Charlie's cruise during their summer holiday vacation. When summer ended for them, the fall season would bring them a hard dose of reality, when they fall hard in love. We watched how their love lives unraveled during the fall and how they couldn't complain about who they fell for. When another holiday season came along, it was up to them to face their fears first and tackle the most intriguing adventure of them all--love.

Katherine says

If I could have given this book a zero star rating I really would have. It was probably the worst book I've ever read. I was forced to read it when stuck in a train station outside of Chicago at 2:00 a.m. waiting for the cab I'd called to show up and take me back to my hotel. I had to wait for more than an hour, and saw this book on the shelf and picked it up thinking it would be good for a laugh. It was not. It straddled that delicate line between mediocre and ridiculous that can only be called one thing: total crap.

Carol MacInnis says

Three eligible bachelors are the best of friends who all have commitment issues. Charles Harrington, who lost his loving parents when he was 16 and his sister dropped out of school to look after Charlie. Unfortunately, his sister died of a brain tumour 5 years after losing his parents. Although his inheritance was more than ample, his relationships always seemed to end before they even started. Engaged several times, Charlie felt that perhaps he couldn't make it all the way to the altar because he feared abandonment issues due to the tragic loss of his family.

Adam Weiss who is a successful lawyer working working with starlets was once married and has two children. Unfortunately the marriage ended with his wife taking his children away from him. Adam is the youngest child in his family who came along 9 years after his older sibling. An inconvenience for his sister as well as his parent which they never would let him forget. Adam is now very bitter after his divorce and would rather spend his love life engaged in one night stands. He prefers not to get close to anyone of the opposite sex again.

Gray Hawk was brought up basically by his drug induced hippie parents who moved from place to place to place. He believed his parents liked him and his siblings okay, but he never felt the kind of parental love he should have. There was always a vacant feeling inside him. He vowed he would never have children to recreate the same misery he felt through the years growing up. So he was constantly dating women who had 'issues' and needed dire help. Usually they were in desperate need for psychiatric help or even to be institutionalized.

How could these three broken men with their painful baggage ever find true and everlasting love.

J Jahir says

fue de las primeras novelas que me enganchó a esta autora. Esta novela relata la historia de tres hombres de entre 41 y 51 años que se van de viaje a pasar las vacaciones juntos en un yate de uno de ellos, Charlie. Cada uno con profesiones distintas pero con algo en común: los tres estaban solteros. Y lo que era más curioso, ninguno quería involucrarse en una relación sentimental a raíz de las amargas experiencias que vivieron con sus antiguas parejas. Sin embargo, la vida les voltea todo de revés cuando conocen a tres mujeres opuestas a lo que antes habían conocido. Me ha gustado porque Danielle detalla a profundidad la historia de ellos, refleja sus miedos, sus temores e incluso cómo los van superando; asimismo, nos hace ver la fuerza de la amistad y nos pone en contexto, y cómo al lado de sus nuevas parejas tratan de vencer esas dificultades. la recomiendo.

C-shaw says

Loaned to me by a friend. I'm not a Danielle Steel fan, so we'll see how it goes. (Don't want to disappoint my friend by pooh-poohing it without giving it a chance.)

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This was an okay book if you like RO-mances (which I don't), with some conflict (poor rich folks had some short-lived issues) but everyone living happily ever after (too unrealistic). Danielle Steel does write well, I just don't much appreciate her story lines.

Ronald Wise says

Three close male friends, each allergic to marriage for his own reasons, meet woman who challenge their concepts of that institution. There were heart-warming scenes, but the dialog was rather weak and the characters fairly stereotypic. This is the first of Steel's books I've read and afterward a friend told me he had read many of her books and found them all very similar. From her list of past novels, it looks like she pumps them out at the rate of two or three a year, but I reluctantly added the rest to my reading list. I learned of this book from its presence on the *New York Times* best seller list in the latter part of 2005.

Andrea says

I used to love Danielle Steel, she was my escape from heavy books that left me feeling deflated. The last couple books of her's just left me feeling like they were enjoyable but not something I would recommend.

Maybe it is because I am listening to them on audio and she is one of those authors that just reads much better. In any event this one was good, I felt invested in the characters and the story line was ok. At some points it was just boring, predictable or (I hate to say it) stupid.

Celina says

The first few pages will give you an insight to Charlie, Gray and Adam's lives together and it's pretty...gay. Not gay *gay* just too clingy to each other. It's pretty repetitive. Not just the words throughout the book (like deal-breaker, eggs being cooked, etc) but also how they love each other and there always having the time together on that dang big yacht.

Anyway, it's your typical wishy washy, lovey dovey, happy ending book. I gave it four stars just because I am still in love with the idea of that perfect someone. But Steel could've done more for her characters. The way they spoke to each other was too...the same. There's not really much personality except when she repeatedly describes what is basically on the blurb of the book. I guess it was really hard to put together 3 stories for these six people in one book. And fitting them inside it was like "Whoa, so they ALL just suddenly fell in love after the yacht trip?!" It's just too fast. For me, at least. Because really, no one has it figured out in less than 5 months.

I liked Carole (tho her name bugs me, I don't know why. Caroline fits her more I guess) and her work. I loved Gabby and Zorro. I suddenly wanted to be filthy rich and give out money for those kinds of causes. But I'll have to settle for Charlie who's rich as a king. Sucks not to have a family, though.

Gray and Sylvia's story was not that interesting. I mean, she's the opposite of what Gray likes and then he falls in love with her. Ta-da!

Aishwarya Iyer says

The way Danielle takes you through the lives of people is different. In this book, I could see the compromises which a person has to make while transitioning from being single to getting committed has been splendidly explained through the lives of all the three men!! Well I don't have to say , it was a page turner ,all her books are !!

Avalia says

AMAAAZING!!! I was very pleasantly surprised by this book. I was unenthusiastic about reading it at first. The only reason I started it in the first place was lack of another book. It turned out to be one of my favorite books of all time!!! I loooooooooooooooooooved the ending, particuly adam's ending. I breezed through this book so quickly and couldn't put it down. Great summer read!! Ily, danielle steel!

Elisabeth says

I read up until Chapter 3 and then couldn't read anymore. I just found it so boring!

Since I hate leaving books unfinished though, I did thumb through the rest. Charlie falls for a woman who lies about her background since she is even richer than he is and wants to make sure he is interested in her and not just her money. He resents her a bit and then gets over it. They get married and she gets pregnant.

The lawyer (I forget his name) gets a girl who is only a few years older than his daughter pregnant the first night even though he claims he doesn't want more kids. Well, here's a thought-use protection! Steel makes the character admit that he likes his women younger than 25 even though he is in his late 40's early 50's. That always makes my skin crawl. Anyway, despite his numerous claims that he doesn't want to get married again and no more kids, at the end of the book he is married and wifey is pregnant again.

Gray was an alright character but I just couldn't relate. He liked damaged women and then wondered why they would leave him after he fixed them. He finally meets a woman who isn't damaged and it seems to take awhile for him to feel any attraction to her. Despite this, surprise surprise, they end up getting married by the end of the book.

I am sure there was more to it than that but like I stated earlier, I just couldn't get interested in this book.

Kristi Vu says

This is a story about 3 bachelors, one who was left very wealthy by the loss of his parents at an early age and his only sister at 21, the second who was also very wealthy, an entertainment lawyer who grew up in a very dysfunctional family and the third a starving artist who also came from a very dysfunctional family. The 3 are the best of friends who all have very distraught views of relationships and marriage. This is a story of friendship, growth and finding true love. Is an easy read and delightfully entertaining.

Arlenne Gilbert says

¿Qué tendrá esta autora que todos sus libros los devoraba?

Traci says

Nope.

This is a book about a bunch of guys who are jerks who meet a bunch of women who are only validated by "rescuing" them. Probably the last thing anyone in the world needs to read.

But hey, if it's your thing... one guy pretty much needs a mom, one guy needs to buy a clue and one guy... I don't know, needs to date women older than his daughter. It's all pretty gross from all angles.
