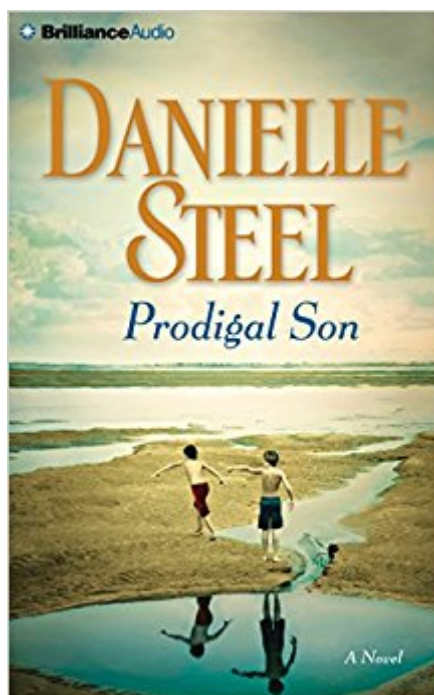


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# Prodigal Son: A Novel



## Synopsis

Twin boys grow up in the same family, in the same town. Dramatically different, they become bitter enemies, even as children: one good, one bad. One leaves his peaceful hometown, but when all else fails, the prodigal son returns, twenty years later. The reunion of brothers, sweet and healing at first, exposes shattering revelations of good and evil. #1 New York Times bestselling author Danielle Steel tells a brilliant, suspenseful story of suspicion, betrayal, and a life-and-death struggle for survival. Which twin is good and which is evil, as the tables turn again and again?

**PRODIGAL SON**

In a matter of days, Peter McDowell loses everything he has worked so hard for—his wealth, his property, his livelihood as a star investment banker. And then it gets worse. The stock market crash not only plunges Peter into joblessness, it causes a rift in his marriage that he cannot repair. Stripped of everything, he has only one place to retreat: a lakeside cottage he inherited from his parents, who left most of their modest estate to Peter's twin. With no other choice, the prodigal son goes home. A beloved small-town doctor, a devoted family man, and a pillar of his community, Michael McDowell serves others without regard to personal gain. Only Peter knows how Michael manipulated their parents when the boys were young, ultimately driving Peter away. At first, he dreads seeing Michael again. But, to his surprise, their reunion is tender and real. Only later, as Peter mulls over his late mother's journals, does the truth begin to emerge, as realization and panic set in. Who is his twin? Is the facade real, or does something terrifying lie beneath? Imagination or a reality too terrifying to believe? In a race for time, Peter throws caution to the winds to find the truth. What he discovers will change their lives, the lives of their children, and an entire town forever. Powerful, poignant, and filled with complex and layered characters, *Prodigal Son* is a riveting novel of secrets, salvation, and redemption from master storyteller Danielle Steel.

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Danielle Steel has been hailed as one of the world’s most popular authors, with over 650 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include *Pegasus*, *A Perfect Life*, *Power Play*, *Winners*, *First Sight*, *Until the End of Time*, *The Sins of the Mother*, and other highly acclaimed novels. She is also the author of *His Bright Light*, the story of her son Nick Traina’s life and death; *A Gift of Hope*, a memoir of her work with the homeless; *Pure Joy*, about the dogs she and her family have loved; and the children’s book *Pretty Minnie in Paris*.

Definitely one of Ms.Steel’s better books where the plot seems so much more interesting than many of her novels,especially in the more recent years. ( Note: I haven’t read "Country" yet). This book doesn’t focus on the glitz and glamor of rich living along with heavy doses of romance but rather develops a fresh approach to the plot. I don’t do spoilers, so I’ll simply recommend this terrific book, and if you’ve gotten burnt out on Ms.Steel and some of the problems readers have had , come on..... give this one a chance.

What an incredible book. DS this is one of your absolute best. The suspense, the fear, the sick lies. Story was absolutely spell binding. The lives that were nearly destroyed by a sick, depraved mind. It is very scary to know there are people out in the world that have the same problem. The characters and their interesting interactions were well done and captivating.

Her earlier work is so much better,this book is like a scratched record, just goes on and on,if she hadn’t repeated everything umpteen Times this book may have been 100 pages instead of 398 of utter boredom.

This book is boring beyond belief. Since I paid for the book, I finished it. The author repeats herself so much you finally just start skip reading. I used to love Danielle Steel, but the last few books have really been disappointing. Don't waste you time or money on this book.

Strange words for a book filled with such sad, gruesome details!!!! The delight was in the writing and the story as it unfolds! What starts with so much gloom and doom makes life changes for deserving people! You are gonna love it !!!! I promise!!!! Trust me!!!! Lol

5 star read because it was a exciting stimulating story about love lost and finding that sometimes the things you think you can't live without are not the important things in life. They are truly just that things. And you need to always listen to that voice in your ear that warns you when things are not what they seem . Remember that if given enough time all the negative in your life will become positive and life can be exceptional . Thank you for an intense read.

Great book don't miss reading. The Prodigal son returns, not in triumphant but defeat. He gets to put his life back together and succeeds until he is faced with the truth about his brother that he always knew deep in his heart. His brother is a monster.

Really dumb! Another trashy Danielle Steele book, not much here. MS. Steele (or who ever writes her books) spends over 60% of the book writing background and fluff about her characters. When she finally gets to the story, it is like a short story, not a novel. I kick myself for buying this drival.

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