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Blaise's teenage daughter, Salima, was blinded by Type 1 diabetes in childhood, and her needs have kept her away in a year-round boarding school with full-time medical care and assistance ever since. When Salima's school closes after a tragedy, Salima returns to her mother's New York City apartment, and suddenly they face challenges they've never had to deal with before, and that Blaise feels ill-equipped to handle. A new caretaker provided by Salima's school creates as many problems as he solves. Handsome, accomplished, thirty-two-year-old Simon Ward, with strong opinions on every topic, questions how mother and daughter view themselves and each other. Simon opens new doors for both of them and refuses to accept Salima's physical limitations. He turns their world upside down, and the three become friends.

Then everything starts to unravel and Blaise can't keep her two worlds separate anymore. A beautiful young anchorwoman is hired at the network; it is no secret that she is being groomed to take Blaise's place. Her career as she has known it is threatened, and her previously well-ordered life feels totally out of control. For the first time, Blaise's life is not perfect, but real.

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Editorial Review

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New Yorker Blaise McCarthy is a successful television journalist in her midforties, but her professional accomplishments come at the expense of her personal life. Her last relationship was with a married man, and her 19-year-old daughter, Salima, has lived at a boarding school for the blind for most of her life. When Salima's caretaker dies, she moves home. Her new caretaker, a charismatic young man named Simon, isn't what Blaise or Salima expected, but he wins them over, encouraging Salima to become more independent and befriending Blaise. Love blossoms, and they have to decide whether their 15-year age difference and their difference in social status are insurmountable. Blaise's vulnerabilities make her likable—her confidence is shaken by an attractive young woman who may be her replacement, and her love for Simon forces her to examine her past. However, Salima steals the show as she blossoms from a coddled teen to an independent young woman chasing her dreams in the big city. Another sudsy glitz-and-glamour love story from the inimitable Steel; her fans will love it. --Nanette Donohue

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About the Author

Danielle Steel has been hailed as one of the world's most popular authors, with over 600 million copies of her novels sold. Her many international bestsellers include Power Play, Winners, First Sight, Until the End of Time, The Sins of the Mother, Friends Forever, 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; and Pure Joy, about the dogs she and her family have loved.

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