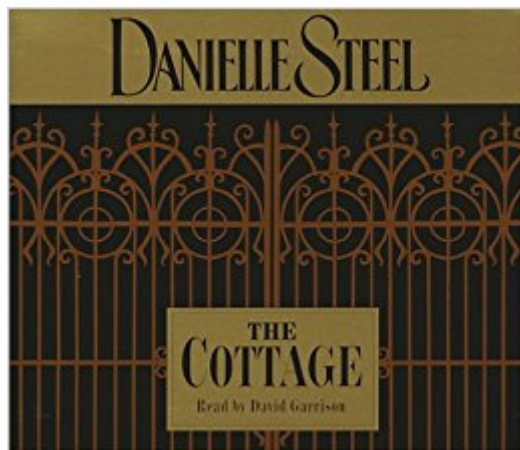


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Customer Reviews

This "cottage" is actually the huge estate of fading movie star Cooper Winslow, who is so down on his luck that he must rent a part of it to make ends meet. But the two fellows who move in introduce Coop to something completely different friendship and of course in the offing there's the promise of love. Copyright 2001 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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I do enjoy reading Danielle Steel but many books are predictable and of course there always are happy endings. This one wasn't much different as someone always finds love, many have a tragedy but I still enjoy reading her books. But this one was ok.

The character development in this book was really well done. It was not so predictable like many of her other books.

I enjoyed reading about three men whose lives are torn apart and how they come together to build new lives. Having three different stories meld into one gave the book a great deal of variety, and made it more interesting than stories with just one person's struggle to regain a place in society. And a mix of young people with older main characters adds added interest. All in all, it was an excellent account of broken lives being repaired.

I loved it. Went by so fast just like school vacation. I was able to put myself there and see and feel

what they did. Hands down, the perfect story with a perfect ending. Such a feel good book. Thank you for that.

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I really liked the book but there was some mistakes in the rodeo part of the book. Bull riders, bareback riders and saddle bronc riders only ride for 8 seconds. The saddle bronc riders are not tied on neither are the bareback riders. But other than that it was a great book.

What a wonderful book. Very entertaining and great writing Daniell Steel at her best.

One of her best! Very much enjoyed story and characters and was sorry to turn the last page.

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