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**A decorated former Air Force pilot. A pregnant flight attendant. A dedicated TSA agent. The fates of these three, and many others, converge in Danielle Steel's gripping new novel--a heart-stopping thriller that engages ordinary men and women in the fight of their lives during a flight from New York to San Francisco.**

On a beautiful May morning at New York's John F. Kennedy airport, two planes have just departed for San Francisco--one a 757, another a smaller Airbus A321. At a security checkpoint, TSA agent Bernice Adams finds a postcard of the Golden Gate Bridge bearing an ambiguous--perhaps ominous--message. Her supervisor dismisses her concerns, but Bernice calls security and soon Ben Waterman arrives. A senior Homeland Security agent, still grappling with guilt after a disastrous operation in which hostages were killed, Ben too becomes suspicious. Who left the postcard behind, which flight is that person on, and what exactly does the message mean?

As Ben scans the passenger manifests, his focus turns to the A321, with Helen Smith as its senior pilot. Helen's military service and her tenure with the airline have been exemplary. But her husband's savage death in Iraq was more than anyone should bear, leaving her widowed with three children. A major film star is on board. So is an off-duty pilot who has just lost his forty-year career. So is a distraught father, traveling with the baby son he has abducted from his estranged wife. Sifting through data and relying on instinct, Ben becomes convinced that someone on Helen's plane is planning something terrible. And he's right. Passengers, crew, and experts on the ground become heroes out of necessity to try to avert tragedy at the eleventh hour.

In her stunning novel Danielle Steel combines intense action with stories of emotionally rich, intertwined lives. As the jet bears down on its destination of San Francisco, strangers are united, desperate choices are made, and futures will be changed forever by a handful of accidental heroes.

## Accidental Heroes Details

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## From Reader Review Accidental Heroes for online ebook

### Tim says

Finished in a day and nowhere near Ms. Steel's best. Lots of cliches and author profiling of characters. 3 of 10 stars

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### Allison says

Predictable Steel read. Everything is great, bad stuff happens, everything turns out great in the end. All wrapped up neatly in a bow. Good quick read. :)

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### Mary Yungeberg says

This is the first DS book I've picked up since I read Palomino years ago. I thought it might be fun and the story line intrigued me, having worked in the airline industry. Thankfully I borrowed it from our local library because I sure would be kicking myself if I'd paid for it.

I expected the drawn out descriptions of everything, but I don't remember Ms. Steel writing so sloppily. Point of view changed within single paragraphs and one character magically knew what the other was thinking. So much exposition. Just poor writing. Ugh.

And the A321 passenger jet doesn't have business class. It only has first class and coach. I guess that's a small thing since the book is fiction, Ms. Steel can make up whatever she wants, right? Anyway, it was a disappointing read for me.

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### Amanda - Mrs B's Book Reviews says

\* Review to come.

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### Suzanne says

An entertaining, short read that is wrapped up with a pretty bow for the most part. I did like the plot even if it was predictable. It was like Sully but with a female veteran as the pilot hero. However, the drama of the lives of the supporting characters really brings entertainment to this book. So many different life situations going on in these characters.

My quick and simple overall: a good, quick read by Danielle Steel that is very entertaining.

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### **Camilla says**

This is another winner for Danielle Steel. I don't know how she keeps up the prolific pace of her writing, but I'm surely glad she does. I always feel good after I read one of her books, and this one was no different. Thank you Ms. Steel for making my day.

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### **Susan says**

A page turner! I couldn't put it down. A airport security finds a card that makes her feel like something awful might happen. She tells her supervisor who tells her it is nothing and to return to work.....but because of a nagging feeling she notifies security. Is the airplane that just took off going to have an incident or land without any problems. Normal people doing normal jobs and living their normal lives may be turned into heroes.

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### **Sherri Thacker says**

Sorry Danielle Steel, this one just didn't do it for me. DNF

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### **Simon says**

With apologies to anyone who disagrees but rarely have I felt this negatively about any book in my entire life  
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Danielle Steel has done something quite out of the ordinary. She had a very interesting romantic notion about people becoming accidental heroes and tried making a thriller out of it. So did this best-selling author of romantic fiction and chick-lit succeed in turning it into a genuine suspense thriller as it is currently listed?

No.

This has to be the sappiest, most sugar-ladenly naive entry in the genre I have ever come across. I feel like I have put on several pounds in weight just listening to it and both my ears feel like they have developed paunches. I had to give up an hour and a half from the end and that was at least half an hour after the main action had unfolded!

Now, it may be that Steel's fans from her other books might enjoy this as an interesting diversion from her normal output, I couldn't say. However, regular fans of the thriller genre are unlikely to find a book that they can appreciate. The characters are more caricature than three-dimensional and the action scenes are just poorly thought out and show rather unforgivable levels of naivete. If any of you make it through that ending then message me on Goodreads and I'll buy you a beer, wine or other beverage according to your tastes. I've never read anything more sickly or full of cliches in my entire life.

Sorry Danielle, and of course her fans, I am sure that your success in other genres is deserved but you simply

aren't a thriller writer.

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### **Rhonda B says**

I literally could not put this down. The best book she has ever written in my opinion. There is so much mystery revolving around a flight from New York to San Francisco each page is building upon who is responsible that I could not stop reading. Then in the end there is love, sigh. She couldn't leave us without a touch of romance thrown in. Highly recommended!! BTW, first five star of 2018

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### **Brad says**

Possibly the worst-written book I've ever read. Just awful. The first chapter is entirely exposition dump, and it doesn't improve much from there. All telling, very little showing, it seems to violate almost every concept of competent writing known to man. The plot is extremely obvious, and the tying up of lose ends is roughly twice as long as it needs to be for a story of this length.

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### **Janet says**

This might be my favorite book by Danielle Steel ever, and I have read them all.

This was about what happens when a TSA agent finds a postcard in the bin at security. We see all the steps that are taken to make sure this is reviewed, and the passengers are safe.

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### **Debbie Oxier says**

Wow! I used to be a big Steel fan but after awhile it seemed all her books were cut from the same mold and I stopped reading her. Then Accidental Heroes came along. I was hooked as soon as I read the blurb because I love airplane thrillers. What's more exciting than being thousands of feet in the air in virtually what is nothing more than a tin can, when you discover there's a problem and you and everyone aboard might be doomed to die! So I grabbed this one up.

I wasn't disappointed. While it wasn't the best airline thriller I've read, it was a good one and I didn't want to put it down. Let me say, I did kind of guess who was involved when a little more than half way through but it wasn't proved to be until almost the last and didn't take away from the book's ending. And of course you have your usual list of suspects like the flight crew, the passengers, maintenance people, etc. Is it an act of terrorism? Is it an employee with a grudge against the airline? Just some crazy person with their own agenda, one no one knows about?

The whole thing starts when Berniece, at baggage check, finds a postcard with a picture of the Golden Gate Bridge on one side, a very cryptic message that could be assumed as a threat, in the other. She reports it to

her supervisor who blows it off, but Berniece has a bad feeling about it and goes over the survivor's head and calls someone else. This gets the ball rolling. There are two possibilities regarding the airline involved so authorities begin combing passenger manifests and digging into the flight crews' backgrounds. The pilot, who just happens to be a woman and a decorated war hero, is notified and ordered to keep the information to herself until further notice. What they don't tell her is that she is a suspect as well. Her husband had been captured by a radical Islamic group and beheaded on national tv while the U. S. government did nothing to stop it. Was that enough to send the woman over the edge to where she'd knowingly crash a plane with all those people on board as a way of getting back at our top officials for letting her husband die?

This had plenty of possibilities when it came to means and motives and kept me on the edge of my seat a couple of times. It was quite a change from the author's earlier work, one i really enjoyed. I'm hoping to see more like this in the future.

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### **Shirley Revill says**

I found this book very difficult to get into as there was too much information about the people in the story at the start of the book.

When the story progressed it was really interesting but it took way too long to actually get to this part of the book.

If I had not listened to the audiobook version of this story I honestly believe I would not have finished the book and would have missed the really great parts.

This was a really different and unusual way of writing from what I associate with Danielle Steel.

Great plot but too much character information.

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### **Debbie says**

Very different story from all her other books. Still good though.

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