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Life was good for Liz and Jack Sutherland. In 18 years of marriage, they had built a family, a successful law practice, and a warm, happy home near San Francisco, in a house on Hope Street. Then, in an instant, it all fell apart. It began like any other Christmas morning, with joy and children's laughter. But for Jack Sutherland, a five-minute errand ends in tragedy. And suddenly, Liz is alone, facing painful questions in the wake of an unbearable loss.

How can she go on without her husband, her partner, her best friend? How can she grieve when she must console five devastated children, including one with special needs of his own? Powered by her children's love, Liz finds the strength to return to work, to become both mother and 'daddy', coaching her youngest son for the Special Olympics. And one by one the holidays come and go before her eyes: Valentine's Day without flowers and without Jack...Easter...July 4th...Then, just weeks before Labor Day, a devastating accident sends her oldest son to the hospital-and brings a doctor named Bill Webster into her life. Bill becomes a friend to Liz as he slowly heals her shattered son.

And as long as the days of summer blend into fall, a new relationship offers new hope, and Liz reflects on what she has, on what she's lost, on the little blessings that give strength when nothing else is left. Then, with the first anniversary of her husband's death approaching, and with it another Christmas in the house on Hope Street, Liz will face one more crisis before she can look back at a year of mourning and change-and ahead to the beginning of a new life.

## **The House on Hope Street Details**

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## Sarah ~ says

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## Jade says

A good, light read that gets you seated in the characters perspective.  
It was very fast-paced.

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## Carol Storm says

Successful lawyer Sara has an okay life in modern day San Francisco, in spite of being stuck in a dead end relationship with her loutish boyfriend Phil. Then an elderly client of hers dies unexpectedly and leaves her the money to buy (and remodel) the fabulously elegant mansion he's lived in for years. When Sara takes on the job, she finds that this particular house has some amazing secrets!

The dust jacket said this was "Danielle Steel's 66th best selling novel." It read like it, too. Not that it was a bad novel, not at all. But it was very thin, and a lot of the most interesting characters were off stage about eighty five percent of the time.

Does anyone know if the mysterious great grandmother Lilli had her own book earlier in the Danielle Steel canon? She really came to life a lot more than her descendants.

By the way, do any of my Goodreads friends know if the Portrero Hill neighborhood that Sara and her friends keep talking about in this book is the same neighborhood where O.J. Simpson grew up? I gather it must have been gentrified up the wazoo. But I kept waiting for the Sheikhs to rumble with the Roman Gents!

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## Mona says

Amazing ... Of course it made me cry but I loved it so much ..

It is always like this when I finished any of Danielle's books , I feel good and happy ... It make me believe that there will always be hope .. Even in the darkest moment every thing is going to be ok ..  
Really such a great book you have to read it  
Thanks Danielle Steel for being such a great author .. Really You inspire me

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### **Gina says**

**This book.... Can't think of an appropriate summary.**

ALTHOUGH I finished reading the book, it was. very easy to put it down. Even in the middle of a chapter, which isn't something I normally do. I tend to stick my kindle in my bag and try to read at any free moment that I have. The plot is repetitious to many of her novels. At one time, about 15 years ago, I could read her books, maybe 10 different ones then actually go back and read them again. Thurston House, Silent honor, Jewels, The RIng... Her earlier books were amazing! I definitely can't see myself reading this one out we again. In fact I'm feeling nostalgic, can't think of the title right now, the one where the father kills the mother, or the one where they move (necessary) into a guest home during the reign of Hitler.. or Kaleidoscope .. wow, now many of her books are running through my mind. Her earlier books were truly works of art! ... anyone agree or have a suggestion as to which of her other titles are reminiscent of her earlier books? Although I think I've read them all.. Gina :)

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### **monica says**

#### **Esperanza**

Lo sorprendente que es la vida que puede cambiar en un instante.liz queda viuda y tendrá cambios inesperados a los que adaptarse ella y sus hijos.un nuevo comienzo y segundas oportunidades .muy buena la recomiendo.

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### **Ana Fernandes says**

Mais exactamente 3,5??

É um livro k nos afecta bastante e achei mt "doloroso" p um livro tão pequeno e c uma história c passa "a correr".

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### **Deb says**

Almost every time I read Danielle Steele, I'm amazed that her books sell as well as they do. Her writing is very unsophisticated (almost juvenile), punctuation is horrible, etc. With as many books as she sells, you'd think she'd have a decent editor! Anyway -- this was a decent enough story, if somewhat predictable. I was bothered by the fact that Liz could fall so in love so quickly with the first guy she meets after her husband's death. I wanted to warn her about that! The book ended rather arbitrarily, so one can only assume that all goes well from that point on.

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### **Rose says**

I read the book twice within 2 weeks.....cried & cried! This story tells about how deep her love to her late husband & to take care 5 young children. Shes a strong lady facing up all the challenges and cope with her future life!

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### **Leen says**

I read heart beat by daille steel befor I read this one and I was happy then I get interest about her work and I pic this one to read but I' ve been shoked I was excited at the very begening of novel then I get really bored of it and I can't finish it , and until now its still on my shelfs uncompleted soo I don't know what happened to all the glory I got at first time but magically its all gone  
to be honest I will try to read another novel to her before judge on her

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### **S.J. Tyson says**

Danielle Steel is one of my favorite authors, and I pretty much know what to expect with her particular type of storytelling. As usual, she provides an easy read. I enjoyed the overall sweet, though somewhat predictable, story of Liz Sutherland, who tragically loses her husband after eighteen years of marriage. My biggest issue with the story is the man she later has a relationship with as she rebuilds her life without her husband while raising five children. I found his character to be very unlikable. He has his good and bad personality moments, as characters do, but his bad moments were so off-putting to me that I almost hoped that the relationship would fail, because his nastiness just seemed to be too much to overcome. Think Hugh Laurie in "House" without the charisma. To me, the character just came across as selfish and sometimes downright mean, to the point where I felt he was beyond redemption. I enjoyed the relationship between Liz and her children much more than the romantic relationship, particularly her special rapport with her youngest son, who is learning disabled. Even if you dislike the romantic aspect of the story, you will definitely still connect with the real and heartwarming interactions she has with her children.

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### **Kwesi ??? says**

When I started reading books and ended up losing some of my to-be-read, I always ask my friends for recommendation and usually they give me author's names. I begin collecting Danielle Steel's novels when I was in high school but never have the chance to open them or read them. Although I only read two of her works and I was amazed how fast I can finish her book but not contented in the end. So I keep searching for more authors and collect their works that I nearly forgot that I still have books in my to-be-read shelves.

So one of mislead authors on my shelf was Danielle Steel that hoping that I can garnish all her works this summer vacation and so far I only read one. I think there are books that you really enjoyed reading when you were young but when you get old your taste differ so do what I feel with her books. It was so disappointing that I find her works replication of her older novels and she just put some minor changes in the book. In the

other hand, she deals with family problem, marriage, relationship and friendship.

For 18 years, **Liz** and **Jack** were happily married, both work as a lawyer defending families that are at stake. They have five sons and daughters that are nice and perfect. As if, they are living in a perfect world, everything is in order, neat, happy as if the world and their family is coordinated to each other. But one day, when one of their client's enemy visit and call **Jack**, everything got upside down. He was killed and shot in his office drifting blood on the floor, looking for help.

For **Liz** and the children, it was one of their worst nightmare and most unforgettable day of their lives. Living without their dad in a very young age and celebrating Christmas without him. **Liz**, must do her job as a mother and as a father for the children. At first it was hard for her to accomplish two person job and in the end, everything was in right condition. When her oldest son accident, another problem came and her life dug her soul seven deep under.

Then she met **Bill**, a neurologist and the doctor of his son that soon recovered. Her relationship with **Bill** is getting deeper and everything falls under his spell. Can her family accept **Bill** or her life will be another pages of miserable tale? For a mother and as a woman, she struggles to commit things for her children but this time her children should understand her needs to be happy woman, a mother and as a wife again.

It was an easy read, everything flows and it was like talking to a Grade one student or a kid narrating a short novel for you. The sentences are short and words that can be easily comprehend by the readers. An effortless but worth reading book, recommended for those people who are busy and looking for something heartwarming and to fall your tears again.

Does Hope Street really exist? I don't have any idea but looking at the book's cover the painted house and garden was a great example of a soft young female artist's work.

**Rating** - *The House on Hope Street* by Danielle Steel, **2 Sweets** and another year of happiness! (I can still remember myself picking her books from *booksale* store and the cashier keep asking me questions, why I always buy Danielle Steel's books. Until now, I don't have the guts to answer her question. Well, I'm happy nobody know my secret why I bought her books besides reading them.)

#### **Challenges:**

*Book #67 for 2011*

*Book #41 for Off the Shelf!*

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#### **Saja Ayash says**

I read it around 7-8 years ago.

I remember it made me cry like a baby.

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**Jennifer Burton says**

Loved it!!!!

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**Sara says**

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