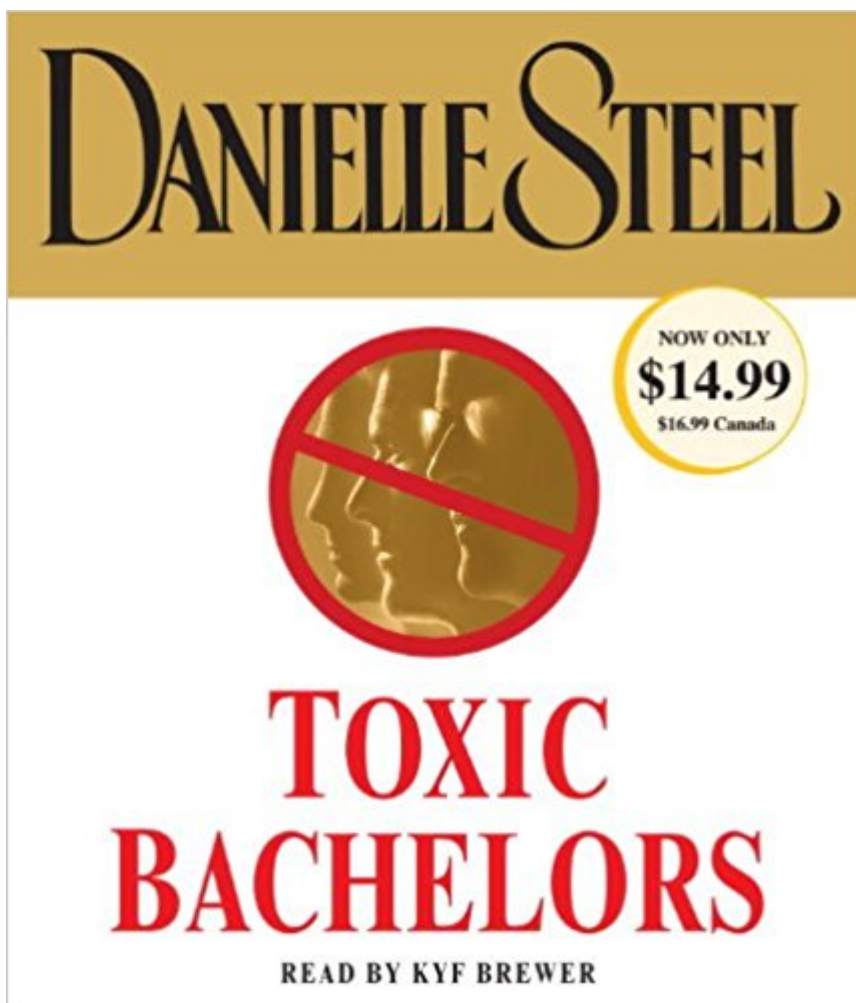




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Toxic Bachelors



Synopsis

Danielle Steel explores the perils of dating, relationships, and love in a novel that takes us into the intoxicating, infuriating world of three charming single men, also known as *Toxic Bachelors*. They were the best of friends and the most daunting of bachelors....Charlie Harrington, a handsome philanthropist, has such high expectations for his perfect bride that no mortal need apply....Adam Weiss, a forty-something celebrity lawyer, prefers his women very young, very voluptuous, and very short-term. And for Gray Hawk, a gifted artist with a knack for attracting troubled relationships, women are fine; it's just the idea of family he can't imagine (particularly the family of the woman he's dating). Now the three friends, spending their annual summer vacation cruising the Mediterranean aboard Charlie's majestic yacht, are about to have their bachelorhood rocked. By autumn all three will fall precipitously into relationships they never saw coming. Charlie begins dating a crusading social worker who couldn't be further from his ideal "until he makes a stunning discovery about her. Adam gets involved with his usual twenty-something bombshell "only this one has a remarkable mind of her own. And Gray, who has avoided both business and family like the plague, has managed to fall head over heels for a successful career woman " who just happens to be a mother as well. As another holiday on the yacht approaches, and with it a turning point in each man's life, the three bachelors are forced to face the things that scare them most: their phobias about relationships, the wounds of the past "and the kind of women who challenge their deepest terrors. What happens next will spark big changes for Charlie, Adam, and Gray "and might just put an end to their carousing days forever. For as the once-carefree trio is about to discover, love is the most unpredictable adventure of all. Filled with all the joy, complexity, and unexpected surprises of life, *Toxic Bachelors* is Danielle Steel at her poignant and penetrating best. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

When you've got three attractive men in a Steel novel, each determined to stay single, you can expect romance, love and marriage vows around the corner, as well as the usual mix of glamour, fashion and wealth. Charles Sumner Harrington, born to affluence, has no family and, following several botched engagements, is, at 46, a perfectionist who will probably never meet the woman of his dreams. Adam Weiss, a Harvard Law "trained hotshot, was burned by a nasty divorce; at 41, he is a sworn bachelor who parties with the pretty, young and clueless. Gray Hawk, a New York artist living hand-to-mouth at 50, was adopted at birth by globe-trotting, drug-taking rock stars; he's drawn exclusively to women whose middle name is "victim." The three friends take their annual summer Mediterranean booze cruise on Charles's luxurious yacht, and in the hubbub there and back in New York, each ends up crossing paths with a woman who turns his life upside down. After the initial bliss, there are confrontations, challenges and threats to promising relationships. Despite relentlessly reiterating her characters' Freudian backstories, Steel delivers the inevitable happy endings in the usual nontoxic, satisfying manner. (Oct.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Steel's latest novel traces the lives and loves of three confirmed bachelors who are forced to face their worst commitment fears when each, in turn, somehow manages to fall in love. The three 40-something best friends, Charlie Harrington, an independently wealthy philanthropist; Adam Weiss, a celebrity lawyer and voracious playboy; and Gray Hawk, a handsome and talented New York artist, have formed a tight relationship, united in their "love 'em and leave 'em" approach to women and dating. All three have been scarred by some relationship in the past and have taken to living commitment-free lives, cruising the high seas on Harrington's yacht, partying until dawn, and dating scores of women. That is until, one by one, they find themselves falling deeply in love with (surprise!) women they wouldn't even have considered dating casually. A breezy read, this contains some of the usual Steel plot mechanisms (Will the handsome, wealthy bachelor successfully woo the beautiful but no-frills social worker?) and happy endings that will keep her fans reading and waiting for more. Librarians may need duplicate copies. Kathleen HughesCopyright © American

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Toxic Bachelors was an excellent read with so much feeling for the story. The characters were so awesome and really made the story go so well. I could hardly put the book down. Loved every minute of this story. If you enjoy DANIELLE STEEL then you must read this book!!

Quite a story and page turner. All of the characters were very complex. Charlie, Adam, and Gray started out as confirmed Bachelors but life changed all of that.

Lots of emotions and changes to be made in life. Unfortunately too many childhood memories either enhance one's life or you have a difficult time moving into the future with happiness.

Danielle Steel never disappoints me with her books. They hold my interest from beginning to end. Want to finish reading them, but don't want them to end. Unfortunately I am the kind of reader that once I'm finished reading a book, in a month rarely remember what it was about because I read for enjoyment.

Usual stuff for her

I really loved this heart warming story. A superbly written story about three bachelors and their complex lives are brought to life by Danielle. Thanks.

One of her older books I read many years ago but I only remember one line that reminded me. It was a book you did not want to put down. Very good and fast reading. Loved it even the second time within thirty years

I just love all Danielle Steel's books. I found it hard to put this book down, so I stayed up half the night reading it..

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