Miracle (Danielle Steel)
It is New Year’s Eve when the storm of the century hits northern California. In a quiet neighborhood in San Francisco, amid the chaos of fallen trees and damaged homes, the lives of three strangers are about to collide. For Quinn Thompson, what happens in the storm’s wake will bring down a barrier he has built around himself since his wife’s death. For neighbor Maggie Dartman, it will spark friendship at a time when she needs it most. And for Jack Adams, a carpenter who will repair Quinn’s and Maggie’s homes, the storm brings an opportunity: to help two people and to be repaid with the greatest gift of all. As three lives come together and a unique friendship is forged, something extraordinary begins to happen. Maggie, still grieving a loss, slowly comes alive again and Jack finally shares a painful secret he has hidden for years. But at the center of the friendship is Quinn. A man who has scaled heights of success in business, Quinn is now adrift, waiting as builders put the finishing touches on his newest passion, a 180-foot yacht he plans to sail around the world. Looking back at all he missed with his family while he built his empire, Quinn is consumed by guilt, focused only on escaping to the sea. But as his plans near completion, and his friendship with Maggie begins to change, Quinn faces a choice—between a safe haven and an adventure of the heart. The choice he makes will affect other lives as powerfully as his own. And it will take him on an extraordinary journey and into a second, terrifying storm, one that will bring him danger or deliverance. Danielle Steel brings us miracles big and small—the kind we are blessed with and those we give to others. With a subtle hand and a flawless touch, she has written a novel that soars with hope, and makes us laugh, cry, and care. From the Hardcover edition.

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This is my first review, and the only reason I'm doing it is so you don't waste your time with this book. In Miracle she tells the story of Quinn (62), a man who feels guilty because he was never there for his wife and children, and only realized that he really loved his wife when it was too late. The book goes on and on about how much she loved him, what a good wife and mother she was, and how his life is empty without her. However, that changes really fast. Four months after her death he becomes friends with next door neighbor, Maggie, a recently divorced and much younger woman (8 years older than Quinn's daughter), and Jack a handyman. Then all of the sudden he stops thinking about his wife and less than a year after the death of his wife he sleeps with Maggie. If this is not bad enough, he starts to compare his wife to Maggie and of course now he realizes that his wife was not that great. That even though she never complained when he left for months at a time, while she was home raising his children and making sure his house was clean, and his #1 Maggie is better match for him. Then in last chapters all of the sudden his daughter (that hated his guts and didn't talk to him for more than a year) allows him to take her children for 3 weeks after a simple phone call. Of course he and Maggie live happily ever after, and he doesn't take into consideration how his daughter is going to feel about a new woman so soon after the death of her mother. A woman that is only 8 years older than her. But the part that bother me the most was how quickly he fell for this woman and how he had the guts to give her the live that he denied to his wife of 30+ years to a woman that he barely knows and that is at least 20 years younger.

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