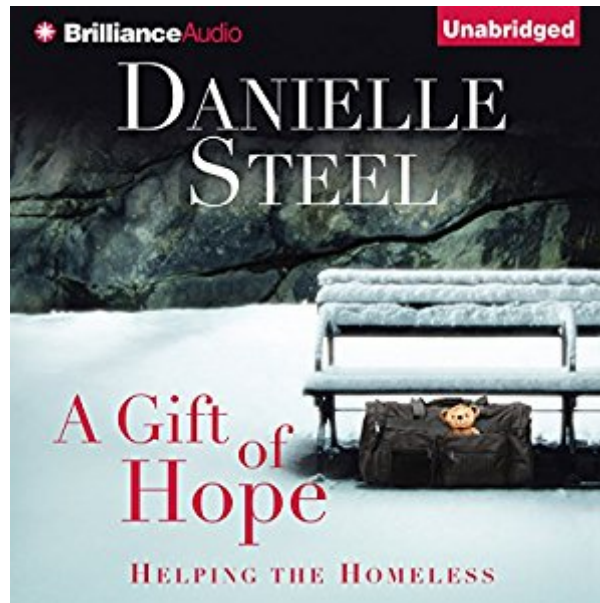




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A Gift Of Hope: Helping The Homeless



Synopsis

In her powerful memoir *His Bright Light*, number-one New York Times best-selling author Danielle Steel opened her heart to share the devastating story of the loss of her beloved son. In *A Gift of Hope*, she shows us how she transformed that pain into a campaign of service that enriched her life beyond what she could imagine. For 11 years, Danielle Steel took to the streets with a small team to help the homeless of San Francisco. She worked anonymously, visiting the "cribs" of the city's most vulnerable citizens under cover of darkness, distributing food, clothing, bedding, tools, and toiletries. She sought no publicity for her efforts and remained anonymous throughout. Now she is speaking up to bring attention to their plight. In this unflinchingly honest and deeply moving memoir, the famously private author talks publicly for the first time about her work among the most desperate members of our society. She offers achingly acute portraits of the people she met along the way - and issues a heartfelt call for more effective action to aid this vast, deprived population. Determined to supply the homeless with the basic necessities to keep them alive, she ends up giving them something far more powerful: a voice. By turns candid and inspirational, Danielle Steel's *A Gift of Hope* is a true act of advocacy and love.

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Customer Reviews

A great read written by Danielle Steel, This short story brought tears to my eyes. Don't want to give too much of the story away but if everyone was like Danielle Steel this would be a much better world. To reach out and help the less fortunate I applaud her though what she did wasn't a solution but

rather went above and beyond to make sure these people were warm ,feed ,and gave them hope and for them to know someone out there cares for them and believes in them is awesome .Not all of us have the funds to do what she did but anything a pair of socks ,a hat ,gloves even one little thing even just a smile and a hug or an ear to listen to bring hope to the less unfortunate. And yes my family and I do contribute what we can to be of help my not be a lot but its something.One more thing I always save those Hotel samples of soaps shampoos etc to donate to the local shealter.

Danielle's true journey of service and selfless sacrafice after the Lord answered her pleas relative to His plans for her is truly unique and inspiring. Like many of you, I have followed Danielle Steel's career for as long as she has been writing and have read every novel she has ever published.That being said, 'A Gift of Hope: Helping the Homeless' is a story of her amazing work with the homeless. It was/is 'aw-inspiring' as I saw these human beings through her eyes and heart. It gave me a new perspective and attitude toward them and their plight in life. It drove home to me how fortunate and blessed my life has been and how fast it can be taken away from me. Through Danielle's eyes, I have come to love these people ... they are you and me and our next door neighbor whose lives fell on really tough times and what they were driven to do because of dire circumstances.God Bless Danielle Steel ... truly, she is a true hero and advocate for these people and I thank her from the bottom of my heart for prompting me to get involved and do more than I do, to help them all that I can.

Its a cruel world we live in but this woman stands out. From heartache to helping others after losing her son

I have been a faithful reader of Danielle Steel for years and have read everything she has written. I was so surprised that she worked so hard for the homeless. Made me think highly of her as a person as well as a writer. The book was very well written and kept my interest right to the end. Makes you thing of how lucky we are and that it could happen to anyone.

Being a servant of God I have had the awesome privilege to work and minister to the homeless. After reading this book I have continued to receive confirmation that I am right where God wants me. It is such a blessing to know a woman who I have admired for quite sometime is also invested in servicing those in need. I was a formerly homeless person was encouraged by angels and made it possible for me to return to school, get my BSW and MSW. I now do street outreach and case

management with the homeless for a mental health organization. I am also part of a group that takes church to the homeless on Sunday mornings. There is HOPE!

It's depressing, but I'm glad she wrote it.

Ever wonder what some "celebrities" do in their spare time! We hear of the foundations and millions some donate to various causes. In this book Danielle Steel shares one of her "causes" and how she became "boots on the ground" addressing the homeless situation. Ms. Steele does not whitewash the dangers of her actions, nor the seriousness of the situation. Perhaps one of the most interesting insights in the book is how the homeless reacted to her efforts.... often with gratitude. If you enjoy reading Danielle Steele's novels, this is an excellent look into her real life experience with the homeless. A wonderful way to get learn a bit about those who are homeless, putting somewhat of a face to the faceless homeless population in our midst.

i feel that the book had a good meaning but she repeated everything over and over again her story line got lost with all that repeating.and when she mentioned money was a problem with getting supplies for the homeless i wanted to pucker she probably has more money than the president. what a disappointment this book was and i had really respected her until this. how sad i had to change my view of a wonderful writer--but lately all her books repeat themselveshow many times did i need to be told they bought coats and hats and that the streets were dangerous?she does this in her other books to how many times do i have to be told the person is beautiful rich and famous?how sad

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