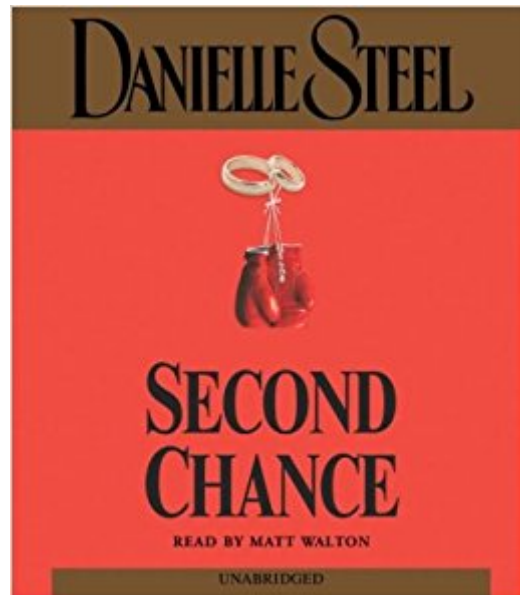




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Synopsis

Eccentric high fashion meets buttoned-up Madison Avenue in Danielle Steel's captivating tale of two perfect-for-each-other people from two wildly different worlds. In a fresh, funny look at what happens when a woman who has everything finally meets her match, Danielle Steel proves that, in life and love, it's never too late for a second chance....

SECOND CHANCE As editor-in-chief of New York's leading fashion magazine, Fiona Monaghan lived a life as hectic and high-toned as the fashion world itself, jetting back and forth between her stylish Manhattan brownstone and the couture shows of Europe. With closets stuffed with Fendi, a snoring bulldog named Sir Winston sharing her bed, and a houseman who favors gold lamé and borrows her shoes, Fiona was utterly content with her life. Until the sweltering June day John Anderson strolled into her office. After a dinner date left them both wanting more, Fiona impulsively invited John to the Paris couture shows. And in the most romantic city in the world, somewhere between the magic of the runway and the stroll along the Seine, Fiona let this man into her heart. A widower with two daughters, John Anderson was nearly Fiona's opposite in every way. As conservative as she was freewheeling, John was both amused and appalled by Fiona's world of high-strung designers, anorexic models, and high-heeled housemen. But within weeks of their return to New York, John was making friends with Sir Winston and Fiona was making room in her closets. It didn't take long for the dominoes to start falling. First, John introduced Fiona to his daughters, their blood-thirsty Pekingese, and a snarling housekeeper straight out of Hitchcock's Rebecca. It was hate at first sight. Then, after a dinner party with John's biggest client goes disastrously awry, Fiona and John's relationship began to unravel with alarming speed. What happens next will set Fiona on a journey filled with pain and revelation, awakening and change.

For when she returns to Paris alone and takes an amazing risk, an extraordinary series of events begins to unfold. And as the snow falls on the city of light, Fiona is about to get the surprise of her life: a second act she never saw coming. In a dazzling tale of modern misadventures and career-crossed relationships, Danielle Steel brings us into the lives of two unforgettable people as they love and laugh, struggle and survive. With unerring insight, she captures the heady magic of instant attraction, the challenges of change and the hope that comes when we dare to do it all over again. From the Hardcover edition.

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Customer Reviews

Fiona Monaghan, 42, lives the high life. With six years under her belt as editor-in-chief of Chic Magazine, a high fashion rag, Fiona is wined and dined around the world, has closets full of fabulous clothes and throws spirited dinner parties. Marriage has never been an option for the self-possessed Fiona; her ancient English bulldog, Sir Winston, is her main companion. Then she meets staid advertising exec John Anderson, head of the new agency handling Chic's account. Anderson, a handsome widower with two daughters, is utterly charmed by the phenomenal Fiona and dazzled by her lifestyle. Sparks fly and, after much inner turmoil, Fiona agrees to marry Anderson. The beginning of their relationship is rocky: Anderson's college-aged girls and housekeeper hate Fiona at first sight, and even the family dog attacks. But it's Anderson who can't handle Fiona's frenetic, glamorous life, and less than a year after their marriage he files for divorce. Devastated, Fiona quits her job and moves to Paris to write a book, finally allowing herself to be wooed again by her chastened ex-husband. Some readers will bridle at the idea that Fiona must give up her career to find happiness, but others will enjoy the usual Steel frills: plenty of gorgeous outfits, fine dining and exquisite real estate. 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 never tires of spinning fairy tales for her fans, and this story is no exception. Fiona Monaghan, an eccentric, fiery (and vivacious, lovely, and rich) editor in chief of a New York-based high-fashion magazine is single and lovin' it (or so she tells herself). What with all the fancy parties, celebrity friends, fashion shoots, and trips to couture shows in Europe, she feels that she doesn't have the

time or interest required to maintain a steady relationship. Enter John Anderson, a handsome, rich, conservative businessman, the exact opposite of the colorful Fiona. Of course, they are madly attracted to each other, but a series of obstacles interferes with their happiness. For one thing, the recently widowed John has conflicted feelings about the relationship; although he's crazy about Fiona, on some level, he feels unfaithful to his dead wife--a misery that his resentful teenage daughters compound. In addition, Fiona's crazy life--bohemian friends, flamboyant houseman, constant work, parties, and travel--adds to the problems. Steel's fans will enjoy the detailed descriptions of privileged lifestyles and the ultimate happy resolution. Kathleen HughesCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This book was boring and shallow, not much of a storyline. Definitely not worth \$7.

I didn't like this book. I had very little idea what the characters looked like but I know what one of the dogs looked like. This was just a longish short story to me. Predictable, everyone falls in love right away. And more insignificant things happen and then..The End. Two night to read it and I didn't read for long.I was disappointed in this Steel book.

This is a wonderful book!! I really enjoyed reading it!!

Hello"Second Chance' was truly funny as it was heart breaking, and lessons were learned the hard way, but the best part for me; a very happy ever after ending. And John...without saying to much...finally did the right thing. My Kind of Man!And .com has the best selections and prices on Danielle Steel Books than any other on-line service and book stores around too.Enjoy!ps I do miss but back in the day when Danielle Steel Books were put in a movie format for NBC. Those were always wonderful to watch too. I would really like to see more of her books put into movie format or re-run the ones from before again.

I liked the female lead character and enjoyed reading about her life as a fashion magazine editor. I wasn't crazy about her love interest though. They did go through some transformation that made them more compatible but, I still thought he was too stuffy for her.

The story was good but the ending needed more from his kids and it needed like a good ending with

his children apologizing i felt like it didn't end and it was going to continue.

This book gets right in the swing of things but then drags out a bit too much. Ending is as fast as the beginning

Awesome book!!! Love Danielle Steel!!

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