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Good familial concern in Danielle Steel *Family Album*

Abstract

Danielle steel is well known for her romantic and formulaic writing style. Many of her characters are considered over-the-top making famous and frequently deals with serious life issue, like illness, death, loss, family crisis and relationship. The heroines of her novels are very ambitions, headstrong and courageous. *Family album* is one among the best novels of Danielle steel. It deals with the life of a family. It is also about how the members of the family are bonded together, what are all the family issues they are facing, how about their livelihood. This is a story about ward Thayer and Faye price as they raise five very different children and the ups and the downs families go through.

This paper is mainly focusing on ward Thayer, the hero. How much a wife was suffered because of her irresponsible, sluggish husband? A man should be very much responsible in this competitive world. A couple have to be like a compass to complete the circle of a glorious life. It is the responsibility of every parent to teach their child that household chore and life hold chores are both equal for man and woman.

Keywords: self-confidence, understanding, concern, society, glory, success.

Faye Price is the propagandist of this novel. Her native place is a small town named Pennsylvania. She has come to New York to do her higher studies. After she has got her graduation from high school, she becomes a model within the period of six months. Her father died of cancer and her mother died of car accident. Even though she is fatherless, she has achieved a greatest glory in her livelihood. She has no one to support or to encourage her. She is the only cause for all her achievements.

Faye Price is a legendary actress in Hollywood, and then she has her own family. Later she would realize her own dream come true as one of Hollywood's first woman director. Ward Thayer is most childish man, husband and father. He also supported his wife, Faye Price. But he is not that much vigorous than her wife. Her five children are precious to her. In a changing world, they can be challenged the hardest test when they bonded by love and loyalty.

Faye Price has given up her career for Ward Thayer and Ward also has given up his job. He has come out of the army after the end of the war. And there is no profit for the past four years from Thayer shipyard. He is not all at having the interest to work. His father died at the age of forty-six. All the family members of him have died at their early ages. And they never have enjoyed their own life. Ward Thayer's father is stranger to him. His father also never spends time with his own wife also. So Ward Thayer does not want to lead his life like that. He just wants to enjoy his life. His character is a carefree character. He is exactly opposite to that of Faye Price's character.

Ward Thayer has married an army nurse but she is killed by a fucking Jap bomb and that marriage with an ambitious woman, Faye Price. Ward Thayer does not have any aim in his life other than amusing and being happy. Ward Thayer is not a courageous man. He does not have dared to bear critical situation. He is somewhat a selfish character.

Ward Thayer has gone out of the house to enjoy sexual affair when his family is economically depressed. He does not care about his family or about his children. He has spent his time all the day. He has feared terrible to face the reality. He has spent his time all the day. He is very much guilty and wanted to commit suicide. He also asked his wife, if she decided to divorce him. He does not know what to do. He has drunk all the day faith or confidence upon himself. He does not do anything to come out of the issue and he does not wanted Faye Price to go back her career also. He is not pleased to know that Gaye Price got a chance again as an assistant director. He has done nothing for his family.

Ward Thayer has gone out of the house and let his children and wife to suffer. He has an affair with Maisie Abernathie too. Whatever may happen to his family, he cannot bother about it. He is not a good husband and not behaved like a good father. Faye Price has calculated about all their debts and decided to sale everything. And she decided to take up her old companion, which is her career again. She does not have even the support of his husband. She has no one to support. Even though a woman has nothing she do have her courage, faith and self confidence to overcome all the struggle of life.

Everyone has to have the dare to face the reality and urge to overcome the struggles to achieve the destination. She has got the chance again as an assistant director. She has used the opportunity perfectly. After two films as an assistant director, she has come to know lot many things. She becomes the director for her third film.

Ward Thayer has appeared in the life of Faye Price again. Faye Price loves him so much other than anything else in the world. So she has decided to take him again. He also changed a lot. Instead of ruby, emerald, sapphire, pearl jewel he has presented her radio, sweater to keep her warm. The old romance within them revived again. Even though he has felt guilty for what he did, he should not leave her when his family is in trouble. A man

should be supportive when her wife is badly in need of her. There no use in join her after she had herself rescued her from the cause.

A man must support his wife and his children in all the circumstance. A man should love his family; he should not allow his family to suffer. But in the case of ward Thayer, he is the main cause for the suffering of his wife as well as his children. At least Ward Thayer should have the faith and confidence to overcome the issues. He does not take any steps to overcome it.

Lionel is turned into gay. Females can wound young boys by smothering, criticizing, controlling and ignoring proper boundaries. Some boys who have experienced such wounding develop unhealthy relationship with women in adulthood in which they either push them too far away or hold them too close. Unhealthy childhood relationship with female gender, affect how he sees himself in relationship to women, damage his sense of masculinity and prevent the natural development of a sense of genderedness. This can leave the individual without a sense of the opposite sex as complementary and attractive. In this novel hero, Ward Thayer is just blaming her. A man must not blame her wife without doing anything to rescue her.

Anne suffered a lot in Haight-Ashbury and she has married an old man. The young people, predominantly from middle-class homes are attracted to the Haight-Ashbury area for a variety of reasons. The tremendous amount of publicity regarding philosophical freedom, the possibility of attaining a feeling of togetherness with others of like beliefs and the ready availability of psychedelic drugs all contributed to the attraction. The most dangerous drug in this area is methamphetamine which is readily procurable in black market crystal from. It decreases the appetite and keeps the person awake for abnormally long periods of time, thus depriving the body of food and rest. Fatal reactions are largely ignored and increasing

number of young people are restoring to this drug. The person has a feeling of well-being and of increased self-confidence.

Greg missed to attend his important exams and he has went to army and died in Vietnam. Cause for the death is carelessness of Greg to attend the exam. The parents must teach the importance of even the tiny things also. The main cause of all their suffering is because they do not receive proper parental care. Mother and father should understand their children. Parents should have an insight on each and every activity of their children. Each and every child must need the care of the mother more than father.

Unless the root causes of alienation are taken care of in the original communities from which these young people are fleeing, we will continue to witness the unfortunate spectre of thousands of teenagers destroying their bodies and minds with a destructive life style, the implications of which they do not fully understand.

Parents should be very caring towards their kids. Parents must know the need of their children. Parents should be very lovely. Parents must encourage their children in positive attitude. Parents should teach, advise their children in friendly manner. Even though parents are vary career oriented they must participates a great role in their children actions. Because they are earning for the sake of their children only so that parents must give importance to their children than their career. Parents have the social responsibility in the creation of new citizens, when the children lose care from their parents they might be brought in a wrong way. It may cause the house as well the society.

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