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Miles away in Marin County, Marshall Weston basks in the fruits of his achievements. At his side is his wife, Liz, the perfect corporate spouse, who has gladly sacrificed her own law career to raise their three children and support Marshall at every step. Smooth, shrewd, and irreproachable, Marshall is a model chief executive, and the power he wields only enhances his charisma and is his drug of choice. And to maintain his position, he harbors secrets that could destroy his life at any moment. His world is one of high risks.

Like many women in her position, Fiona has sacrificed her personal life for her career, while Marshall dances dangerously close to the edge and flirts with scandal every day. Both must face their own demons, and fight off those who are jealous of their success. Their lives as CEOs of major companies come at a high price. And just how high a price are they willing to pay? Who are they willing to sacrifice to stay on top? Those they love, or themselves?

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Editorial Review

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In peak form, Steel examines the effects of power on the lives of male and female CEOs in this insightful, all-too realistic novel. Divorcée Fiona Carson has only two priorities in her life: her two children and her corporation. Other than those focuses, her life might as well be spent in a convent. Her concern at the moment is finding the person on her board of directors who is leaking sensitive information to the press. CEO Marshall Weston is her opposite. He splits his out-of-office time between his two families: his wife and his three nearly grown children and his mistress and their seven-year-old twins. Marshall is able to keep all the balls in the air until a cancer-surviving former employee claims he bedded her and then fired her, and she's ready to tell her story to the press. Suddenly Marshall is on the denial trail, trying to keep his private life from imploding. Steel forthrightly juxtaposes the private lives of Fiona and Marshall to dramatize just how differently men and women handle corporate power and personal responsibility. --Pat Henshaw

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