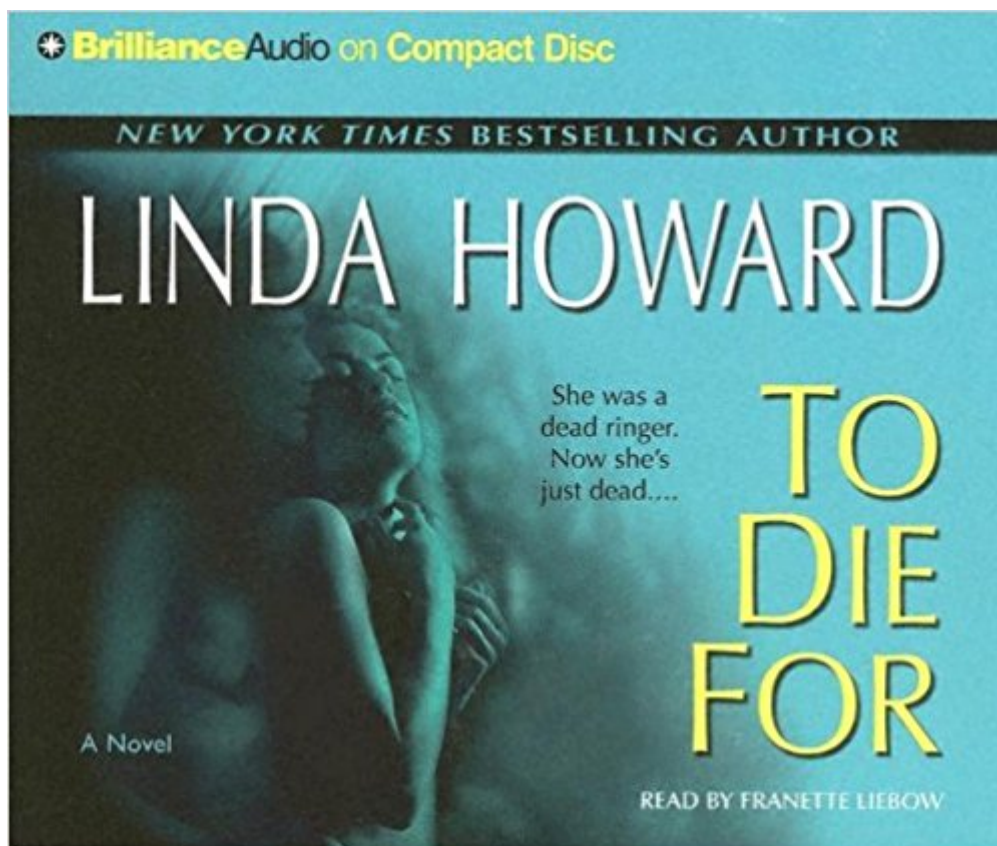




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Synopsis

Blair Mallory lives the good life. She's pretty, confident, and the owner of a thriving upscale fitness center. But in the shadow of success, a troubled member of the club develops a strange fixation on her, imitating her style and dress. Matters take a darker turn when the look-alike is shot dead - and Blair witnesses the horror. As the media speculate on the tawdry details of the homicide and push Blair into the harsh spotlight, she locks horns with police lieutenant Wyatt Bloodworth - he wants to lead an investigation without interference, while she is determined to probe the dead woman's life on her own. But when someone begins to menace Blair with mounting threats, Wyatt takes notice: Was this murder indeed a lethal case of mistaken identity - and was Blair the intended victim?

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Customer Reviews

Howard brings her usual high level of intelligence and flair to her latest tale of romantic suspense (after *Kiss Me While I Sleep*). Successful health club owner Blair Mallory is the only witness when a troublemaking member gets shot behind her North Carolina gym. Since the killer may not realize that Blair hasn't seen his face, she needs police protection—but her difficulties only escalate when Lt. Wyatt Bloodworth, with whom she had a short but intense relationship several years earlier, is assigned to the case. Still smarting from Wyatt's unexplained rejection, Blair resists his macho self-confidence; Wyatt in turn is irritated by her refusal to follow orders, even as he succumbs to her feisty charm and potent sexuality. Their investigations promptly reveal a major suspect, but the

attacks on Blair continue even after the alleged killer is apprehended. As they consider a new array of possible murderers, the pair (aided and abetted by their colorful families) conduct a spirited battle of the sexes. Blair's chirpy asides on everything from underwear to men will wear on readers by the middle of the book, when the plot's momentum stalls. Still, Blair's surface fluffiness and underlying savvy make her an engaging narrator, and the book's witty Southern "take" on womanhood will amuse readers in the region and beyond. 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.

** 'Linda Howard is a superbly original storyteller. * Iris Johansen * --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

*An exciting thriller by bestselling author Linda Howard, in book 1 of 2 in this entertaining Blair Malloryromantic suspense.....which is combined with mystery, suspense, murder, and romance in book 1, of the Blair Mallory thriller.After going through a divorce several years earlier leaving her with a huge settlement, Blair Mallory couldn't be more happier than she's ever been. As she looked around at her surroundings, she was thrilled that she not only owned her own business known as "Great Bods" but her fitness center turned out to be a huge success. Purchased with her settlement that a divorce seldom brings, the last thing she never expected was two things, buying her own gym someday or secondly that it would end up being a crime scene to a murder as the victim was not only a member who was fixated on her, by dying her hair the same color as Blair's, wearing the same clothes as her and buying the same car but the one thing she couldn't copy of Blair's was her attitude for Nikki Goodwin was a total witch! When Nikki is murdered behind the fitness center, Blair herself nearly gets killed forcing her to take shelter and call the police instantly. As she sat in her office, it was then that she heard his voice, the same man who broke her heart two years earlier, lieutenant Jefferson "Wyatt" Bloodsworth and she didn't wanted to see him ever again. Wyatt knew that he broke her heart two years ago, and truth be told, he regretted that decision for what it was worth because for the last two years, she not only haunted his dreams but he knew she was the one from the very start and he was determined to make her his, especially when he first thought she was the intended victim and he may have lost her forever. But Wyatt had his work cut out for him because Blair not only wanted nothing to do with him but she fought him tooth and nail through his entire investigation not giving an inch When Blair is shot, Wyatt realizes that maybe Blair was the intended victim all along and he vows to protect her through all her protests forcing Blair to

rethink her feelings towards this sexy, gorgeous cop but not before another attempt is made on her life. As the suspects grow, Blair suddenly disappears without a trace forcing Wyatt to race against the clock to find her. With everything at stake there is one thing Wyatt knew with a certainty, he is not about to let love slip right through his fingers a second time around even if it means he commits murder himself because he not only loves her but she is to die for!.....a great thriller, with undertones of a cute comedy between these two characters.....thank you.....

I love Linda Howard's books! That being said I'll admit that I discovered this book when I borrowed it from the library at my 2 year college. I loved it from the beginning! Blair Mallory's character is an All-American, pretty, ex-cheerleader and confident; who cares! It's Blair attitude that I fell in love with! Blair just witnessed the murder of a woman who's membership Blair refused to renew at Blair's fitness center Great Bods and who should come to investigate the scene but police lieutenant Wyatt Bloodsworth. Blair and Wyatt had dated 2 years before when he stopped calling without telling Blair why so now he's back, still interested, and determined to solve the crime so they can be together. Blair's still interested in Wyatt too but he needed think he can drop her for no reason then waltz back into a relationship 2 years later, no way he's going to have to prove himself to Blair and this time she's making a list of all his transgressions to let him know what he's done wrong!! also loved the trouble Blair's mother was having with her computer and what her mother does at the end! I was taking computer classes at school and can understand her feeling completely!! loved this book so much I had to also buy DROP DEAD GORGEOUS which continues Blair's and Wyatt's story. Two great reads from a wonderful author! You won't be disappointed!

I loved everything about Blair in this book. She is a firecracker and I related to her while also having a little bit of envy. I strongly recommend.

I enjoy most of Linda Howard books especially those with some light humor or good male female dialog. Both Blair and Wyatt are strong characters and the back and forth between them is sometimes very funny.I thought that the book was worth reading.

Loved both of the books in this series AND would love for the series to continue. How about romances for Jenni and Siana? Love the stories, love the cast of characters and I think these would make a phenomenal movie. Or a weekly TV series... Hey Hollywood, do something original for a change. Thank you for the awesome read and I keep re-reading, the stories are just so full of

humor.... love them.

I love stories written by Linda Howard. I laugh out loud and smile a lot while reading her books. Her characters are unique, likable and do the unexpected with flair!

I love Linda Howard's Blair Mallory series, "To Die For" and "Drop Dead Gorgeous". They are not your typical Linda Howard novels, since they are written in the first person, through Blair's eyes. At first Blair appears to be the stereotypical fluffy, dumb blonde, but there is way more to her than that -- puh-leese! Lighthearted and totally entertaining, this was the first book I ever finished and started immediately at the beginning to read again. I'm pretty sure I giggled as much the second time as I did the first. Linda Howard does an excellent job of portraying Blair, who is very sensible with a lot of grit and courage, as a superficial bubble-head. You just know she and her cop fiancé are going to have a wonderful, eventful life! A delightful read!

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