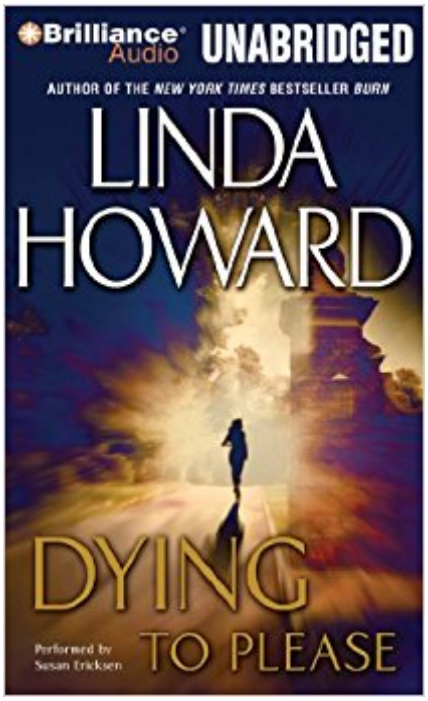
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Synopsis

Loyal. Beautiful. Professional. Impeccably organized. Potentially lethal. Sarah Stevens is a woman with many distinct qualities. First and foremost a butler par excellence, skilled at running large households smoothly and efficiently, she is also a trained bodyguard and expert marksman - indispensable to her elderly employer, a courtly gentleman whom Sarah has come to respect and love. Then one night she thwarts a burglary in progress, a courageous act that awards Sarah her requisite "fifteen minutes of fame" with the local press. But the exposure is enough to catch the attention of a tortured soul who, unbeknownst to Sarah, will stop at nothing to have her for himself. Sarah’s perfectly ordered life is shattered when tragedy strikes: her beloved employer is brutally murdered. The detective investigating the case assures Sarah that she is not a suspect. Until lightning strikes twice. There’s a second killing - and this time, despite a lack of evidence connecting her to the crime, Sarah cannot escape the shadow of guilt. The only option left for Sarah is to carry on with her life. But she doesn’t realize that a deranged stalker is luring her into an elaborate trap...one in which she, once ensnared, might never escape. For Sarah soon finds herself at the mercy of a man who will tend to her every whim, smother her with affection, and crush her in his all-consuming embrace.

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When Sarah Stevens, butler and bodyguard extraordinaire, foils a robbery, she could not have predicted either the tragic chain of events that would be set in motion or detective Thomas Cahill, who responded to the first crime scene. Sarah intrigued, attracted, and aroused him, but his first

marriage had dissolved in livid disgust, making him all too wary. Sarah is equally frightened of her feelings for him; she had never before felt so deeply. It might have been bliss had Sarah's employers not developed a habit of dying by murder. This story, aided by Howard's descriptive narrative, translates well to audio, with evocative visual images cascading through every scene. The author also writes the most erotic lovemaking in the business, which Susan Ericksen handles with aplomb. Careful not to overdramatize, she captures the emotional undercurrents, the mood, and tone of the tale with apparent ease. Recommended for all popular fiction collections.Jodi L. Israel, MLS, Jamaica Plain, MACopyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Ã¢â ¬Å“Linda Howard meshes hot sex, emotional impact, and gripping tension.Ã¢â ¬Â•Ã¢â ¬â œPublishers Weekly (starred review) --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Fast, fiery, and filled with action-n-suspense. Linda Howard spins a yarn with a bodyguard right-hand heroine to a federal judge. Creeper banker in the shadows decides she's the one to complete his manor home. The detective on the case wounded by a RN ex-wife divorce mess tries to keep his investigation 'business as usual.' Hah! Sparks and friction and soon the bodyguard girl is cleared and they're hitting the sheets. Then the shy stalker strikes again and from best bodyguard girlfriend, she's under the microscope. Insulted and hurt, she locks down her emotions only to wake up a prisoner in a virtual gilded cage.Overall: Enjoyable suspense.

Linda Howard is an amazing author. She kept me on the edge with the plot twists and turns. I felt like I knew the characters, as she took them through joyful and painful situations.My only disappointment was all the detailed sex scenes. Some are necessary for plot development, but not as many. Those pages could have been better used, in my opinion.Overall Dying to Please was a wonderful book. Loved the thriller aspects, and the psychology in character development. Especially impressive was the description of the healing Sarah required during and after her ordeal.Wish it was possible to give this book four and an half stars.

USAT NYT bestselling author Linda Howard leaves us another masterful romantic suspense. It's a must read!.....The last thing she ever expected to wake up to, was a robbery in progress but Sarah Stevens knew without a doubt it was exactly what was happening. Having many talents such

as being an excellent marksman and a superb kickboxer, it wasn’t a surprise at all that she was able to take out two small thugs robbing her employer’s house. With the arrival of the police, it didn’t take long for all intense and purposes for the dark humor to set in, especially since this petite lady was able able to dislodged such carnage on the two assailants. When he arrived on the scene, detective Thompson "Doc" Cahill found it hard to believe too. Known to his peers of being an excellent investigator in the Mountain Brook police department, this would undoubtedly be his case. What he wasn’t prepared for was an instant attraction for Sarah Stevens, an emotion he vowed never to have again ever since his devastating divorce. Of course after taking her statement, he had no idea that the very same thought was going through her mind as well. Judge Lowell Roberts was like a father to Sarah and she worked for him being his butler and bodyguard for a very long time. So, when he asked if she would give a fifteen minute interview as to what happened, she agreed but she would be totally clueless from that moment on and without knowing,her life was about to change forever when a total stranger just happened to see it too. As Sarah returned after spending her day off by doing errands, she discovered the dead body of the judge in the library sitting in his favorite recliner. Did the judge know his attacker? As a repeat performance, Sarah and Cahill are faced with each other once again and they realize through time,the overwhelming physical attraction they both had for each other. With the two of them fighting the urge, it doesn’t take long before their paths collide into a romantic whirlwind to a passionate love affair. There is only one problem, Sarah is being stalked and when she accepts another job for a well-to-do couple, they are brutally murdered also. With all suspicion on Sarah’s shoulder, Cahill must go into cop-mode first risking the love of a decent woman. As the clues start piling up between a two thousand dollar necklace, evidence of a stalker, a missing and very vaulable ring belonging to the last victim, a camera, a bullet casing, and last but not least, a witness, Cahill not only knows that Sarah is innocent but that she is in enormous danger. Can he find her in time? As he races against the clock, he now realizes that he is about to face a highly intelligent killer with no regard for human life. With everything on the line, he has discovered the only conclusion out of all this. It will not be his masterful experience that will find her, but one thing and one thing only,..love!.....thank youÃƒÂ¢Ã â„¢Ã Â¡ÃƒÂ¢Ã â„¢Ã Â¡

I hadn’t read any Linda Howard in years but my am I so glad I came across this book on kindle. I love books like this ....good characters that you can like....lots of suspense.....and a super sexy and romantic relationship that is modern, sweet, and adult at the same time. Her story lines have sure grown up and I can’t wait to read another book by her!

I have been a Linda Hoard fan for several years, and "Dying to Please" did not disappoint. Excellent story, great characters. If you haven't read anything by Linda Howard, you're missing out. Once you start, you'll want to read everything she's written!

I love this Author I have read almost all her books and not one of them have ever disappointed me.She always write this awesome books that you just can't put down.Awesome Author

All brought together in a sexy story. If you like blatant sexuality with romantic suspense then this story is for you.

I always love a good Linda Howard book. You can read the book description to get an idea of the plot line. This has everything you look for in a LH book, a very bright,intellegent, strong (without being bitchy)female and a very strong,smart, sexy alpha male. Our guy in this book is a little grittier and earthier than the heroes in her last few books, and I love him the best. Our girl sounds like a brown eyed Angelina Jolie in Tomb Raider with a little less attitude and a little more realism (things don't ALWAYS go her way) Her last two books had a certain levity to them that this one did not-there was definitely some witty back and forth, but in this story the pervasiveness of the horror of the deaths and the quite graphic description of what its like to find someone who has died violently hung in between the lines. The "creepiness" of someone stalking and being obsessed with you hung in this book too. In some ways this book reminds me alot of Dream Man, and that is my favorite book by Linda Howard to date. These two are very sexy and very believable. There arguments and problems are very, very realistic. (Cahill is a guy, he seemed real to me because he made real guy mistakes). If you like Linda Howard, you will definitely come away happy and satisfied. If you've never read her before, this is a great starter book.

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