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Blair Mallory has already survived one murder attempt. Now, while planning her wedding and dealing with holiday-season madness, Blair once again dodges a bullet. Or more precisely, a Buick. And though the driver's identity remains a mystery, his or her murderous intentions are all too clear.

Or are they? After all, Blair's homicidal ex-husband and his partner in crime/wife are safely behind bars. And even Wyatt Bloodsworth, her police detective groom-to-be, isn't inclined to believe she's being targeted again. All of which makes Blair wonder if her close call was simply a mishap. But the wondering stops when she narrowly cheats death again in another seemingly innocent accident. Two strikes is all it takes to convince Blair that she's back in someone's crosshairs. And the only thing more frightening is that Wyatt still doubts her. That means this time, no one will be watching Blair's back when she sets out to get the drop on her would-be killer—before whoever it is finally drops her.

## **Drop Dead Gorgeous Details**

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## From Reader Review Drop Dead Gorgeous for online ebook

### Sunny says

4.5 stars. This book was a joy to read. Totally un-PC, it is an entertaining story with a strong, opinionated, surprisingly self-aware heroine. My Favorite part? I adore how Wyatt adores Blair. I love the way he's all in and totally honest with her . He has a total Jackass-ish moment in this book that made my heart drop, but it worked. Thank God. I hope Linda Howard decides to write another book in the series.

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### Lauren says

#### Drop Dead Gorgeous

4.5 Stars

When her fiancé gives Blair Mallory a deadline for their wedding, she finds herself immersed in dresses, cakes, flowers and seating plans. However, an almost hit-and-run in a mall parking lot together with crank calls and a strange car convince Blair that she is being targeted once again. Wyatt, however, is skeptical. Who has it in for her now and can she convince Wyatt before it is too late?

An entertaining sequel with all of the humor, charm and sexy times that characterized the first book.

The mystery this time around is predictable and it is possible to guess the culprit right out of the gate. Nevertheless, the build up of the stalker plot toward the inevitable showdown is intense and exciting.

As in the previous book, Blair and Wyatt's romance is incredible. Their chemistry certainly hasn't waned one little bit, and they have some smokin' hot scenes together. Blair is as snarky and cute as before, but Wyatt has one or two questionable moments that almost had him joining the Anti-Hottie Harem. Thankfully, he comes through in the end and retains his Hottie status!

In sum, the Blair Mallory series is light, fun and sexy. Recommended for lovers of Linda Howard as well as those new to her books.

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### Vintage says

The first rule of Fight Club is: You do not talk about Fight Club. The second rule of Fight Club is: You do not talk about Fight Club.

**The first rule when authors write a sequel is: You do not divulge the evil doer. The second rule when authors write a sequel is: You do not divulge the evil doer.**

Goodreads or Linda Howard! There is a bleeding spoiler to To Die For on the blurb for the sequel! Poor form especially for one who is reading, as in me, the first book. And here I thought the evil villain was her two-faced little sister.

### REVIEW

### List of Blair's Indiscretions

One, it's a good thing this chick is marrying into law enforcement as she has way too many people that want her dead.

Two, got to love her as when her house burning down around her she takes the time to grab not only her purse but her new pair of shoes, her wedding shoes.

Three, Wyatt may be gorgeous and a hunka hunka hunka burning love, but he is the worst detective ever. She's almost run over, gets a concussion, starts getting dropped calls, but he accuses her of being paranoid when she says she's being followed?

Four, emphasize the bad detective as he fails to question who in her life besides herself could put her at risk. A six year old could figure this one out.

Five, Blair is still a feisty Southern woman who makes and plays by her own rules.

Six, Wyatt is a keeper as he puts his money where his mouth is and can take. strong woman.

Seven, one of the funniest scenes ever when he has her locked in a police car for her protection. Don't want to spoil it as it is too clever by far.

I recommend this book for the snappy dialogue, a great sense of a funny, strong if a little high strung and spoiled woman.

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### **Jane Stewart says**

Not enjoyable because I did not like the heroine.

This is 2nd book in the series with Blair Mallory and Wyatt. The 1st book is "To Die For". I rated both of these books as 1 star because I disliked the Blair character so much. She was petty, mean, insincere and snotty. Some examples of her thoughts and actions follow. Page 11, she calls off the wedding because she doesn't like what her married name will be. Page 75, she argues with her fiance, insisting that she will need to reorganize his home so she will have her own television and a place to watch it. Then she thinks to herself how rarely she watches television. "Not that he needs to know how little I watch, it's the principle of the thing." Page 107, she insisted that her fiance arrange for flowers for the wedding but secretly went to his mother and arranged for his mother to do it. She was not going to tell him because she wanted him to stew. She planned that he could stew for two weeks. She stated "That was long enough to let him share in the stress, without actually letting him do something that would interfere with our plans. Yes, it was mean. So?" Page 128, she wanted to time her babies to months that had pretty birthstones. I will not read another Blair Mallory book.

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Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: four. Setting: current day, North Carolina. Copyright: 2006. Genre: romantic suspense.

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## Melanie♥ says

Love this two book series! Very funny and engaging.

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## Amanda Sheila says

Ugh, how I adore this couple!

In this book, unusually, Howard grants us a sequel. A darn sequel! Haha we all know that most of the time, the 2nd book of the series is a like, a new story with new characters, right? Nope, not this time. :)

Blair and Wyatt's ready to get married. But, again, Blair becomes a target of a murderer. Can Wyatt protect her? Or will their wedding is cancelled?

Both Blair and Wyatt are darn stubborn and made me want to throw this book across the room. But at the same time, they're adorable as hell. Amazing, amazing romance with suspense twist that not too much yet enough to make readers' heart race. Great job!

Can't wait to read more from Linda Howard!

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## Melanie says

Loved it!

..... (even more than 'To Die For')!

Okay, seriously Ms. Howard - you **CAN'T** let the tale of Blair Mallory-Bloodsworth end here... I just know Wyatt and Blair have a zany life together and I need want to know about it!

Not to mention her awesome sisters... they totally need some love in their lives and I'd love to read about Sianna exploits ball-bustin' a bad ass and Jenna finding herself and road to self-redemption. Pretty please?

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## Glamdring says

**\*Buddy read with Blacky <3<3<3\***

The story picks up more or less where To Die For ended. Blair and Wyatt are getting married. When Wyatt realizes that the schedules of different members of their families are getting in the way of a rapidly organized wedding he gives Blair a 30 days dead line to get it done or else, he'll take her to Vegas.

Given her mile wide competitive strike, Blair doesn't waste time putting her wedding together and things seem to go along just fine until somebody tries to kill her (again).

If you enjoyed the first book, you'll most probably enjoy this one. Blair is still hilarious, sometimes

outrageous, and everything she is in the first book. Wyatt is still the same, with a particular jerkish moment, but he can make amends so we forgive him. And, like in the previous book, I laughed out loud so many times.

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## Zeek says

Dead Gorgeous- the continuation of the Blair and Wyatt show (mostly Blair Show) started in To Die For.

I am a Linda Howard fangirl all the way. I started reading her books ages ago with Heart of Fire. Back then her men were sexy, smart and strong- as were her women. Her plots were exciting- if fairly the same. Still, she had a way of making them into page turners and all night reads. I read her entire backlist and auto-bought her new releases. Sad to say, since Mr. Perfect, this has all changed for me.

DDG, like To Die For, is a big change for her in that she writes them in first person. But that isn't what bugged me about them. The problem is, I don't like Blair much. Oh she's smart, independent and yes funny (favorite line? And I paraphrase, "Asshole men. Hey, No need to be redundant."- wait Blair didn't even say that! Never mind.)- I just found Blair to be too much. Her smart ass ways worked on my nerves fast and it took me a couple days to pick the book back up after I set it down.

Yet, there was parts of DDG I liked. The part that grabbed me the most was when she had her big fight with Wyatt- although, I thought his reaction over the top to her constantly calling him because she suspected foul play. (She was almost run over by someone, for crying out loud!)

However, her reaction to their fight was the first serious and real reaction from her. It felt more real than all the smarty-pants 'tude she put out. (Hey, who hasn't thought of ditching their man after they shot you full of holes with their careless words? THAT'S real, Man!)

Anyway, in the end, the conflict seemed a bit forced to me- you have to suspend belief that someone could have THREE people try to kill them in one lifetime to make this work- but the identity of the attempted murderer did catch me by surprise. Oh I figured out that we "met" the person early on- I just didn't know what their true identity was until the revelation.

I'm giving this one 3 out of 5- just because I'm so pissed at LH for no longer writing the stories I used to love and adore.

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## Dana says

Favorite quote (pg 102)

"Is it time for your period, or something?"

With unerring instinct, he'd found a great big red button, and pushed it. Wyatt fights to win, which means he fights dirty. I understand the concept because that's how I fight, too, but understanding it didn't stop me from reacting. I could practically feel my blood bubbling with steam. "What?"

He turned around, all controlled aggression, and damned if he didn't push the button again. "What is it about having a period that makes women so bitchy?"

... It was an effort, but I said as sweetly as possible, "It isn't that we're bitchier, it's that having a period makes us feel all tired and achy, so we have less tolerance for all the *bullshit we normally SUFFER IN SILENCE.*"

By the time the sentence ended the sweetness was long gone, my jaw was clenched, and I think my eyes were bugging out.

Wyatt took a step back, belatedly looking alarmed.

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### **Kathleen says**

3 stars, max, but don't push it. Yeah, there are some good scenes. It's Howard, isn't it? That lady can write. We get vivid action (cars careening, guns blazing, fireballs flaming, etc), funny moments (sticky notes, PDS) and lots of sexy times (amazing Tantric sex scene in chapter 24!!) but oy vey...This book gave me a headache. I had a love-hate relationship with Wyatt, and Blair's constant drama just wore me out. I liked her alright -- just wouldn't want to live with her.

Plot: Wyatt stepped out of character several times, to leave Blair in danger. Contrived!

I liked the prequel better. Funnier. See To Die For.

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### **Pat Cromwell says**

I just wanted her to friggin DROP DEAD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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### **Bark says**

I just finished listening to the unabridged audio version of this book and though I haven't read a Linda Howard book in quite awhile I was quite surprised to find that her writing has changed so much. This book was a contemporary quasi-mystery with a whole bunch of hot sex between the empty headed heroine and her blinded by lust alpha cop fiance. Apparently there was a book about these two that came before this one but as the synopsis reads like an exact copy of this book I'm sure not going out of my way to search it out.

Blaire is a beautiful ex-cheerleader who owns a health club called "hot bods" (groan) but never seems to do any work there and is engaged to alpha policeman Wyatt. When someone tries to run Blaire down, starts making harassing calls and burns down her house Wyatt still thinks she's crying wolf and brushes off her concerns. I guess she was such a ditz in the earlier book that he has reasons for this? I don't know but it sure made him look like a dummy. What I do know is that she was so self-centered and egotistical that I wasn't sad at any point when these horrible things kept happening to her. She just gleefully went on a shopping spree when her house burned to the ground and didn't seem to care that everything she owned was gone, so why should I? I'm guessing this was supposed to be a light-hearted mystery similar to the Stephanie Plum books but Blaire was too much of a bubble head and her silly rants were just annoying. She needed to get married NOW because her biological clock is tick-tick-ticking and there's no way she's getting amniocentesis, they might poke the baby in the eye! What a total airhead. This stuff is supposed to be funny?

Though the reader was continually told how "alpha" Wyatt was supposed to be he must have gotten neutered somewhere along the line because he was quite tame. The big problem here was the first person writing from the point of view of Blaire. We don't get to know any of the characters and Blaire's head is so empty that most of the book is hard to take.

As for the mystery? There are virtually no suspects besides the idea that some woman must be crazed with jealousy because Blaire is so perfect, so beautiful, so rich. When the attempted killer is revealed it is lame and predictable and fits in perfectly with the rest of the book.

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### **Pamela(AllHoney) says**

The second book in the *Blair Mallory* series by Linda Howard. Blair Mallory and Wyatt Bloodsworth are getting married. But there are issues on the date. It looks like everyone has something going on that prevents Blair from setting the date. Wyatt gives Blair an ultimatum of one month (30 days) or Vegas here we come! So Blair gets busy and, when leaving the mall, someone tries to run her over. Wyatt blows it off as just a road rage incident but when other incidents happen, Blair realizes someone wants her dead.

First, I want to say I feel you really need to read the first book before this one. Lots of humor and lots of drama on Blair's side. I mean, Blair really is all about the drama! LOL. It is written in the first person point of view so we only get Blair's viewpoint. I found it to be a fun read and a good addition to the series.

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### **Cheri says**

Once again Blair irritated me to no end but still managed to crack me up. I loved Wyatt just as much as I did in *To Die For*. I wish LH would have written another one in this series. It all wrapped up so fast.

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