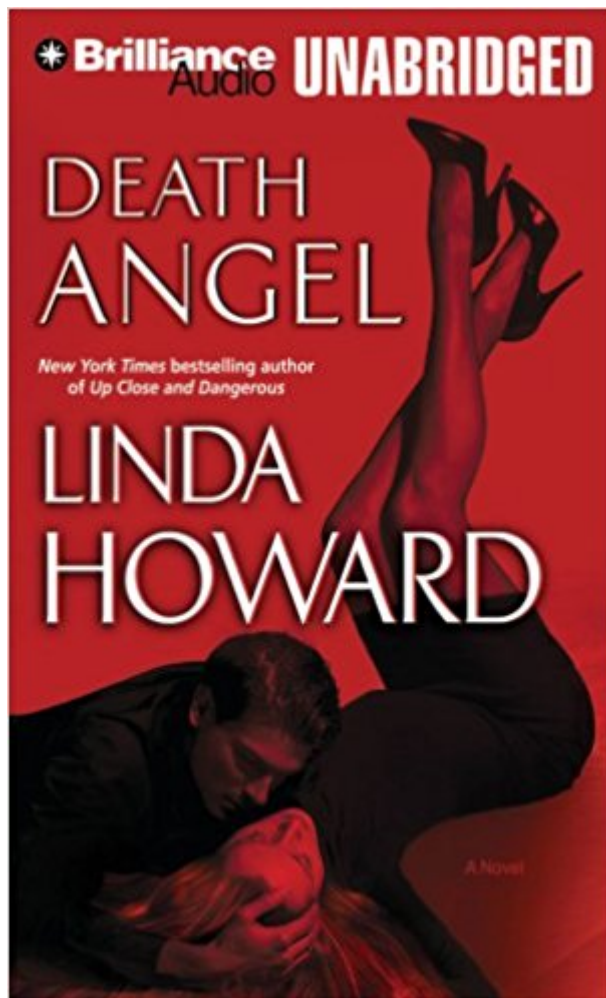




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Synopsis

A striking beauty with a taste for diamonds and dangerous men, Drea Rousseau was more than content to be arm candy for Rafael Salinas, a notorious crime lord who deals with betrayal through quick and treacherous means: a bullet to the back of the head, a blade across the neck, an incendiary device beneath a car. Now eager to break with Rafael, Drea makes a fateful decision and a desperate move, stealing a mountain of cash from the malicious killer. After all, an escape needs to be financed. Though Drea runs, Salinas knows she can't hide and he dispatches a cold-blooded assassin in hot pursuit, resulting in a tragic turn of events. Or does it? Left for dead, Drea miraculously returns to the realm of the living a changed woman. She's no longer shallow and selfish, no longer steals or cheats or sells herself short. But in order to feel safe she will need to take down those who marked her for death.

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Linda Howard is the award-winning author of many New York Times bestsellers, including *Drop Dead Gorgeous*, *Cover of Night*, *Killing Time*, *To Die For*, *Kiss Me While I Sleep*, *Cry No More*,

Dying to Please, Open Season, Mr. Perfect, All the Queen's Men, Now You See Her, Kill and Tell, and Son of the Morning. She lives in Alabama with her husband and two golden retrievers.

Recently I wrote that Cry No More was Linda Howard's best novel, but after reading Death Angel I have to amend that opinion. The author gives us two main characters—a mob boss's mistress and a paid assassin, and with the skill only a great writer has, she managed to make me care about them—to the point I was rooting for them to manage to put the past behind and start a new life. Howard has made forays into the supernatural in a good number of her books, but here she takes on life after death. Then she shows what happens to Drea/now Andie after she returns with paranormal gifts she never had before. It was important to me as a reader and a writer to know why she became the way she was, and it made sense. As for the story line—despite other readers' complaints about money transfers and change of identity—the novel was over way too quickly for me. I felt more encounters between the assassin/Simon and Drea/Andie would have taken away from the nail-biting suspense of the plot. Spoiler: The way she died was horrific, and yet when uttered her last few words I was tearing at the beauty of them. People can change—that's the basis for the novel. Love is the catalyst that made even someone who seems to have no heart and soul metamorphosis into a good person. The FBI and the mob and all the secondary characters were well written and very believable. This book blew me away, and I've already reread it. I had missed something seemingly important, but was pure genius on the part of the author. Look for the nuances—there are many. Linda Howard went out of her comfort zone to write this, and I give her kudos for this gutsy novel.

Author Linda Howard doesn't disappoint, in this romantic thriller that she has the talent for. If you ever wished for second chances in your life, then this is one suspense you won't want to miss out on. It's a must read!..... Throughout her entire life, Andrea "Drea" Rousseau never felt so low as she did right now. After living with crime lord Rafael Salinas, she knew she had to end things with him and very soon. He wouldn't bat an eye to have someone assassinated and that realization terrified her to the bone. Of course, such an escape would require a great deal of money, so she planned her next move by stealing his funds, changed her identity, and quickly disappeared without a trace never looking back. When Rafael discovered what Drea had done, he was not only livid but he hired the most dangerous assassin of all, to track her down and kill her on sight. As she ran for her life, Drea couldn't believe that she spent two long years with Rafael, or more importantly, the most handsomest but deadliest assassin was right behind her and if he ever caught up with her, she would surely die. After accepting the contract from Salinas, the assassin had to respect and admire

Drea for running away the way she did and stealing Salinas's two million dollars, was the best news he heard most of all. Feeling the contempt for Salinas, the assassin was still contemplating whether to let her go or not, but when fate stepped in, both their circumstances would change forever. After surviving a near-death experience, Drea thought back on her life and it wasn't appealing at all. Before her car accident, she had been selfish, lied to anyone who would listen, had affairs with strange men just to get what she wanted, but now, she was no longer that person, and for the first time in her life, she knew what she had to do, and that was to go back to where it all started, seek out the FBI, and take down Rafael Salinas once and for all. With the help from a very dangerous ally, Drea silently prayed that the conclusion wouldn't end in violence, as she slowly tried to take down the one man responsible for the worst horrific crimes ever imaginable!.....Thank you.....

What a surprise! Linda Howard knocked my socks off with this one. I read this book five years ago (a copy from the library) and then thought what the heck. I bought the Kindle version and I'm so glad I did. I ate it up and couldn't flip the 'pages' fast enough. At times hauntingly hypnotic might be aptly applied as might cathartic. Proof that Mrs. H is gifted and prolific. Trigger warning though for any woman who has lost baby/a pregnancy or lost a loved one to death. This book will leave you teary eyed if not openly crying.

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