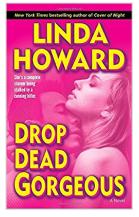
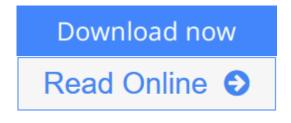
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#### **Editorial Review**

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Although someone is trying to kill fitness salon owner and former cheerleader Blair Mallory yet again, she retains her winning comedic voice in Howard's follow up to 2005's To Die For. Southern belle Blair remains perfectly matched with police Lieutenant Wyatt Bloodsworth, who has given her one month to execute their wedding, or else he's taking them to Vegas. Things take a turn when a crazed driver nearly runs Blair down in the mall parking lot; it's not long before Blair starts receiving strange phone calls and spots a car tailing her, but the normally astute Wyatt doesn't put two and two together. Though the danger is real-and escalates violently-this is no heart-thumping suspense novel, but instead an old-fashioned clash of the sexes: Blair's high-maintenance style versus Wyatt's alpha male tendencies. Funny and sexy throughout, Howard's latest is marred only by Wyatt's shoddy policework, a convenient misstep that propels the plot but rings false. Regardless, fans of this couple will delight in their rematch, and Howard's recently revealed comedic talents are sure to secure her new readers.

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#### From AudioFile

Health club owner Blair Mallory is rushing to make arrangements for her wedding to Police Lieutenant Wyatt Bloodsworth when shes hit by a car. Soon it becomes clear the incident was no accident when her condo is firebombed. Joyce Bean portrays the character of Blair as both a Southern belle and a self-sufficient woman. Wyatt is portrayed as a long-suffering lover, initially oblivious of death threats to his fiance. Bean expertly reads the first-person narrative from Blairs point of view, varying her intonation slightly for the male characters. While Bean works hard to keep the action and the suspense breathless, dont expect a complex mystery or romance. Instead, Howard has created a great beach read, enhanced by Beans flawless performance. M.B.K. © AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine-- *Copyright* © *AudioFile, Portland, Maine* 

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