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Come Lie With Me



Synopsis

After a terrible accident, Blake Remington struggles to regain the ability to walk. Therapist Dione Kelly is his final hope-if he can bring himself to trust the woman whose past is shrouded in mystery. Dione's soul is as paralyzed as Blake's body. Dione wants only to help Blake recover, but as his strength returns, so does his desire to unearth her secrets. When they give in to the passion that flares between them, Dione just might find that her patient is the only one who can heal her private pain.

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Customer Reviews

The story line is reminiscent to Sandra Brown's story, Adam's Fall. Blake Remington is a successful businessman who ends up paralyzed after a mountain climbing accident. Dione Kelly, a physical therapist, is hired by the family as a last ditch effort to work with Blake; he has given up his will to live 2 years after the accident. Story starts from that point & blooms into the romance between these two. Blake is physically impaired; Dione is emotionally impaired from childhood & marital abuse. They heal each other & teach each other to live/love again. I read the book in 1 day - fast & easy read. As always, good story/quality from Linda Howard.

After reading the reviews here I went into this book with low expectation, but it was really terrific! Much more a character study than her more recent action-driven works, this story gives us lots of insight into the two main characters. I read that one reviewer felt they were wallowing in self-pity, but I think they were honest to struggle with their disabilities. It would have been totally unrealistic for

them to flippantly brush off such life-altering conditions. The fact that it took finding each other to get them over their obstacles is what make this a romance. There is also a rocky road to happiness, which also made it seem more real. If you are only a fan of LH's more recent writing, this may disappoint. But if you are a true fan of romance, sensuality and character-driven plot, this one may delight you as much as it did me.

For Linda Howard fans, this book is a good read. It is not as complex or as in depth as some of her later works, but you can see her writing potential. This story is about Blake- a successful businessman who is paralyzed after an accident. Due to this injury, he has lost his zest for life, until a beautiful Physical therapist (Dione) comes into his life to make him live again. She of course has her own past troubles to contend with and their journey to come together is what drives this story. *Come Lie with Me* is a shorter novel and can be read in 1 day- the plot is a little too similar to some other stories out there (most notably *Adam's Fall* by S. Brown) and the plot is a little predictable. But most Linda Howard fans will enjoy this story.

FINAL DECISION: I enjoyed this story although the lack of insight into Blake's thoughts made this less memorable than other similar stories. **THE STORY:** Dione Kelley is a physical therapist who is dedicated to her profession. She also uses it to keep a distance between herself and other people. Having a miserable childhood followed by a disaster of a marriage, Dione keeps herself apart. Her newest client is Brent Remington, a handsome adventurous man until a horrible accident leaves him unable to walk. Dione and Brent begin to have a connection which undermines Dione's walls even as she knows that it is wrong to get involved with a client. **OPINION:** I liked the premise of this story. And I really liked Dione's story arc. Especially for the time, the story feels relevant. I also really enjoyed the story of Brent's recovery from his injuries. It demonstrates what a professional Dione is, how smart and clever she is. My only complaint is that because the story does not give us anything from Brent's perspective, he feels distant to me throughout the story. I prefer books that give both points of view because it makes both characters relatable. I liked the story but it did not feel memorable to me. **WORTH MENTIONING:** This book was originally published in the early 1980s as a category romance. However, the book feels less dated (except for no cell phones) because Dione is so independent. **CONNECTED BOOKS:** *COME LIE WITH ME* is a standalone. **STAR RATING:** I give this book 3.5 stars.

I am a big fan of Linda Howard. Her new books are some of my favorite. Her earlier books though

usually are not that good. I am happy to say that *Come Lie With Me* is an exception. I really enjoyed the story and characters. If you keep in mind that this an earlier book with all the same types of somewhat unrealistic plot developments and weaker female characters, you can get a very enjoyable read out of it.

STORY BRIEF:Dione was raped at 18 and fears intimacy and love. She hasn't been with a man since (12 years). She works as a physical therapist with one patient at a time, living with them for months, helping them build and regain the use of their bodies. Blake was a successful engineer who was injured in a mountain climbing accident. He has been in a wheelchair for two years. He has no will to live, doesn't eat, and will die if he doesn't change. His brother-in-law hires Dione to help Blake. She moves in and motivates him by making him angry. She oversees everything in his life, his food, his sleep, his exercise. They end up helping each other heal and falling in love along the way.**REVIEWER'S OPINION:**This is one of Linda Howard's early novels, and it's on the short side. It isn't as good as her later works, but it's ok. Blake is a powerful successful man who gives up rather than fight to recover, which may not be realistic. I wasn't thrilled with Dione's reason for leaving Blake. She inaccurately assumed he didn't love her. I enjoyed reading about the healing process through diet, massage and exercise.**DATA:**Story length: 242 pages. Swearing language: mild. Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: 5. Total number of sex scene pages: 17. Setting: 1984 mostly Phoenix, Arizona area. Copyright: 1984. Genre: contemporary romance, paraplegic romance.**OTHER BOOKS:**For a list of my reviews of other Linda Howard books, see my 5 star review of "Burn" posted 7-11-09.

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