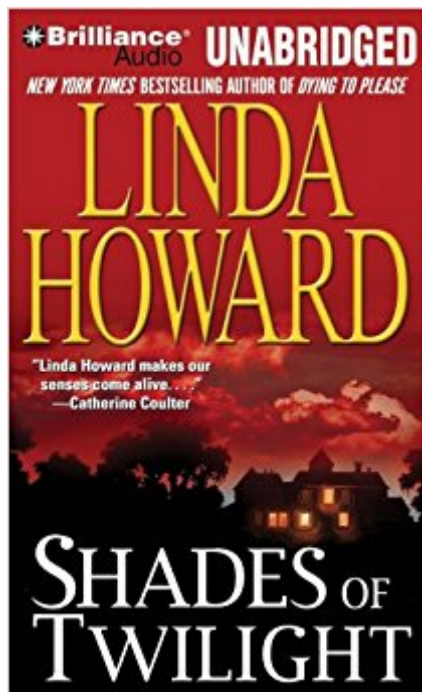




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Synopsis

Dear Listener, *Shades of Twilight* is the story of Roanna Davenport, who grows up in a wealthy southern family but never quite fits in. She isn't pretty or popular, and she has a real talent for saying the wrong thing at precisely the wrong moment. She's in love with a distant cousin, Webb Tallant. But Webb marries their cousin Jessie, the bane of Roanna's life. When Jessie is found murdered, Webb is blamed for her death, even though there isn't enough evidence to charge him. Webb leaves town, and Roanna is left to pick up the pieces. All her life, Roanna has tried to win the love of her grandmother, of Webb, and of her extended family—and every time she's been slapped down. She's had enough. Roanna withdraws from the family, and that's when her grandmother, Lucinda, realizes how very important this misfit is to all of them. Lucinda tries to make amends to Roanna by setting in motion a chain of events that brings Webb back home. But the plan disturbs a killer who is set on vengeance—and this time, the whole family seems to be the target. I hope you enjoy *Shades of Twilight*. Sincerely, Linda Howard

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Customer Reviews

Family, loyalty, love, sex and revenge steam up the pages in this sometimes frustrating but ultimately satisfying romance set in present-day Alabama. Bestselling author Howard (*After the Night*) portrays orphan Roanna Davenport, born into a wealthy and aristocratic family. An awkward child, headstrong and generally disliked by her haughty relatives, she is championed by her older cousin Webb Tallant, with whom she falls in love. But he marries another cousin, the beautiful,

heartless Jessie. When Jessie is murdered, Webb leaves the ancestral home for 10 years until the family's dying matriarch summons him back, reawakening old passions and reopening old wounds. Unnecessary bouts of crude sex between minor characters may put off some readers, and a good shaking seems in order for both Roanna and Webb, as they misinterpret each other's actions to excess. Howard does manage, however, to maintain tension through a twist-filled plot and the emotional involvement of the main characters. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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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.

I've read this book a few times before. I love Linda Howard, she is in my top 3 favorite writers. This book is gritty. There is incest, which grosses me out, but it still is a favorite read because I so love the hero and heroine in the story. Previously, I've read this book in paperback form, but I splurged and bought the kindle edition. Oh man! The typos are bad. There are some weird mis-types for punctuation, some odd grammar mistakes, but the WORST is that the typist mistakenly types "Luanda" mistakenly for the name "Lucinda" which is the grandmother in the story. It is done multiple times...and so irritating. :(The story is a 4 star, but the editing sucks and irritates...I give the editing a 2 star and balance it out to three stars total. Linda Howard is still da bomb, but someone needs to replace that editor and fix this kindle edition!

****A compelling thriller by bestselling author Linda Howard, that will draw in the reader from the very first chapter. Combined with family loyalties, misinterpretations, lust, mystery, betrayal, revenge, love, and murder, it will have you transfixed to the very last chapter, ending with a shocking conclusion.....Ever since she was a child, Roanna Davenport has always been in love with her older cousin Webb Tallant. Knowing full well when that day came, he would inherit "Davencourt" the huge estate which he resided along with his entire family and it was always established, he would marry her cousin Jessie. But when that day did come, it didn't take long for Jessie, to seek comfort in another man's arms causing utter betrayal towards Webb with her selfish acts, lies, and deceit. With her parents dying suddenly years earlier from a car accident, Roanna put up with her share of insults, crude behavior or anything else, she thought of. Persistently attacking

her family with verbal abuse, the only two relatives whoever cared about her was Webb and Lucinda, her grandmother. As Jessie continued with her snide remarks and hateful ways, she deliberately spread a vindictive lie regarding Webb and Roanna, and after hours had passed since the spiteful rumor, Rosanna discovered Jessie murdered in her bedroom. With no proof but suspicions only, the rumors mounted against Webb by family, friends and the entire town causing Webb to leave Colbert County, never looking back. Rosanna never felt more heartbroken than she already did in that precised moment when she watched Webb march right out through the front door Vowing never to return. After ten long years of being away, Webb Tallant couldn't believe his eyes when the gorgeous woman slowly approached him in Arizona, sitting in a bar and he knew without a doubt, she was there to change his mind to reclaim not only his inheritance but a new found love that he'd been dreaming about for over a decade. His first thought when he first saw Rosanna, the caterpillar had turned into a beautiful butterfly and with all her urgings requesting him to return to Davencourt with desperation in her eyes, he reluctantly agreed to leave Arizona to reclaim what was his, but before they left for their journey, Webb made a crucial mistake by hurting Rosanna, hating himself immensely for what he did. In that moment, he promised himself to keep his distance with the one woman who captured his heart so long ago. As days went into weeks, it was becoming more and more difficult. As much as he tried, Webb was starting to feel more for Roanna, than he ever anticipated and before he knew it, he was about to break his promise, his heart, mind and soul. When more mysteries unfold and attempts are made on Roanna's life, the killer strikes at Davencourt and the whole ugly truth of Jessie's murder is revealed shocking everyone. Will Webb and Roanna ever survive this devastating turmoil? Is true love awaiting for them or is it over, before it even got started?.....a very entertaining thriller by Miss Howard....thank you.....

I love Ms. Howard but this early book is not one of the best for modern-day readers, at least as far as I'm concerned. The heroine was just namby-pamby until nearly halfway through the book, and although she acknowledges that she is very self-confident, she doesn't really act like it. She's run the family businesses for 10 years with her grandmother, for heaven's sake but is prepared to let the "hero" just have it without an argument. I put "hero" in quotes because any man who would take a woman's virginity and then make love to her 3 more times in the same night is not a hero to me. Let's be real, folks! There were too many misunderstandings in this story. For example, the heroine spontaneously kisses the "hero" and he kisses her back, then pushes her away and says, "No! Gdamn I won't do this!" Then he wonders, after she has sadly mounted her horse and ridden away,

whether he's hurt her feelings. Duh. Just not a winner to me and certainly not worth \$7.99!!!

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