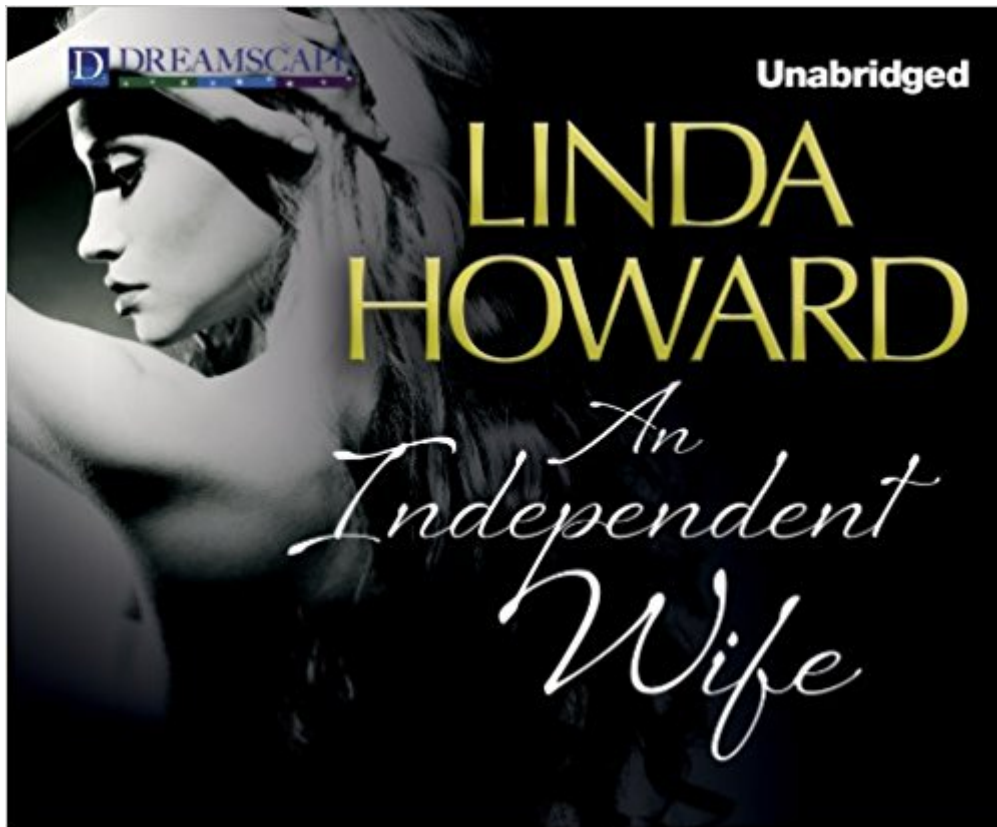




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An Independent Wife



Synopsis

Sallie wondered if Rhy would recognize her after seven years. She'd lost weight, loosened up and turned her talents to news reporting for one of the nation's leading magazines. After all this time, would Rhy Baines, the news publisher, recognize his wife? Sallie Jerome, a.k.a. Mrs. Baines, had picked up the pieces of shattered dreams after Rhy walked out. She'd become the independent, self-possessed woman he'd always wanted. Only now, she didn't want him... Or did she?

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"Howard's writing is compelling".-- Publishers Weekly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

She loved her new-found independence â “ until her ex appeared on the scene --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Published in 1982, a husband who sees his wife as a piece of meat. Totally self centered, he dictates what she will be, how she figures to meet his desires. I hated this novel! It is so different from Linda Howard's women characters of a later generation. I wish I had noted when it was written and for what publisher. I would have chosen differently.

I read this book 30 years ago and out of all the romance books I've read, I ONLY remembered this one by the name and the male lead, Rhydon. Finally it was on sale, so I eagerly bought it and

consumed it within 24 hours. I read it, disgusted the whole time, with my lip curling. Once I yelled loudly "I hate him!" This is NOT romance, love, or even lust. This is abuse. Many times Rhydon hurts Sallie by grabbing her wrists, and "crushing" her with kisses. What made me the most angry was how manipulative he was, how mocking, sneering and uncaring he was towards her. Yet she always puts up with it and surrenders to him so fast, it's maddening. He takes away everything she loves, grounds her from traveling and doing her job, basically pinning her in, and she knows it! She just succumbs to it. No career anymore? No excitement? No problem! Not only that, but several times he tells her to "shut up!" and calls her a fool. Several times she knows she's in danger because of his temper, the look in his eyes, and he threatens her many times, even threatening her that he knows a lot of people and she'll never work in this town again! Does that sound like love or romance to you? She barely makes a whimper when he takes everything away from her! I shudder to think what kind of young girl I was 30 years ago that thought this was an excellent book. Thank God my views have changed drastically since then. Lastly, we are supposed to believe at the end that he changes and will treat her kindly. After all the emotional and physical abuse and threats he heaps on her?? I just saw into their future, and I can see good ol' Rhy sitting in his armchair, yelling insults and threats to Sallie because dinner is late or she did something "wrong" again. I got a good look at their house full of kids he wanted to have too, and they're all in therapy from having a mean, abusive father and an abused mother. It ain't lookin' good in the Baines' household!

I like this one. Shows a woman can love and still be in control of her life.

All I can say -- I was SO ANGRY while reading this book that I had to stop 3 different times before finishing it & the book is a really thin book. The independent wife is basically an abused wife; she put up with a man who dominated & humiliated her with his overbearing Male Chauvanist Pig routine. He walked out on a marriage after she had a miscarriage, told that when she was woman enough to handle him, to call... yada yada yada. This woman brought herself up from the bootstraps only to encounter this JERK 7 years later as her boss. Once he learned her identity, the stalking, harrassing, dominating behaviour began again. This time, she tried to run but he blocked her from leaving, got her fired from her job, confiscated her furniture & moved her into his apartment without so much as a 'by your leave'... All I can say was -- what romance? I wanted to fight Rhydon (the husband) & beat him with a baseball bat. What a jerk? Who could love that? Go read SON OF THE MORNING or KILL AND TELL -- don't waste your time with this one, please!

I loved it.

I thought it was a new book, it's an older one. I wouldn't have bought it

OK reading. Not my favorite of Linda Howard books.

The book itself is in fine condition, and I am pleased with the seller. I received the book promptly, and it was packaged well. This is one of Ms. Howard's early works, so it isn't great. However, it is a must if you collect her works. The story line is cute but predictable. It's a fast read - a good beach book.

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