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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

Linda Howard writes with power, stunning sensuality and a storytelling ability unmatched in the romance genre. Every book is a treasure for the reader to savor again and again (-New York Times bestselling author Iris)

Linda Howard is the award-winning author of many New York Times bestsellers, including *Up Close and Dangerous*, *Drop Dead Gorgeous*, *Cover of Night*, *Killing Time*, *To Die For*, *Kiss Me While I Sleep*, *Cry No More*, and *Dying to Please*. She lives in Alabama with her husband and two golden retrievers. Lesa Lockford is a professor in the Department of Theatre and Film at Bowling Green State University. She teaches courses in voice for the actor, dialects, acting, and performance studies. She is also a writer and performer. Before becoming a teacher, she was a professional actor in Great Britain where she appeared in a variety of roles in television, film, and on the stage. She trained at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London.

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.

REVIEWER'S OPINION: This is one of Linda Howard's early novels. It isn't as good as her later works, but it's ok. I enjoyed reading about the healing process through diet, massage and exercise. I did not like Dione's reason for leaving Blake. He proposed marriage. He repeatedly said he loved her. But she thinks "I'm no good for him so I'm going to leave" and "he doesn't love me and he will be glad when I'm gone." That didn't make sense. I felt like the author couldn't think of a way to separate the couple so she used those inaccurate assumptions. It hurt the book. 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. AUDIOBOOK NARRATOR: Lesa Lockford was very good reading female voices and general narration. But she was awful doing Blake, the hero. She made him sound like he had laryngitis. The narrator spent so much effort trying to lower her voice that she was way off with emotional interpretation for Blake. He did not sound sexy or seductive - just weird. DATA: Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 242 pages. Swearing language: mild. Sexual language: mild. Number of sex scenes: about 5. Setting: 1984 mostly Phoenix, Arizona area. Copyright: 1984. Genre: contemporary romance, paraplegic romance.

Greetings. Own the paperback, bought the kindle edition. Love the book. Howard is one of my favorite authors. This story has romance, sexual tension and great character development. There are only a few twists and turns, but for the most part, it is a boy meets girl and falls in love. I love his perseverance and dedication. He made me believe in true love again and that a man can love as deeply as his better half.

Linda Howard is an excellent romantic novelist and this book is just another indication of that fact. This time, however, she does not include her usual suspenseful subplot but this really doesn't matter because the reader can still enjoy a good story. Diane, the well-known physical therapist, is hired to help Blake, a handsome entrepreneur, restore movement to his body which was crippled as the result of injuries from a major accident. He had been very uncooperative with previous therapists and essentially has "given up" on life. Diane, who has self-esteem and male trust issues because of a bad marriage and lousy parenting, has given up on love. This book is a tale about how they helped each other reclaim their lives. Howard seems to thrive on pairing insecure women with powerful, good-looking men. It always results in a winning combination and a book worth reading.

Great story, very moving

Each of Linda Howard's characters are unique. Never a repeat from one book to the next. Her stories are well crafted and the love story told in an unfolding manner.

I enjoyed reading this book. Blake and Diane end up helping each other both physically and emotionally. Would like to check out more books by Linda Howard.

I recommend this book to readers who enjoy an easy-to-read romance! I enjoyed how the two main characters, each in their own way, healed the "hurt" of the other. I liked the persistence of the two characters, as well as their stubbornness. You find yourself cheering for Blake when he takes those first few steps. You even feel a bit of frustration when Dione cannot accept that Blake truly loves her. This is a book you can easily finish in a day or two. Good reading!!!

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