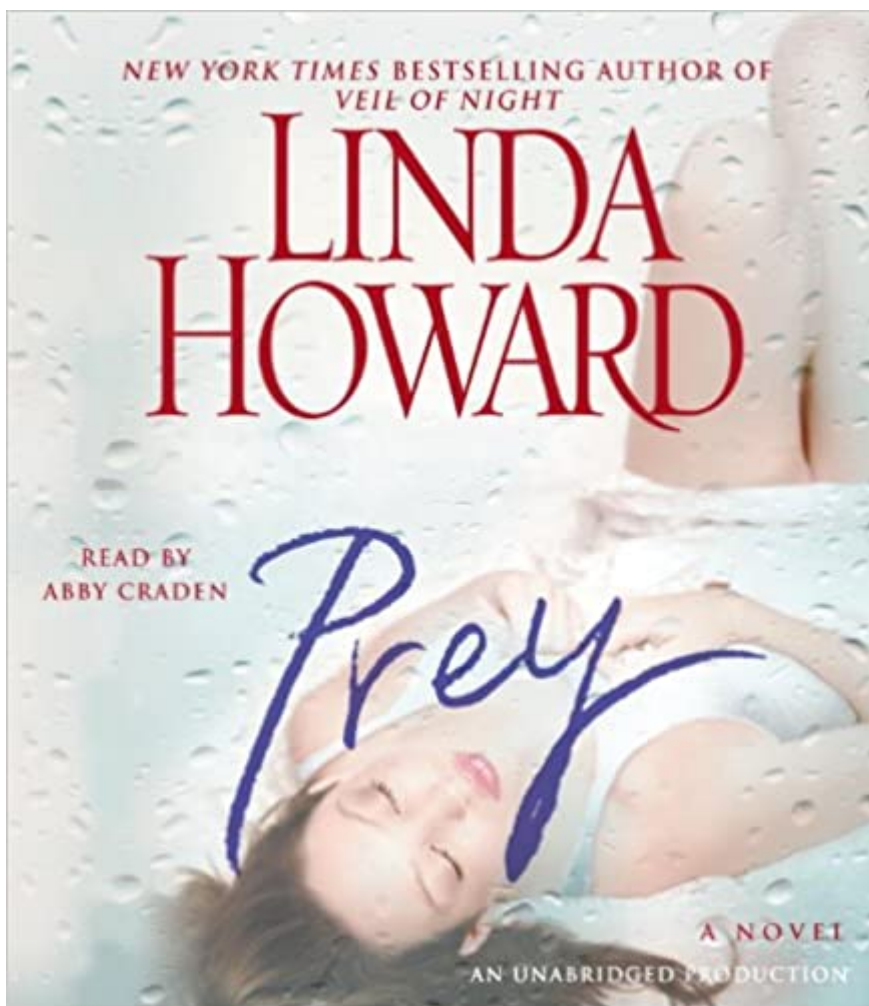




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Prey: A Novel



Synopsis

In this captivating novel of romantic suspense, New York Times bestselling author Linda Howard brings us deep into the wild, where a smart and sexy outdoor guide and her ruggedly handsome competitor must join forces to survive—and avoid becoming what they never expected to be: **PREY**

Thirty-two-year-old Angie Powell has always spoken her mind, but in the presence of Dare Callahan she nurses a simmering rage. After all, why give Dare the satisfaction of knowing he can push her buttons and push her to the edge? Three years ago, Dare returned home to rural western Montana and opened a hunting business to rival Angie's. Complicating matters is the fact that Dare has asked Angie out (not once but twice) and has given her a gift of butterflies in the process. Angie has no patience for butterflies. They only lead to foolish decisions. And now the infuriatingly handsome Iraq war vet has siphoned away Angie's livelihood, forcing her to close up shop.

Before Angie is to leave town, she organizes one last trip into the wilderness with a client and his guest, who wants to bag a black bear. But the adrenaline-fueled adventure turns deadly when Angie witnesses a cold-blooded murder and finds herself on the wrong side of a loaded gun. Before the killer can tie up this attractive loose end, a bear comes crashing through the woods—changing the dark game completely. Luckily, Dare is camping nearby and hears the shots. Forced together for their very survival, Angie and Dare must confront hard feelings, a blinding storm, and a growing attraction while being stalked by a desperate killer and a ferocious five-hundred-pound beast. And neither will stop until they reach their prey.

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Linda Howard is the award-winning author of many New York Times bestsellers, including *Ice*, *Burn*, and *Death Angel*. She lives in Alabama with her husband and a golden retriever.

An exciting romantic/suspense by bestselling author Linda Howard, that will keep the reader in total suspense. Combined with pure excitement, cold-blooded murder, true love, and a shocking conclusion.....Through all her trials and tribulations, the last thing that Angie Powell ever expected was to survive one failed marriage, the loss of good friends, a fantastic job and total self-worth. Since the death of her father, she was forced to return to her home state of Montana, to her father’s ranch and try to make a living as a wilderness guide. Can she do it? With the economy being worse than ever, Angie is finding it more and more difficult to get by, especially since that worthless Dare Callahan came back to Montana, stealing all her competition away. As a guide himself, he was making it even more harder for her to live or to support herself. So, why was it everytime she saw him, her heart raced to the point that it might actually stop beating any second? When Angie has no choice but to sell her ranch, she had no idea that circumstances were about to change in her favor, when she accepted a tour job with two strangers who were interested in hunting bear, but little did she know that danger was closer than she ever thought possible. After spending three years in Iraq, veteran Dare Callahan was glad to finally be home as he tried to rebuild his life as a wilderness guide, but truth be told, his mind and thoughts were always about Angie Powell. Drat that woman! He asked her out not once, but twice, and still she turned him down and he knew if he was a smart man, he would forget about her, but somehow, she always seemed to get under his skin. What was this woman doing to him? When Dare is approached by a local businessman to keep his tabs on Angie, he doesn’t need a roof to fall on his head to understand the meaning behind it and he slowly followed her trail, and when he finds her, she is half dead, totally in shock from witnessing a cold- blooded murder, surviving a maneating black bear, half frozen from

sheer exhaustion, and suffering from an injured ankle. With his cabin nearby, Dare takes care of her, to the point, that any resistance that they had for the other was melting away. When sparks begin to fly between Dare and Angie, a sadistic killer nearby and a man-eating black bear are planning their next move to attack their "prey" before the night is over!.....I loved this book by Miss Howard.....thank you.....

Prey by Linda Howard
My rating: 4 of 5 stars
Suspense! And romance. All neatly put together by a master of those joined genres, Linda Howard. The book was a quick read, lots of suspense and enough sweetness too. Not heavy on the "erotic" for those wanting more of that. I tend to fall in love with Howard's male characters and Dare Callahan was no exception. The wilderness element was new for me in Linda Howard books and she did a wonderful job of portraying the scenes with the bears, horses and other treacherous situations of wilderness survival. My heart was beating hard more than a couple times! My only issue - so small - is that the lead, Angie, should have stopped second-guessing herself. Several pages could have been eliminated without the repetitive dialogue in her head with the same doubts running through. But I also understand that this is one of the characteristics of the genre...repetition. But the leads are such smart, complex characters usually and it's hard to reconcile so much self-doubt in a strong person. But all-in-all, loved it for what it was - a contemporary romance with suspense throughout.

I always find Linda Howard's books a great read. "Son of the Morning" is one of my top 5 favorites of all times. In her books, I find the situations are often gripping, the characters well drawn, and the psychology behind the people's actions seems very real...even when I don't like how they act. And the underlying strength of the pull between the romantic leads---woof! Very hot! However, she is not one to pull her punches. So it took a bit more grit for me to get through this book...the bear is even scarier than the bad dudes in this one. Actually gave me nightmares. Enjoyed it once (had to skip a few pages!) but won't reread it. But I think others might not be as bothered by it as I was.

I was rather surprised by the overly harsh reviews of Prey. I'll admit to being a diehard Linda Howard fan so I ignored the reviews and bought the book anyway. After all, as an author, I get bad reviews too, and I like to think that readers are discerning enough to wade through bad reviews if a book's blurb sounds like their kind of book. I liked Prey. In fact, I stayed up way too late to finish it the other night. Nobody does heroes better than Linda Howard. She writes the kind of man you'd recognize instantly if you met him on the street--that's how real her characters are. The heroines are

always likable and are the kind of women I'd enjoy having as friends. Enter Dare and Angie--two people made for each other if Angie only knew it. Dare does. He's a walking, talking simmering cauldron of longing when it comes to Angie, and he hates the fact that he can't get her out of his mind. Dare was a soldier too long to attempt "polite" speech so his language is peppered with profanities--just like every soldier I've ever known. What a finely drawn character. Throw in a murder plot, a survival against the cruel Montana weather, and sexual fireworks that go off like the 4th of July, and you've got Prey by Linda Howard. Go for it! You'll discover this is a pretty darn good book.

I hate to watch television and I seldom do. I prefer to read, especially when the choices include books like Prey. I could watch reality tv where selfish, childish narcissists vie for who can be the most ridiculous, often a close contest, or I can curl up with a hunk like Dare Callahan, a man so steadfast his love withstands time and rejection.and the villain of the piece, take your pick. You have your standard embellishing, a accountant, and you have a murderous bear. WOW. a bearno stroll through the hundred acre wood for this bear....no honey pots.....intestine please.....delightfully graphic and romantic, only Linda Howard. <http://www..com/Marita-Baxter/e/B00L1CZOS4>

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