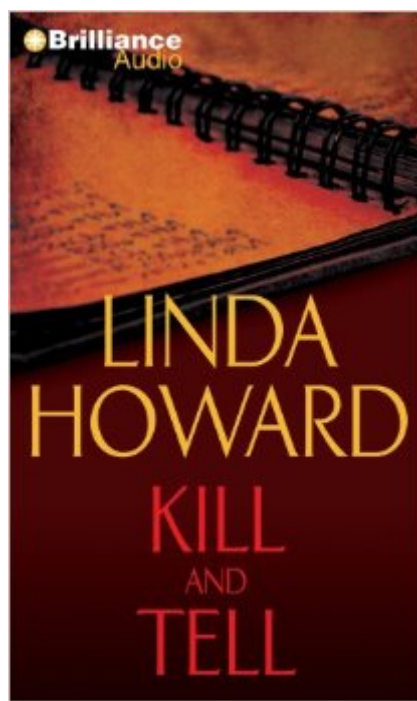


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# Kill And Tell



## Synopsis

Romantic suspense superstar Linda Howard's™ seductive New York Times bestseller "œmeshes hot sex, emotional impact, and gripping tension" • (Publishers Weekly) into a sizzling, heart-pounding thriller! Still reeling from her mother's™ recent death, Karen Whitlaw is stunned when she receives a package containing a mysterious notebook from her estranged father, whom she has barely seen since his return from the Vietnam War decades ago. Then, a shocking phone call: Karen's™ father has been murdered on the gritty streets of New Orleans. For homicide detective Marc Chastain, something about the case of a murdered homeless man just doesn't™ add up• especially after he meets the victim's™ daughter. Far from the cold woman he expected, Karen Whitlaw is warm and passionate. She is also in serious danger. A string of "œaccidents" • have shaken Karen to the core, and forced her into the protective embrace of the charming detective she vowed to resist. Together they unravel a disturbing story of politics, power, and murder• and face a killer who will stop at nothing to get his hands on her father's™ secrets.

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## Customer Reviews

Linda Howard's latest, KILL AND TELL, is a surprising deviation from her usual style. Well-known for her too-gritty, diamond-in-the-rough heroes, the author has instead crafted in Marc Chastain a tough, yet startlingly tender hero. The story begins with heroine Karen Whitlaw and her estranged father Dex, an ex-Viet Nam sniper determined to blackmail someone from his past. Karen, grieving the recent loss of her mother, travels to New Orleans at the behest of Detective Marc Chastain

when informed of her father's death. What follows is Karen's reckoning with her ambiguous feelings about a father who deserted her as a child, as well as her journey into sensuality with Marc. Meanwhile, sinister forces from her father's past seek to destroy Karen and the book her father held over someone's head. Kudos to Ms. Howard for creating Karen as a self-sufficient woman able to protect herself from the killers by using her intellect and physical strength. When Karen finally does seek protection by returning to Marc, she is clearly an equal partner in their attempts at survival. Additionally, unlike many of Ms. Howard's heroes, Marc is neither too rough or forceful in his passion, nor bent on doing what he considers is best for Karen, regardless of her thoughts. Unfortunately, the book is so short as to be considered incomplete; it's only 300 pages (just 50 more than a series romance novel such as *Silhouette Intimate Moments*), and nearly half of the story is dedicated to interaction among the secondary characters. There is not nearly enough interaction between the hero and heroine, and I would have appreciated another hundred pages or so of this positive love story, which is a change from the author's often grim stories.

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