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Jo says

“You're mine, and you're going to admit it no matter how long I have to keep after you.”

I love Linda Howard's books. Her heroes are always pure alphas, very protective and possessive and the heroines feisty. And this book was no exception.

Jillian Sherwood is determined to prove that her father's theory about a lost Amazon city that was inhabited by warrior women was true. She'll even put up with her lazy half-brother who hates her, the financial backer he procured to help them on their expedition, who gives her a very cold feeling, and Ben Lewis, the over-confident and highly recommended river guide. Who goes out of his way to taunt her with his wicked words, looks and touch.

But everyone seems to have their own hidden agendas, and Jillian will have to decide whether she can trust Ben to get her out of the Amazon alive, and whether she can trust him with her body and her heart.

Jillian was a great heroine. She's smart and independent. And had no problem standing up to Ben and he's seduction games. I loved how she made him work for her attentions, when he's so used to women just falling at his feet.

Ben was the typical alpha hero, so sexy and cocky, but perhaps a bit too OTT alpha for me. I must say in the beginning I had a hard time liking him, and the way he viewed Jillian as just another conquest, but the longer they spend together, the more his attitude changed, and the more he fell under her spell. Which I really liked. The chemistry between these two was intense and hot. Although I must admit the sexy times did not read like the books I'm used to from this author. Ben really needed to learn the value and importance of foreplay.

I really enjoyed the setting and plot of the book, it was very adventurous and entertaining.

This was not among my favorite books by this author, but I still enjoyed it very much. If you love this author, then it's a definite must read. If you haven't read her books yet, I wouldn't recommend starting with this one.

Amy (Foxy) says

♥ ♥ ♥ ~~HEART OF FIRE~~ more like **HEART ON FIRE** ♥ ♥ ♥

Jillian is an archaeologist who followed in her father's footsteps. He's now deceased and his reputation has been tarnished. His former colleagues think of him as a crackpot. They never believed that he found a lost Amazon city. Jillian sets out to prove her dad was right.

Ben is a local Amazon river guide and is hired to take Jillian, her shifty half-brother and his 'friend' to this lost city.

Ms. Howard heats this book up with a mixture of a **gutsy Jillian** and a **macho Ben**. Their combination makes for a steamy adventure along the Amazon river.

Standalone

Amanda says

This is totally the kind of genre that make me start obsessing with romance read in the first place. Great plot, hottie hero, spunky heroin, bad guys, action, adventure, laugh out loud humor..... you name it.

Jillian Sherwood, an archaeologist needs to set off to an expedition to the heart of Amazon to prove the existence of Anzar City in order to revive her late father's reputation and her own. From the excerpt, I thought the expedition was only comprise of Jillian and Ben, the experienced river guide. But that's not the case. Once her stepbrother, Rick found out about it, he insist to tag along with Kates. Is obvious that they are in for the treasure. Along with a hired thug, Dutra and several other native helps hired by Ben, they are all in for a rough ride through the Amazon jungle.

At first glance, Ben Lewis looks like a drunk and haggard river dude who spent too much time in the tropical country for his own good. But Jillian quickly realize that behind his lackluster and easy going facade, he knows his stuff and is one of the best river guide available. Although he definitely pissed her off with his crude mouth, blatant come on and so sure of himself. The things they bicker and banter make me laugh my ass off.

"You have underwear."

"I'm glad you enjoyed it. Did you try it on?"

"Nah. Just rubbed it against my face."

I really like Jillian, she is brainy but not nerdy and she is not a damsel in distress that require any saving. She can hold her own in the harsh jungle condition. Ben made it clear as crystal that he is seducing his way into her pants on the first day and she tried to hold him off as long as humanly possible. But we know that she is not an uptight lady, she just love seeing him getting sexually frustrated and seeing him suffer is so damn funny. Nothing ever stay long in this guy's head beside thinking of sex and more sex.

"It's not the heat," came his return mutter. "It's a critical buildup of sperm".

I'm with Ben on this that I don't see any appeal in all the old bones and stuff. They have different opinion when comes to the archaeology business and in the end it really come to bite their ass. Rick, Kates and Dutra the bad trio serves as a great supporting cast. What is a good plot without the necessary villain to spice things up.

Lisa Kay says

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Shawna says

4 stars – Romantic Suspense

This was a steamy, entertaining adventure romance with a smart, spunky archaeologist heroine and a hot alpha hero who guides her through the wilds of the Amazon in search of a mythical lost city. In the midst of battling bad guys and the perils of the jungle, they find themselves intensely attracted to each other. And when they finally succumb to their volatile desires? YOWZA! There's a sex scene in the rain that's so explosive and smokin' hot that the H/h literally have steam coming off of them afterward. The hero has sexual stamina that would put the Energizer Bunny (and the Rabbit vibrator) to complete shame. So if you're a fan of Linda Howard, romantic suspense with action adventure, and sexually charged alpha heroes, then you might enjoy this. 4 stars!

Mo says

Her breasts brushed against the hard wall of his upper abdomen and a hot tingle shot through her nipples. She stopped breathing, because even that small movement was too potent.

First off, I must say that I love Linda Howard. Don't think I have read any of her books that did not get a 4 or 5 star for me. They might be oldies, but they are goodies.

"This is probably paradise," she said.

A fabulous lost Amazon city once inhabited by women warriors and containing a rare red diamond: it sounded like myth, but archeologist Jillian Sherwood believed it was real, and she was willing to put up with anything to find it -- even Ben Lewis.

Ben is an ass, an egotistical male chauvinistic ass. Gotta love him. Jillian is not his usual type, she is slim, small-breasted, scholarly.

Ms Sherwood appeared not to have an active hormone in her body. Dead from the neck down, as the saying went. Pity.

But did Ben soon change his tune as they set out on their adventure to find the lost city.

Lush, heavy breasts had always been his favorite, and her were on the small side, firmly erect without the voluptuous sway that had always turned him on, so he was perplexed by this almost painful fascination with hers.

I love to see a man brought to his knees by a good woman. Ben and Jillian were a great couple. Of course I would have loved to have had an epilogue a few years further down the line.

There is one scene in the book where they visit a waterfall to clean up. Seriously hot.

I think Dina summed it up very nicely indeed in her review ...

Dina's Review

Lauren says

Heart of Fire

4 Stars

The daughter of a notorious "crackpot" archeologist, Jillian Sherwood is determined to restore her father's reputation, as well as her own, by locating the lost Stone City of the Anzar, the legendary home of the Amazon warriors. To attain her goal, Jillian must join forces with Ben Lewis, a womanizing ruffian and the best river guide Brazil has to offer. As Ben and Jillian clash wills and wits, danger lurks around every bend and they will have to work together to get out of the jungle in one piece.

An action-packed romp through the jungle with a strong willed and feisty heroine, and a gorgeous, if somewhat overly testosterone laden, hero.

The sparks between Jillian and Ben fly from the start and their snarky repartee, as he tries to get in her pants at every opportunity and she stops him in his tracks, is very amusing. Their romance develops slowly but surely toward the inevitable, and the eventual "I love yous" are sweet and believable.

The basic plot involving the expedition down the Rio Negro is captivating. Howard has certainly done her due diligence on the locale both in terms of the detailed descriptions of the journey, including information on

the river itself, the wildlife and the various aspects of archeological research, as well as the specifics of the history and the legend of the Amazons.

The villains are apparent from the start, but this does not reduce the tension or suspense one iota.

In sun, a steamy hot romance with likable characters and an exciting storyline.

Karla says

5 Fantastic Stars!! This book is everything a romantic suspense should be, and I just loved it.

Ben Lewis is a delicious, cocky, larger than life H that oozes sexuality. Jillian Sherwood is my favorite kind of h, she is intelligent, determined, average in appearance, and when Ben taunts her she goes right back at him. She is a challenge for him, and he has to have her. Jillian just wants him to do his job, but her attraction to him is undeniable. The chemistry between them just sizzles. The book was filled with witty banter and sexual innuendos that had me laughing out loud. As much as she tries to keep him at arm's length, he slowly cracks away at her resistance. They inevitably act on their attraction and it is HOT and STEAMY, just like the Brazilian rainforest that is the setting for this adventure. Their trek to the Stone City brings with it death, mishaps, and betrayal. All that and a sweet HEA, I did not want it to end.

This one is a keeper and now one of my favorite Linda Howard books. I will definitely be going back and getting me some more Ben Lewis.

Thanks for the great recommendation Kathleen!

Chitra *CJ* says

What was beautifully descriptive book.. and a lovely story too.

Jillian Sherwood is an archeologist who is in search of a good historical find. Since her father disappeared after searching for one of his mythical cities Anzar, she's been working in small finds. When yet another job foundation rejects her credentials just because of her family name- she finds herself going through her dad's old books- only to find clues.

Soon she's on an expedition with her estranged and hateful brother Rick and conman Kates who finances it. They hire their "guide" Ben, who lives for pleasures of the flesh during the day- but is a slick forager of the forest and river by the night.

As they move deeper into the journey with a couple of other men; sparks fly between the main couple , loads of adventures are experienced, cities are discovered and people are exposed.

I absolutely loved the description of the forests, the lakes and the whole voyage. You can practically feel yourself with them- and since I love Amazon and all things forest-y- this was just a wonderful literary experience.

Jill and Ben were a wonderful couple. I enjoyed their banter and their eventual chemistry.

Kudos to the super hot love scenes in the rain and especially to the one after she runs away.. SMOKIN!!

Really enjoyed this read

Safe
4.25/5

?lleskelle - teamSøren? ?I like big b00ks? says

?????????? **5 STARS** ??????????

Jillian Sherwood is passionate and dedicated to her work. She grew up as a curious little girl, fascinated by her famous archaeologist dad' stories about lost world and civilizations, epic legends of long gone Amazon women warriors... Her dad was himself so taken with those myths, he lost all integrity trying desperately to prove the Historian Community he was right. His obsession cost him any reliability and he left behind the reputation of being a "crackpot".

Jillian, now all grown up, followed her deceased father's footsteps, and became a talented archaeologist. Unfortunately, she just missed a great opportunity to participate a tremendous expedition because of her last name. Sherwood is still associated to her Dad's loon ideas, and it's not the first time it has caused her prejudice, despite being brilliant at what she does.

Tired and enraged, she decides it's time to prove her dad was not the deranged person the world thinks he was, and wants once and for all clear his name, her name.

Helped, or more accurately, tailgated by her leech of a brother, she prepares for her own expedition.

Arrived in Brazil and helped by a somehow shady investor, they recruit the services of Ben Lewis, a guide specialized in the Amazonian rainforest areas.

“Ever done it in a hammock?”

I don't know where to begin to explain how and why I LOVED this story! Heart of Fire doesn't shine by it's originality, but it just combines ALL I love in a book! The suspense, a great and interesting plot, a witty heroine, a cocky—not to say asshole— hero, bad guys, mystery, gradual sexual tension and a great romance! Add to this a scorching hot level of steam, and you have the perfect recipe!

I literally felt like I was reading the **woman version of Indiana Jones!**

Jillian was just such a strong character, I had no choice but to fall in love with her, she was brave, smart, independent and funny. She definitely needed that to give Ben a run for his money!

Ben was the typical bossy and arrogant alpha male. Behind his broody and obnoxious attitude, he early on proved himself to be a good man, by protecting and taking care of Jillian.

I loved watching him trying to seduce Jillian first as a game, then as a tactical maneuver to keep the hand up, and finally involuntarily! The poor man couldn't for the life of him understand why his body was attracted to this slim, small breasted woman—not the type he usually goes for.

Their relationship, whilst slow, was really entertaining! Jillian doing her best to resist Ben, she had one goal, and did a great job staying focused on it. Her constant refusal and Ben's tireless flirt was the perfect combination for a great quality banter!

“You have nice underwear.”

“I’m glad you enjoyed it. Did you try it on?”

“Nah. Just rubbed it against my face.”

“What’s funny?” she asked.

“Oh, nothing.”

“What? You’d better tell me.”

“He just wondered why we were making slap-slap in the rain, instead of in our funny little moloca—that’s ‘house’ to them, ‘tent’ to you.”

“Slap-slap?” she asked faintly.

“Yeah, you know.” He lightly clapped his hands together, re-creating with devilish accuracy the sound of wet bodies moving together in hard rhythm. “Slap-slap.”

He looked smug. “I gather they were also impressed by both my... shall we say presence, and my technique.”

“Shut up,” she gasped, trying to gulp back the giggles. “Or I’ll slap-slap your face-face.”

Still wary of Ben’s intentions, Jillian tries her best not to fall for her guide, but despite it all, his perseverance will pay and they’ll both give in, finally shattering the well built sexual tension!

Heart of Fire is full of sexy moments, and Linda Howard delivered high level steamy sex scenes!

I won’t say much else about the story development, it’s yours to discover, and I can guarantee you are in for an epic adventure!

Wonder Woman, over.

Rashika (is tired) says

I have absolutely no idea how to rate this. This was incredibly enjoyable yet at the same time I did NOT like the love interest. Oh he was swoon-worthy and usually I don't have problems with Linda's heroes (even that one time I hated a book by her) but Ben did NOT work for me. He was kind of a douche and even though he redeemed himself in the end his character was so flat that he didn't even come off as 'hot' just annoying. Plus I didn't notice any significant change in him by the end of the novel except that he was in love.. somehow.. even though I never felt a smidgen of it.

I want to rate this book two stars but I honestly cannot. My major problem was Ben and the romance but at the same time giving it a three feels... like lying since I've enjoyed plenty of Linda's other books and rated them three.

Dilemma...

I'll still with not rating.

Saly says

The beauty of old LH heroes are that they start of as jerks, with the only thing on their mind being sex and the heroine usually not being their type, but as the book progresses not only do they start noticing the heroine too much besides wanting them in bed, by the end of they don't want to be away from them and Hearts of Fire is no less and is set in the Amazon.

The hero Ben Lewis is an Alabama boy but he's been in Brazil since he was 20, working as a guide. He likes his life, drinking, blowing off steam after doing some guide work with a busty waitress, so when a shady guy he knows along with another guy offers him a lot of money for some guide work he agrees, he likes money but he is going to be careful.

Jillian Sherwood is an archaeologist, just like her dad but she is frustrated since no-one takes her seriously because of her father, a man who believed or atleast chased a lot of legends and even died in the Amazon while trying to find a lost city which he believed housed Amazon warriors. Jillian always loved her father, her step-brother not so much, so she goes to see his stuff years after his death and finds proof that her father knew what he was doing. In her excitement she blurts out the truth (a part of it) to her brother Rick and later on also that she can't find backers. Rick brings a man along to finance their trip, Jillian goes along not trusting the two but still wanting to prove her father right.

I liked Jillian she was ballsy and gutsy, she knew how to carry her weight and protect herself(bought a gun) and the first time she meets Ben when he deliberately tries to be crude she leaves him feeling foolish.

Once their trip begins there is danger but Ben tries to keep Jillian close a) he wants to get into her pants bad b) he knows the others have plans.

It was fascinating seeing Ben's frustration when Jillian refused to just fall into his plans even when he constantly tried to invoke the chemistry between them and Jillian knew how to rile him good.

Linda Howard's best books have this earthly sensuality and this one is no less. Ben starts off lusting after her and later he just wants to keep her. I enjoyed the book a lot, though Ben did add thick at one part but makes up nicely for it at the end with a grand gesture.

A quote

She didn't want him to be sweet; she wanted him to be the Ben Lewis she was accustomed to: shameless, raunchy, and reckless. Brave, too, she mentally added, to give the devil his due. Intimidatingly capable. Dangerous. Ruthless.

Mara says

I did love Romancing the Stone when I was a teen, I really couldn't not love this. Until the end I was not sure how it would go.

Lady Heather says

Just finished it, and what a wonderful, fun story!

The lead male character Ben is such an 'Alpha', and the lead female, Jillian is strong, determined, intelligent, witty, sexy, and no-nonsense.... I ABSOLUTELY loved her!

... and together, their story is amazing!

another great story by Linda Howard :)

jenjn79 says

I have to admit I was kinda wary of reading this book...not the book specifically, but a Linda Howard book. I've read books of hers that I've loved, but the last one I read (Burn) left a really sour taste in my mouth. And I found myself not quite wanting to read another LH book yet...even though I knew this was an older one of hers and a lot ~~better~~ different than her newer stuff. I made myself read it, though, since it had been in Mt TBR for a couple years. I rather enjoyed the book, though it wasn't perfect.

Summary:

Jillian Sherwood grew listening to her father's tales of ancient civilizations and various myths and half-truths. And she grew up wanting to be just like him. What Jillian didn't realize until she was older was that other archeologists considered her father a crackpot with his unsubstantiated theories. Even worse, they considered her a crackpot by extension. So Jillian sets out to prove her father's theory of the Anzar tribe in the Amazon rainforests was in fact true.

But her mission teams her up with some nefarious characters who have no intention of helping set up an archeological dig. They just want the loot...specially the rumored large red diamond. Jillian is also forced to work with rough neck river guide Ben Lewis, who sets her hormones raging. It's Ben, though, who realizes how dangerous and deadly this mission is likely to be. And he quickly comes to realize he'll do anything to protect Jillian.

Review:

Not only was I wary of this book because I'm a bit soured on Howard, but also, as those of you who regularly read my reviews know, I tend to dislike stories with a lot of trekking through the wilderness. Which is a large portion of this book. It did bore me a little at times, but not as bad as I thought. The ambiance of the Amazon, the action, and the spicy romance element kept it from too dull and repetitive.

This book is definitely a little more on the romance side than the suspense/adventure side, though they are close to even. Definitely more romantic than her newer books. And it's a bit of a surprisingly spicy romance. Not erotic by any means, but there's a definite spicy feel to the language, the actions, the intimacy. Some hot stuff with Jillian and Ben.

Those two had some great interactions throughout the book. Jillian's a spunky, brainy girl, and Ben's a laid-back pleasure seeker. They continually clash, but the reality is that they can only trust each other and it draws them closer. It was a great dynamic to read.

The plot also works well for the story, even if it's a rather predictable one. There aren't really any surprises. Everything went as I thought it would, but Howard wrote it well and kept me reading.

And the anthropologist in me loved the part of the story at the Stone City. I was totally fascinated by it. I could see it in my head, but wished I was really there to see it in person. The place sounded amazing. The anthropologist in my also ended up a bit disappointed, though, because the story of the Anzar tribe is left kind of incomplete due to the twists of the plot. I was a bit bummed I didn't get to learn more about the Anzar. Yeah, it's fictional, but it was still fascinating.

The one area I had a bit of a complaint about was the lack of character development, especially for Ben. Jillian's pretty solid...as a reader you know who she is, where she came from, what drives her, and all that. But Ben starts off and ends as pretty much a mystery. All you really learn about him is that at twenty he hopped a freighter and ended up in Brazil where he stayed and was an adventure guide. Nothing else. There's times where Jillian asks about his past and the narrative says he got quite a bleak look in his eyes, but you never learn any more. I wanted to know who Ben was...why'd he leave? What about his family? Did he ever want to go back to the US? When the book ended Ben was just a big blank in a lot of ways and I found that really frustrating.

Otherwise, I enjoyed the book. And it shows that Howard's older stuff is top-notch. I wish she'd return to the type of stories she used to write.

Dina says

I've yet to write a review, but I found this pic today and couldn't help thinking of ~~this book~~ yummy Ben...

... and this particular scene:

He had stripped down to the skin with an utter lack of modesty that told her he was accustomed to being naked with a woman. Why would any woman in her right mind want him to wear clothes anyway? He was tall and lean and superbly muscled, and his buttocks were so round and taut that her hands instinctively curled into fists in an effort to resist patting them. He had the shoulders of a stevedore and the legs of an athlete, long and powerful. She had never enjoyed looking at a man more.

He stepped under the waterfall and let the water splash over him while he tilted his head back and shook his hair. Sunlight dappled on the flexing muscles of that marvelously strong body, and the water droplets spraying through the air glittered like diamonds. His genitals hung heavily between his thighs, and he was so perfectly, utterly male that her chest constricted, making it difficult for her to breathe.

Then he looked straight at her, the blue of his eyes so intense that she could see it even across the forty feet that separated them. He stepped forward a little, so that the main force of the water was hitting his back; he was right on the edge of the rock shelf above the pool of water. He was totally exposed to her, without the stream of water to blur the powerful lines of his body. As he stared at her, his shaft began to stir, to grow thick and long, to rise fiercely toward his belly.

Damn him, she thought feverishly.

Damn him, indeed! ;)

(To be true to the story, the guy in the pic would have to naked, but I'm too shy to post something that wicked... Yeah, right! *grins*)

Didi says

Linda Howard never disappoints! This was an adventure filled, adrenaline-taught, sexy and sensual book. Ben Lewis was an extremely seductive and intelligent man. I loved how he masqueraded as a no good drunk to hide the sheer cunning and witty personality I grew to love. Seeing a man brought to his knees by a smart and unlikely woman is so gratifying! Jillian Sherwood wasn't Ben's type but he couldn't stop obsessing about her, an obsession that turned to love.

The funny banter and engaging plot makes this book unputdownable. The descriptions of the Amazon and all it entails was so detailed I felt I was actually there, and don't even get me started on the steam! What I love about this author is her ability to write incredibly sensual and raw sexy time. She doesn't waste pages and pages on it, but manages to compress sensuality, longing and inferno-level hotness into a few skillfully written paragraphs.

I loved the waterfall scene, it was heavy on sexual tension and did more than a sexy time scene. Another favorite scene memorable for its intensity was the one where Jillian and Ben decide to use natures storm as a prelude to one of the hottest sexy times scenes in the book. Weaving myth and legend into RS is incredibly engaging, really builds up the mystery factor. I loved the ending and Ben's surprise, as well as the epilogue. Can I believe this was written in 1993?? Wow, really rivals some recent RS, which goes to show you some authors just have the magic! Great story, loved it.

♥Sharon♥ says

Linda Howard is such a wonderful author. I absolutely loved this one!!!

OMG Ben is simply delicious and sexy as all hell. And Jillian was his perfect match. Different in every way possible which led a to slow burn that was fucking HOT!

I highly recommend this to EVERYONE!

Kathleen says

4.5 stars for this audio update: Great narration by Tanya Eby Sirois (but she mispronounced the name Joachim, repeatedly). Erotic and suspenseful story (but too much time is spent with Ben thinking about sex). Read this eons ago. It reminds me of Howard's other jungle-love novel, *Midnight Rainbow*, and other books, listed below.

Loved Ben. The arrogant sob playboy. Earthy, alpha, bold, gritty, and crazy for Jillian. He's passionate, protective, possessive, and determined, but in the end, he gives it all up for love. Sigh.

Excellent suspense. So many great twists and turns. Believable plot. Nothing that stretched my credulity. Consistent characterization. Edge of your seat tension. Dutra, a nasty piece of work. Rick, a little texture there.

I liked.

PLOT: Jillian Sherwood is an archaeologist. To posthumously repair her father's tattered reputation, and to protect her dumb-butt brother, she is dragged off to the Amazon Rainforest of Brazil. With her brother and a small crew, they will search for a legendary diamond and evidence of the mythological Anzar tribe. If they find it, their father's rep will be restored.

They hire Ben Lewis, the best rainforest guide in Brazil, and the horniest rascal in South America. With courage, Ben and Jillian travel with friends, family, and unknown foes into the rainforest, facing all sorts of perils: hostile natives, crumbling cliffs, thundering waterfalls, cavernous passages, murderous thieves, and an awakening love.

In a finishing plot twist they confront civilization, including media hounds and a few academic weasels.

Recommended Rainforest Romances:

Imagine by Jill Barnett

Midnight Rainbow by Linda Howard

Night of the Jaguar by Merline Lovelace

The Soldier And The Baby by Anne Stuart, also published in e-book collection Anne Stuart's Out-of-Print Gems

On Thin Ice by Anne Stuart

Jane Stewart says

2 ½ stars. Mixed feelings. Not as good as the author's other books.

I first read this in 2007 and really liked it. In 2015 I read it again and skimmed a lot. In 2017 I bought the audiobook and again it was not as good as the first time.

I did not care about the big misunderstanding.

STORY BRIEF:

American female archaeologist has a coded map showing the way to an ancient civilization in the Amazon jungle. Her brother arranges for a wealthy drug dealer to fund the expedition. They hire a guide. She and the guide eventually fall in love. The drug dealer brings along a hit man with plans to kill everyone after they obtain the valuable red diamond.

AUDIOBOOK NARRATOR:

Tanya Eby Sirois was good. She has a slight lisp which comes out at times.

DATA:

Narrative mode: 3rd person. Story length: 309 pages. Swearing language: moderate plus s*** and religious swear words but rarely used. Sexual language: moderate. Number of sex scenes: eight. Setting: current day mostly Brazil. Copyright: 1993. Genre: contemporary romance adventure.
