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\* *This is an updated cover of this Kindle edition.* \*

Somewhere in the Australian outback, on land left to her by a late relative she never met, American photographer Erin Windsor believes a diamond mine might be waiting with the promised yield of millions of dollars in raw gems. But the old man took its location with him to the grave. Erin's not the only one in the hunt, though she's easily the least ruthless...and most vulnerable. Blood will stain the trail to a precious, well-hidden secret, and she must turn to Cole Blackburn for help or face the killing night alone. A geologist and a walking mystery with ties to powerful forces that are now Erin's enemies, Cole is a dangerous man to trust, but she has no choice. Because life is too short to throw away your dreams, no matter how treacherous the pursuit of them might be.

And death is forever.

## Death Is Forever Details

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# From Reader Review Death Is Forever for online ebook

## Linda O says

452 pgs. 1992,2004. Australia Outback. Lost Diamond Mines with fabulous, world-shattering wealth. Beautiful, young adventuress/heirress with severe gun-shyness to love, due to previous horrific episode of abuse. Enter Cole! - Rugged, sexy, charismatic roustabout. She's inherited a hidden diamond mine! Can they find the mine before they're cut-off or even killed by either the CIA (her father the agent!), or the extremely powerful and wealthy Japanese diamond traders? There may be another dangerous, deadly faction out there as well! Who can be trusted?! And can the hero and heroine manage to avoid the extreme attraction and temptation of each other and work side by side to find the mine? Or, will they cast aside all their previous heartache and pain and give in to the powerful magnetic attraction? They just may well be the loves of each others lives!

In know, I am so 'jaded.' Take it for what it is: a good adventure/fantasy! I do appreciate learning some interesting information about geology, gemology and mining of precious jewels. These facts are woven throughout the somewhat cookie-cutter story. I must admit to having read other versions of the same story, same characters, but different subject matter and locations. All in all, enjoyable and fast-reading.

Now that I'm through reading the book, what stays with me is the information that's available in the book about the formation of diamond 'veins' perhaps a 'layer' - am not sure they'd be called veins. It also described what the microscopic black particles are that can be found in even perfect diamonds - I had thought it could be carbon that didn't make it through the whole heating process. But, no. Many valuable little pieces of data there - I'll go back through and write down the things I want to remember!

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## Cupcakencorset says

This book is set in Western Australia, in a landscape that is altogether foreign and fascinating, described with intimacy by the author, as if she'd lived there for years. Her bio says she lives in Seattle, so I don't know if I can credit that to her imagination, her research or her earlier years. Either way, it's a helluva place and makes a great setting for a story of the brutality of the diamond business in the 1980s. The main characters are sympathetic, interesting, conflicted, believable. The story doesn't drag out, but the explanations of the politics of the world economy and the diamond trade, even coming from the mouths of the major characters, were too complex to grasp quickly while I was reading for the story's main plot points. And, frankly, I don't read this type of book for the politics that underlie the plot. I read for the characters and their relationships. Still and in all, it's a good book and well worth reading.

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## Kristen says

In Elizabeth Lowell's Death is Forever, this romantic suspense would tantalize you like diamonds in the rough in a diamond mine. Erin Shane Windsor is a well-known nature photographer, and also the heir of Abe Windsor. When she had received a book deal of a lifetime to document the diamond tiger, she wondered what was the catch. And that's when she met Cole Blackburn, a prospector for BlackWing Limited out in Australia, to protect her and help her find this so-called mine in the Australian outback. Although skeptical,

he came part of the packaged deal and to keep her safe from others who wanted the precious diamonds for themselves. Together, there was instant chemistry between them as they tried to solve the doggereled puzzle and look for clues. Besides the humid heat of the dry season and having their means of transportation being sabotaged, they have each other to survive the climate and discover newfound feelings for each other that sparked a fire between them. After they hit their own pay dirt, they had to fight for their lives in a cave and deal with the people who were after them in a fight of survival of the fittest to a twisted climax.

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### **Anna says**

Too much racism, even allowing that it's an old ELowell book.

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### **Michael says**

Pure trash. Loaded with enough purple prose to positively please Prince.

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### **SaraJean says**

Pretty much exactly what I expected.

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### **Patricia says**

An incredible book to be enjoyed repeatedly!

The Diamond Tiger is not just a love story. It also blends in a fair bit of history, and a huge dollop of mystery, adventure, and danger. From the arctic to the Australian desert, this book pulses with excitement and never slows for a single page. An emotionally damaged heroine joins forces with a strong, silent hero to fulfill the requirements set out in the will of a great uncle she never knew she had. Through the background, various government agencies for different countries, and non-government entities, attempt to manipulate the two. The ending was not as good as the rest of the book, but then, I could see this story continuing until the couple were old and white-haired, relating the events to great-grandchildren of their own.

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### **Pamela Gibson says**

This is not a recent book, but is full of action and a hero and heroine that can do more (and survive more) than highly trained Navy Seals. Some of the predicaments and the characters' responses were a bit over the top. But it was a good, fast read.

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### **C K says**

This is an author that I have read a lot of and have added her books to my 'keeper' book shelf. Most I have read at least twice and some even more than that. Always in depth characters that anyone can identify with on some level.

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## Jenny Van de Poel says

*The Diamond Tiger* is a gutsy and often lyrical narrative of survival, of finding out what you're capable of when tested well past your limits, set mainly against the inhospitable landscape of the vast Australian desert.

A gifted nature photographer, Erin Windsor inherits a legendary diamond mine hidden deep in the Australian outback, but its location is a secret that was taken to her great-uncle's grave; however, clues were left which she is uniquely positioned to interpret. The mine is said to contain raw spherical diamonds, some of the rarest and finest ever discovered. Big players in the international gem mining industry, using state-of-the-art electronics, weapons, and communications, are trying to both find the mine and keep her from claiming it; consequently, her single human life isn't worth diddly. The story of how she goes after the mine herself, facing staggering odds while slowly forming a deep emotional bond with her guide and protector, geologist Cole Blackburn, never slows down until the satisfying resolution.

The title refers to the world diamond industry, similar to the way it existed at the time of publication (the author's spouse and sometime writing partner was working as an international crime reporter for the *Los Angeles Times* when she wrote this book, so its authenticity is legit).

Fans of author **Elizabeth Lowell** will be interested to know that her real name is Ann Maxwell, and that this effort from early in her career - before she took on the pseudonym - showcases everything we love about Elizabeth Lowell, already in full bloom.

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## Andrea says

Photographer Erin Shane Windsor loved the remote, silent locations for her landscape photography. Just finishing in the the northern Artic when she receives a message of a family emergency and must return to Los Angeles.

The emergency is that a distant relative, a diamond prospector in Australia, has died and left his estate to her. But where are the diamonds.

Heros and villians appear and appear to switch sides at a moment's notice.

Will Erin find the diamonds and the missing mine, or will the Diamond Cartel win control?

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## Jenny says

Erin Windsor has turned her back on the rest of the world, chosing to live alone in the arctic, taking photographs of the beauty and harsh reality of the frozen landscape. But just as she decides she might rejoin human society, she finds out her great-uncle, a man she'd never met, has died and left her ownership of station in Australia's outback... a station that may contain the richest diamond mine to be discovered in centuries. The men who control the diamond world want to make sure the mine is never discovered. Other players in the game of power and wealth want it for themselves. None of them are terribly concerned with

Erin's wishes, or her life. Reluctantly, she joins forces with a secretive geologist, Cole Blackburn, who turns out to be her only hope of finding the mine and staying alive long enough to tell about it.

*Death is Forever* is a rewrite of Lowell's earlier book, *The Diamond Tiger* (written under the pseudonym Ann Maxwell). While some of the characters and plot devices are a little hackneyed, I was engrossed in the story and certainly enjoyed the journey.

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### **Danielle Gypsy Soul says**

This is a re-write of Elizabeth Lowell's early book *The Diamond Tiger*. I liked this book but it was a little slow at times and Erin's mistrust of Cole drove me crazy especially after he saved her life more than once.

This book centers around photographer Erin who inherits her great uncle's diamond mine and with it a handful of very rare diamonds with a possibility there are more of these diamonds. There are a lot of players interested and willing to do just about anything to gain control of this diamond mine if it exists. The other key player is Cole Blackburn. He is a diamond expert and is hired to help Erin find the diamond mine.

There is quite a bit of intrigue and suspense and some romance. I liked both Erin and Cole although as I mentioned earlier Erin's mistrust of Cole throughout the entire book got a little old. There was a ton of information about diamonds, the diamond trade and mining and the diamond cartels (a little too much for me and I found myself skimming through the information).

Additionally, the ending was a bit rushed as a lot of the "romance" happened off screen. We jumped from them emerging from their trip across her Great Uncle's land to the end of the book and were just told about what happened in between. I would have liked to see more of the resolution of their romance.

I liked this book but it isn't one I will read again.

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### **Shawn says**

When I picked this book up, I didn't know that it was a re-release of *The Diamond Tiger* that she wrote under the pen name of Ann Maxwell. But I haven't read any of her books she has wrote under a different name, so that's ok. I enjoyed the book, but I don't think that it is as good as her newer stuff. I love the Donavon series, and this one book just didn't measure up to those. It still a good read tho.

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### **laurel jones says**

great book to distract yourself when evacuated by a wildfire

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