

## The Paralyzed Heart



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Paralyzed from the waist down in an automobile accident, Jackie Paige is trying to regain her strength and adjust to a new life in a wheelchair. To her surprise, she becomes strongly attracted to the handsome man who runs the firm for which she works. Suddenly the company comes under attack by forces bent on destroying it. What Jackie does not know is that she, too, is a target for someone bent on vengeance and murder.

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"You remember now, don't you?" he said.

It was my turn to drop my head.

"Yes. I remember now," I said.

"Well here's one more thing for you to remember – in the time you have left. After my stepfather died, and after the law suit, and after you refused to see her so that she could at least apologize for what had happened to you ... my mother committed suicide."

"Oh my God," I said, not realizing that I'd said it aloud.

"That's right. You killed her just as surely as if you'd been holding the gun," he said.

Gun.

Samantha.

She was in the pocket – under the towel that I'd wrapped around my arm.

This time I didn't see him when he came at me.

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## **About Elaine Joyce:**

Elaine Joyce has been a writer, editor and communications specialist for many years. Her passion for thought-provoking humor and insights into the human condition led to publication of articles in *The Washington Post*, a column for *The Montgomery County Maryland Gazette Newspapers*, the 2005 publication of "Life By Aphorism," a collection of sayings, witticisms, etc., from the famous, the infamous, and people you've never heard of, and, most recently, her first novel, "The Paralyzed Heart." Ms. Joyce hopes to continue writing and engaging in her favorite pastimes of traveling, reading and collecting old movies and music.

