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The Stolen Book (The Greek Village Series 11)



Synopsis

Sara Alexi has managed to do it again! A book that is as addictive as the Greek islands themselves.

- Alison Stokes **WARNING!** Reading this book on your holiday may make you miss your flight home

...In a vivid depiction of life amongst the orange groves and the hazy sun of a small Greek Village,

The Stolen book is a gripping tale of hardship and devotion as one woman goes to extraordinary

lengths for the future of her children. Life hadn't been easy for Niki, and having made her way

from Albania to Greece, she worked hard as a cleaner in the village only to find herself struggling in

a financial rut. Although happily married to a local orange farmer, her husband Karolos was

unambitious and Niki longed to find a way to provide a better future for their two sons. During a shift

at work Niki discovered something that would alter her life forever, but perhaps not in the way she

might have expected. Hidden and forgotten under the dust was an open book, and at once she was

captivated. As she cast her eyes over the pages, the book promised just what she needed – wealth

and security for her family. The book wasn't hers, she shouldn't have taken it, but to change

the destiny of her two sons she became a thief. As turbulence and chaos of Niki's actions begin

to loom, what drastic choices will she have to make to find her way out? Will the risks she took pay

off and bring a stable future for her family, or will there be consequences to bear? In a poignant

portrayal of a mother's love, find out how far some will go.

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Customer Reviews

This was a book about the chaos of life, the control we long for, and the responsibility we feel towards others and ourselves. The story delves into another novel in this series . . . where a choice by a woman, deciding to go on a long trip, resulted in the death of her husband . . . and the story explores the question of the culpability of the various characters involved. We cannot live, and breathe, without impinging on the lives of others . . . how far should we take personal blame over what happens to others . . . or which actions resulting in misadventure can be attributed to those others. Niki, the protagonist of this particular story, was a housekeeper in Toula and Apostolis' mansion which had a defective elevator. She was married to an orange farmer and they had two boys ready to further their education. In this story, Niki felt she needed to make outrageous and illicit choices in order to get her boys to England where they could get an education. She made these bad choices based on her interpretation of a stolen book, and her inner excuses depending from her own life's experiences. This of course resulted in a near disaster . . . This book by Sara Alexi was entertaining as well as thought provoking. Niki was one character, of hers, which I did not personally like. I felt that she seemed annoyingly helpless to her own follies and indiscretions. However, she had some wonderful people in her life to help her pick up the pieces. Sara's imaginative writing is as always warm and thoughtful, with surprising turns and enlightening moments. The descriptive qualities are often made in minimalist style, yet making strong points . . . bringing the reader into the warm environs of the Greek village . . . or the harshness of an overly busy cities of England. Her people have characteristics descriptive of the richness of life. Sara's books are full of heart, life, and real humans, often reminding us of ourselves. An excellent read.

I don't think Sara Alexi could write a bad book, and if you love Greece-her series will keep you enthralled for a good long time! I am so hooked on her books, and truly-do give them a try as I think you will also love her writing and her wonderful characters! I was transported back to my holiday in Greece, and could hardly put any of the books down!

One of the things that I love about the Greek village series is how the people we meet in one book show up in another book. This just adds to the feeling of community and makes me believe me if I

went to the village I would meet and know everyone of them immediately. This delightful read brings back characters from one of Sara's novellas. Very interesting, the way they were woven into the new characters and story of a mama who was determined but misguided. So glad I am retired because it allowed me to read the book from one end to the other, even during dinner! Thanks Sara!

Another remarkable book in the Greek village series it gives a few answers from the book ,The English lesson, while taking us on a intriguing journey with another family from the village .Like with all Sara's books I went through a variety of emotions and surprises as the story took on yet another twist ,always they leave me wanting more..

I can't ever get enough of Sara Alexi's books. She always brings the characters to life in a way that really connects with the reader. Each book takes you on a journey that could be any given day in a Greek Village encountering all of the emotions and events you would expect....and some you wouldn't. (Yes, I've spent time in quite a few Greek Villages). Please Sara, keep writing!

A desperate woman who is frustrated with her lackadaisical husband makes some terrible choices to make sure her boys can attend college. I was consumed. Really good read.

Another book by Sara Alexi that took me to the Greek Village to visit the island and I saw many people I have come to know there. Like visiting old friends and finding out what they are doing or hearing the end of stories that may have had loose ends left by the author. Also as all of the books in this series I can't put it down till the end. I make sure I have a day free to read before I sit down with one of these stories. I am now caught up and awaiting the next one. :)

I love the way this book ties up loose ends from The English Lesson. Another wonderful story from the Greek Village Series! And yet again, I am anxiously waiting on the next story from what is becoming one of my favorite places on earth- The Greek Village. Sara Alexi invites you to the islands of Greece in such a way that I cannot wait to go! Sara has a way of telling stories that makes it impossible to put the book down until it is finished.

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