

THE FURY by Alex Michaelides

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My latest book recommendation is '*The Fury*' by Alex Michaelides. Set on a small Greek island, it is a clever and intriguing story about betrayal and manipulation.

MY REVIEW

'*The Fury*' is a cleverly constructed murder mystery which revolves around Lana Farrar, a movie star who one day decides to invite a close group of friends to her private Greek Island to escape the wet and miserable weather in London. Initially, the event appears to be nothing more than an enjoyable break spent in the company of those closest to Lana. Unfortunately, not everyone is as close to her as she thinks, and it is not long before it becomes clear one of her so called friends is a possible murderer.

Reminiscent of Agatha Christie's novel '*Evil Under the Sun*', '*The Fury*' contains many surprising twists and turns. It also has a unique format in that the reader is addressed by one of the characters involved – Elliott Chase, a playwright who Lana considers her closest friend and confidante – who then proceeds to relate the story directly to them. However, as Elliott is in love with Lana, his view of events is somewhat prejudiced, especially given his unpopularity amongst Lana's other guests.

Given his line of work, it is no surprise Elliott's account of what happened on the island is presented like a play. Divided into five parts (or acts), each act presents a new twist to the story, throwing up constant red herrings until finally the tragic truth of what really happened is revealed.

Alex Michaelides is a master storyteller and having read his first novel, '*The Silent Patient*', I was keen to read his latest one. I was not disappointed. '*The Fury*' is every bit as intriguing – if not more so – and is therefore definitely worth reading.

THE AUTHOR

Alex Michaelides was born and raised in Cyprus. He has an M.A. in English Literature from Trinity College, Cambridge University, and an M.A. in Screenwriting from the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. '*The Silent Patient*' was his first novel. Debuting at Number One on the *New York Times* bestseller list, it has sold more than 6.5 million copies worldwide. The rights have been sold in a record-breaking 51 countries, and the book has been optioned for film by Plan B. His second novel,

'The Maidens', was an instant *New York Times* bestseller and has been optioned for television by Miramax Television and Stone Village.

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