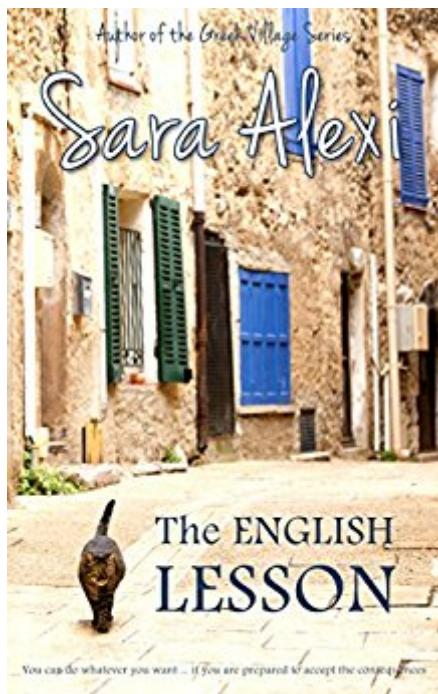


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Synopsis

From INTERNATIONAL BEST SELLING AUTHOR Sara Alexi, who ranks as one of .co.uk's TOP Literary Fiction authors The English Lesson is an inspirational novella set in the sun drenched climes of a sleepy Greek Village. As we find ourselves amongst the interwoven lives of those who live there, we follow the bravery of one lady who, in her older years, is yearning to make a final dream come true. Toula receives an invitation to her granddaughter's third birthday and to attend means venturing out on a trip from her beloved Greece to England where her daughter's family have settled. Her husband refuses to go, and after years in a controlling marriage, Toula understands that means she also cannot go. But now, after a lifetime of having the decisions made for her, of being voiceless and unappreciated, Toula decides to take matters in to her own hands. As plans for her future start to transpire, long lost feelings of rejuvenation and determination come flooding back to her. Life in the rut is no longer enough. But will Toula find a way to finally stand up and do what she wants to do? What extremes will she go to? And will she be prepared to accept the consequences? In a story of transformation against the odds and deciding that it is never too late, find out if Toula will at last be reunited with her family.

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Customer Reviews

Another wonderful book by my favorite author - Sara Alexi. I bought the Kindle copy a few days ago, and just finished reading it. It is so hard to put down any of Sara's books - I want to keep reading until I am at the very last word. Elderly Toula, a typical Greek woman, is married to the same man for many years. All she is allowed to do is cook her husband's meals and dust the house on the days the cleaning woman does not arrive. Her husband has made arrangements for everything - meat and fish delivered once a week, cleaning woman comes twice a week, groceries are delivered as needed each week, and even the laundry duties are done by other people. He has a strict schedule for her to maintain with his meals and snacks. But they rarely talk, rarely have anyone to their home. He goes out every evening by himself, but does she get out much? How terrible it must be to have such a domineering husband. But he never gets the house elevator (lift) fixed for her, nor does he hire a carpenter to fix the front door that is so hard to open. Then Toula decides she wants to improve her English and hires the English expat, Juliet, who lives in the nearby village to teach her to speak English better. Toula knows that Juliet relocated in the village after she had left her husband - the whole village knows Juliet's story. Toula only wants to learn English so she can visit with her grandchildren - if they ever come to visit. Her husband, Apostolis, would never take a trip to London to visit the grandchildren. She has to wait until they come to Greece to see them. All at once, Toula decides to go to London by herself so that she can hug and play with those grandchildren. She is tired of waiting for her husband to agree to a trip. Ms. Alexi makes each character in her books come alive. One can feel the emotions building up in Toula, and all the other characters in each of her books. They become your friends - and you want to read more and more about them. Try this newest book - "The English Lesson." You will be surprised by the ending. And that ending hopefully will lead onto another wonderful book to be written by Sara Alexi.

I have nearly finished the entire Greek Village series and I am dreading not having that next book to escape with. I will say this book had a surprise ending...one that will make you give serious thought to the many women who stay in hopeless and abusive situations their entire lives for stability and duty. If you enjoy life and people you will enjoy this story, as well as the other stories of the Greek Village series...all set in Greece, about the peoples of a small Greek village and neighboring island. These are inspiring lessons from others experiencing life through timeless situations common to all of us. Sara Alexi has a wonderful way of bringing the beauty and culture of Greece to life allowing you to feel like you are a part of it..'

Also loved The Illegal Gardener Part I and II. Wonderful characters and descriptive writing. Am eagerly awaiting another novel arriving in the mail this week.

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!

The English Lesson is a dark little story. The story offers the reader a surprising twist on life in the Greek Village Series. There is a beguiling insight into the passions that erupt when the central character, Toula, seizes her escape from a life of drudgery and boredom. The settings for the story, the old mansion, the cafe, the streetscape are beautifully described and add a colourful atmosphere. This story is another window into Greek culture which resonate beyond the setting..

Very enjoyable read ,transporting us again to the warm friendly Greek village and two of my favourite characters but what twist to the story !! Such a clever author !!

I adore the Greek Village series and once there I never want to leave. Sara Alexi has masterfully weaved the lives, loves, and stories of these wonderfully human characters together that I regard them as family. In the English lesson I like the theme that it's never too late to be happy and that you have control of your own destiny - a powerful message. Highly recommend this series. WJ Scott, Children's author,[...]

A little karma mixed with a dash of feminism, suppressed thoughts finally surfacing. Deeply insightful glimpses of raw human emotion. Sara Alexi has a real knack for peeling away the layers of lies and excuses her characters cling to as they live unfulfilled and disappointing lives. I felt a little naughty for almost laughing out loud at a situation that wasn't funny, not to give anything away. This book while dark, was moving, hopeful and satisfying. A well written book. I loved it!

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