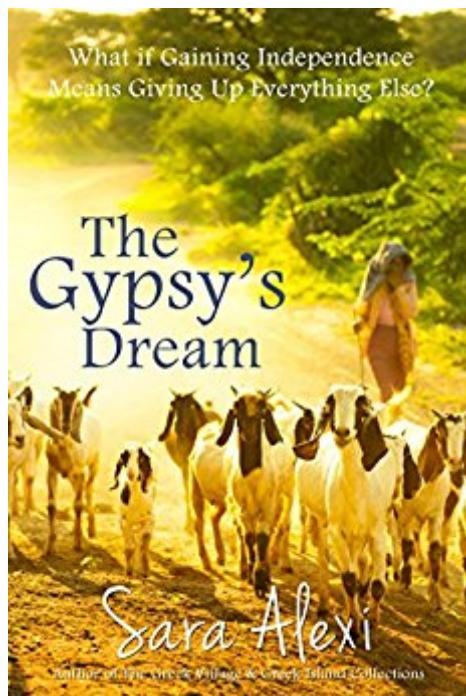


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The Gypsy's Dream (The Greek Village Series Book 3)



Synopsis

Look no further for your next beach read! Another great book by a wonderful author; I am looking forward to reading the next one in the series! - David G Cox

The Gypsy's Dream is a delightful yet challenging story of self-discovery, immersing you in rural Greek life where the simple setting betrays the complex interwoven lives of the villagers who live there. Light-hearted yet unafraid to delve into the dark, the story simultaneously follows the lives of two females, one in her youth and the other in her older years, whose unforeseen encounter impacts them both forever.

Abby, a naive yet headstrong teenager from England, storms out of her family house and boards a flight to Greece. With the promise of a bar job lined up for her by a friend at home, Abby gets hopelessly lost and ends up in the wrong village. Alone with very little money, unable to speak Greek and with no way to contact her friend at home, Abby finds she has to stand on her own two feet for the first time. Trapped in an abusive marriage to a cruel husband, Stella, from a Gypsy background, has spent her life believing she doesn't deserve the good things life has to offer. A lack of self-belief has Stella feeling gratitude for having married at all and so settles for a loveless life with her husband Stavros. Seeking work in the village, Abby meets Stella who runs the local ouzeri, a rough and ready eatery where farmers gather to drink and take refuge from their domestic lives. Although kind-hearted, hardworking Stella does not need a naive young English girl hanging around. And the ouzeri is far from the glamorous bar that Abby had bargained for. But fate throws the two together, and begins a journey of upheaval and self-discovery as tensions that have been brewing for years begin to surface for Stella. Unforeseen events unfold and the threat of Abby ever leaving becomes real. As dark secrets are unveiled, will Stella ever find the strength to put her own happiness first, and will Abby ever be able to return home?

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Customer Reviews

Book 4 is as wonderful and heartwarming as the previous 3. The people in the small Greek village Ms. Alexi writes about drew me in immediately and made me feel as if they were friends. You will find yourself caring about them, wanting to help and wanting to read more. I bought each and every one of these books immediately after finishing the book before and was so sad when I found out there were only 4! If you're looking for a book that makes you think, makes you love the characters and takes you on a Greek vacation, this is the book. Tip for new readers: You pretty much do need to read the books in order as each book builds on the other.

My favorite in the series is the first...but the third book in the series is a great story of a young lady by the name of Abby running away from England to a job in Greece...only she lands in the wrong place but is able to land a job in a small Greek cafe with Stella and Vasso's. It is time for Abby to grow up. She is a good girl and learns that home is not what she had in her mind. Abby becomes part of the village and despite Stella's initial reservation becomes a very close friend, Vasso is an abusive, controlling and lazy husband. Can't wait to read the next book in this series...read this one on the beach! I felt like I was in Greece! Don't get the Greek Village and Greek Island Series confused...I did! :)

I would give this book 3.8 stars if I could. Of the Greek Village series this is the one I like second best. My favourite still being The Illegal Gardener. I like the idea of all these stories taking place in the same locale with the focus shifting from one character to another in the different 'episodes'. There is quite a bit of internal monologues going on which gives insight into the characters. The story does not demand a lot of attention and flows along at a nice pace. Characters show development, although I do find some of the characters to be somewhat naive. I also found it a little strange that a

minor would be permitted to book flights and travel abroad without parental consent ever being sought. All in all I enjoyed the book and would recommend to other readers who enjoy something light to relax with.

Not quite what I expected, but a good story of self doubt and then growth. A very young teenager who feels that her father has taken whatever love he has felt for his daughter and given it to his new wife and their unborn child. She runs away from England on the spur of the moment and purchased a one way ticket to Greece to try and make money to further her education, which her father felt was not necessary. The adventure begins when she lands in a very small Greek village and she is befriended by a woman who owns an eatery. Many of the village people become her friends in a short time and she finds by accident a way to bring about change to the life of the woman who befriended her and herself.

I have only one question about this story. IF her father was so wonderful and loved her so much, how COULD he marry her (Stella) off to Adonis. Actually two questions, HOW could they NOT TURN HIM OVER TO THE LAW. Other then that, I really like Sara Alexis' "Greek Village Series". You can almost smell the food, as I laughingly say, 'as well as some of the OTHER fragrances described'. This author has a great way with her area and character descriptions. Her plots are excellent as well. I've read 5 books in this series and loved all 5. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND THIS BOOK AND THIS AUTHOR!!!

I must say this is the best book I've read in years. The life of a teenage runaway from England from this day and age who runs off to a tiny village in Greece by accident, is absolutely wonderful. She learns fast how to do without any modern conveniences and how life really is. Her wonderful "muse" is a woman she works for, a Gypsy, who's story runs parallel in the book with hers. The Gypsy has to learn to love her heritage and respect herself and this little teenager teaches her that. She teaches the child to grow up with grace. It only takes place for one week but you feel you've watched several years of their life take place. The mysteries in the village bring the story much meat and excitement and romance. It's worth every word and I hope to find many books by this author... I'd read every one. Her mind is genius!

This book confused me at first. I thought it was about Abby, the British girl who runs away to Greece (no spoilers), but it was actually about someone she meets on her first day in a tiny village. If I

could, I would rather give it 3 1/2 stars, but 3 stars seemed mean-spirited, as I enjoyed the story, while it was not at all my usual reading matter! The beginning was a bit bleak compared to the usual "Greece" stories, but this atmosphere improves much later on. There are a few formatting and grammar mistakes, but it's really too minor to mention. The story is basically light, in some ways a little predictable, and although the style flows nicely, the timeline confused me. So much happens in a few days, which to the reader feels like weeks gone by -- it's as if the days in the village are endlessly long. The problems of the main characters are resolved a little too smoothly in the end -- I felt as if there should be a sequel to tell us how it all panned out. (Is there a sequel, maybe?) Well worth reading, if not madly exciting, but I enjoyed it.

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