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For many generations, the men in Alexandra's family have been sponge divers -- first on the Greek island of Kalymnos and now in the Florida village of Tarpon Springs. Diving has always been considered a man's job by Alexandra's family -- dangerous and demanding. But when tragedy strikes, Alexandra decides to become a sponge diver herself despite her family's objections. And she learns that as dangerous as the underwater world can be, there are always more dangers waiting on shore . . .

Alexandra Details

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From Reader Review Alexandra for online ebook

Isabelle says

Alexandra is a girl who takes over a family business of diving for sponges. One day, she discovers something...

KyneWynn says

Adventure - coming of age; not as good as some of his others (namely Island of the Blue Dolphin which as a kid I loved). The strength of this book was in the history and telling about sponge diving. The framework of the story was weak.

Denise says

I thought this might be a good book for my niece. Alexandra is a strong female character, and her family were sponge divers from Greece. The story is set in Florida and begins with her grandfather remembering a hurricane. In the wake of Harvey and Irma, it seemed very topical. The story also talks about drug smuggling, so it might be better for young adults than preteens.

Heidi Grether says

PECHA KUCHA AUTHOR

This book follows the story of Alexandra, a young Greek girl living in Florida. Her father's recent death due to a sponge diving accident forces Alexandra to help bring in revenue for her family by traveling out to sea with her grandfather to sponge dive. However, as she goes out on this adventure, she begins to feel romantic towards Spyros Stavaronas, only to find out later that he is engaged to her older sister and smuggles cocaine through her family's sponges. This was a quick read, and fairly enjoyable. It was interesting to see how Alexandra handled difficult transitions such as her father's death, her moving away from traditional Greek culture, and her moving into a more male role of sponge diving. This book would appeal to younger adolescent audiences, probably around the age range of 13-15.

Lola says

A Review in Nine Words

Only Scott O'Dell book I enjoyed in middle school.

Jenn says

I remember liking the book quite a bit. It's the story of a teenage girl who is from a Greek American family of divers. I'm not positive anymore, but I believe they would dive for sponge. At the time I read it, I found the story very engaging and like the young, strong, female protagonist.
