

APPENDIX

BIOGRAPHY OF THE AUTHOR

Alex Michaelides is a novelist and screenplays who was born and raised in Cyprus in 1977. 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. Michaelides also has studied psychotherapy for three years and worked for two years at a secure unit for young adults. This work provided material and inspiration for his debut novel *The Silent Patient*.

His debut novel *The Silent Patient* has won the Goodreads Choice Award for Best Mystery & Thriller of 2019, was voted Richard & Judy Book Club Pick, was voted Book of the Month in The Times and was voted by Barry for Best debut and Barnes and Noble's Book of the year. *The Silent Patient* has spent more than a year on the New York Times bestseller list and sold in a record-breaking forty-nine countries. And became a Sunday Times bestseller for seven weeks.

In an interview first published in Phileleftheros, Michaelides also talks about his childhood in Cyprus, how Greek mythology has inspired his writing, his career, and his future plans. While writing his first novel—*The Silent Patient*, Michaelides revealed that he had rewritten the draft 50 times before finally being able to finish it. The inspiration for the plot in the story comes from the Athenian tragedy *Alcestis*, by Euripides. Meanwhile, the narrative structure of the story is from the writings of Agatha Christie. Later *The Silent Patient* will be adapted into a film.

Michaelides' second work *The Maidens*, a psychological thriller novel was published in June 10, 2021 by Orion Publishing (UK), and in June 15, 2021 by Celadon Books (USA). *The Maidens* tell the story of a psychological detective investigating a series of murders at a Cambridge college. *The Maidens* also achieved success by being second on the New York Times fiction bestseller list for the week ending in June 2021.

In addition, he also wrote a number of film works including *The Devil You Know* starring Rosamund Pike, and also co-wrote *The Con is On* starring Uma Thurman, Tim Roth, Parker Posey, and Sofia Vergara.