

## A review of "The Beach"

I would like to share my opinion about the novel "The Beach" by Alex Garland (Level 6, published in 1996). It's about an English backpacker called Richard, who travels to Thailand and experiences a lot of adventures finding a secret island. Richard is not only the protagonist, but also the narrator.

In general, I really like the story of this book. I like the idea of living a completely different lifestyle far away from civilization. But in some points the story could be better presented. The action is a little bit confusing sometimes. In addition to that there is no arc of suspense noticeable. I also think that the journey to the island is described in a too detailed way compared to the escape. The end could be more elaborated. Though I can't say I don't like the book because there were many positive things while reading too; for example, the insight in Richard's mind and feelings. My favourite thing about "The Beach" is the fact that the island seems to be a paradise at first which changes bit by bit to "hell".

To sum up "The Beach" has a great story but it could be better written at some points. I recommend this book to people who like travelling and/or adventurous types of stories. I do not recommend it for children under the age of fourteen as some violent scenes might disturb them.

All in all, I give this book three of five possible stars.

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