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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: THE SILENT PATIENT BY ALEX MICHAELIDES

- At first, why did you think Theo was so determined to work with Alicia? In what ways was Theo an unreliable narrator?
- What did you think about Alicia's diary entries? Did you suspect that she was the killer all along or did you think she was framed for a while there?
- There's two storylines: Theo's work with Alicia and the other about Theo's wife's affair. Did you suspect that those two storylines would eventually come together or were you surprised when it did? When you read thrillers, do you come up with theories as the story unfolds or do you wait to find out the reveals at the end?
- When did Alicia recognize that Theo was the man stalking her and from the night her husband was murdered?
- What did Alicia mean by saying that her father and Gabriel both "killed" her? Why did she become the 'silent' patient?
- What was the purpose of showing us Alicia's interactions with her brother-in-law Max? Was it to throw off the reader about Theo's involvement?
- Let's discuss the ways that Alicia and Theo are similar.
- What exactly was Theo's motivation in going to Alicia and Gabriel's house? Why did he come back to Alicia to "work" with her?
- Now let's talk that ending! Were you surprised? Did you think Theo was going to get away with murdering Alicia?
- Who would you cast to star in the movie version? What do you hope is included in the film and what do you think they could change or add to the story?

