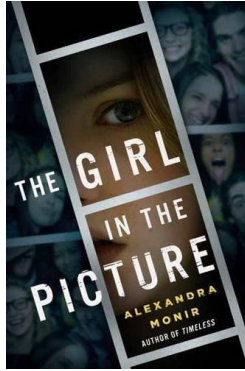


# Booklist Review

Books For Youth - Fiction - Mystery



## **The Girl in the Picture.**

**Monir, Alexandra (author).**

Dec. 2016. 272p. Delacorte, hardcover, \$17.99 ([9780385743907](#)); Delacorte, library edition, \$20.99 ([9780375991370](#)); Delacorte, e-book, \$17.99 ([9780385372527](#)). Grades 7-10.

[REVIEW](#). First published November 1, 2016 (*Booklist*).

Chace Porter, Oyster Bay Prep's soccer star and leading man, is found dead, and the only clue in this whodunit is a picture in his pocket of him with a girl no one knew was close to him. His girlfriend, Lana Rivera, is both devastated by his death and furious at her ex-roomie, Nicole Morgan, the girl in the picture. While the student body is sequestered on campus during the investigation, Nicole becomes the prime suspect before being arrested. But did she really murder Chace? She claims she didn't, but the evidence categorically points to her. Told by Lana and Nicole in alternating points of view and time frames, layered secrets are revealed about the three students, Lana's and Chace's politician parents, and Chace's past. Despite stereotypical characters (the beautiful, self-absorbed rich girl; the nerdy, talented, violin-playing girl from a single-parent home; the stunningly handsome, athletic boy; and the pushy politician parents), this is a murder mystery with tightly tucked-in clues. Perfect for readers who enjoy fancy prep-school tales or mysteries.— *Jeanne Fredriksen*

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## **Booklist Editors Recommend**

Titles similar to *The Girl in the Picture*

- *Shutter*
- *When You Leave*
- *The Escape*
- *Girl Last Seen*