

APPENDICES

Synopsis of *Jurassic Park*

The story starts in an island near Costa Rica named Isla Nublar, in which strange activities take place. Some people who live in the island near Isla Nublar are attacked by mysterious animals which are later known as InGen's experimental animals. InGen is a company owned by John Hammond. InGen performs experiments by cloning animals. Hammond has a plan to build a so-called theme park on Isla Nublar.

In opening the park, Hammond faces a problem: all of his investors are not convinced enough about his plan; therefore, they send a lawyer named Donald Gennaro to inspect the island. To prove that his island is safe for recreation, Hammond invites some experts from the main land to take a tour in the island. The experts on the list include Dr. Allan Grant, a paleontologist, Dr. Ellie Sattler, a graduate student studying under Grant who specializes in paleobotany and Dr. Ian Malcolm, a mathematician. Hammond also invites his grandchildren Tim Murphy and Alexis "Lex" Murphy. Upon the arrival, the visitors discover that the island is a huge park with dinosaurs as the attraction. While they are taking a tour, the electricity in the island goes off because of heavy storm.

Since the electricity goes off all the dinosaurs can move freely; so, the park turns to be a dangerous place for all visitors. A tyrannosaur attacks the Convoys and causes the convoys to separate. Grant, Tim and Lex are forced to hide in the jungle because they are being chased by a tyrannosaur. Luckily, they can survive from all threats, and they plan to escape from the island through the raptor's nest.

Biography of Michael Crichton

John Michael Crichton was born in Chicago, Illinois on October 23, 1942. He is the son of John Henderson Crichton and Zula Miller Crichton. He spent his childhood life on Long Island, New York with his two sisters, Kimberly and Catherine, and his younger brother, Douglas. Michael Crichton has shown his interest in writing since he was young. At the age of fourteen, he wrote a column about traveling and published it in *The New York Times*.

Michael Crichton was a student in Harvard University; his first course was English Literature. However, he changed his subject because he had a problem with one of his professors. He changed his course to biological anthropology as an undergraduate and obtained his bachelor's degree with summa cum laude in 1964. Then, Crichton continued his studies at Harvard Medical School and started to write novels under pen-names John Lange and Jeffery Hudson. He graduated from Harvard and got his M.D. in 1969, and he undertook a post-doctoral fellowship studies at the Jonas Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, California from 1969 to 1970. Most of his writings are fictional, such as *Jurassic Park*(1993), *The Andromeda Strain*(1969), *Congo*(1980), *Sphere*(1987), *Rising Sun*(1992), *The Lost World*(1995), *Timeline*(1999), *Prey*(2002), *State of Fear*(2004), and *Next*(2006). Moreover, most of his works were influenced by his studies in medicine and anthropology. He died on November 4, 2008 in Lost Angeles, California at the age of 66 because of cancer.

Source: "About Michael Crichton"