

GROWING UP AT HER GRANDPARENTS' AMUSEMENT PARK. Reilly Rhoades has been able to count on a few things: bright lights, terrifying rides, hard work, and sweet treats. Until her beloved grandfather dies. With Grandpa gone now, the sweetness of the park disappears, and the pride Reilly had for her family's work turns bitter.

Without Grandpa, the family fights to keep the park's lights on and its rides running. The strain causes one problem after another—pretending to be happy turns out to be very unhappy work—until the Rhoades family, and their amusement park, comes apart at the seams.

As everything spirals like an out-of-control merry-go-round, a new friend splashes into Reilly's universe. Alex has never experienced anything like life at the amusement park, but he's not going to let that stop him from making big plans for the summer—and involving Reilly.

Alex is just the spark the park needs, and he and Reilly soon discover that happiness doesn't mean choosing between the past and the future—sometimes building a bridge connects all the best parts of you.

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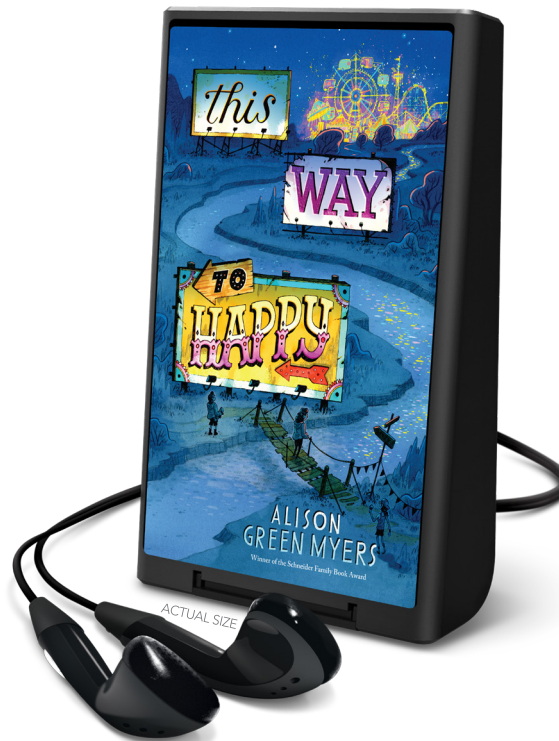
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