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# It's Not Like I Planned It This Way: Including Alice; Alice On Her Way; Alice In The Know



## Synopsis

The ups and downs of high school life continue in the second and third bind-ups in the Alice series. In *It's Not Like I Planned It This Way*, Alice's sophomore year is chock full of change, from a new living arrangement, to a possible new relationship, to the newfound freedom that comes with driving. And in *Please Don't Be True*, the adventure of growing up continues in Alice's junior year, when she and her friends deal with issues like a pregnancy scare and a heartbreaking good-bye. But no matter what changes, Alice is as relatable as ever.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 12 and up

Grade Level: 7 and up

## Customer Reviews

Phyllis Reynolds Naylor has written more than 135 books, including the Newbery Award-winning *Shiloh* and its sequels, the Alice series, *Roxie and the Hooligans*, and *Roxie and the Hooligans at Buzzard's Roost*. She lives in Gaithersburg, Maryland. To hear from Phyllis and find out more about Alice, visit [AliceMcKinley.com](http://AliceMcKinley.com).

Great book.

My 14 year old daughter loved it.

i ordered this book on december 25th 2011, and it came on the mail two weeks after i ordered it. since i live in mexico, i thought it was a great amount of time. the book was covered in bubbles paper, and it was in excellent conditions. i love the story, and i think the service that provided was great. 14 dollars for shipping is a little expensive, but it's so worth it, since i can not get this book in here-:)

*It's Not Like I Planned It This Way* is the second book in the Phyllis Reynolds Naylor's series. In the beginning of the book, everything in Alice's life is turning out great. Her dad was getting married to the girl of his dreams, she would finally have a mom again, and her brother, Lester, has finally moved out. The only thing she has to question about her dad's marriage is whether or not it will become awkward with her new step mom only because she had formerly been Alice's English teacher. Throughout the story some things started to change like the fact she wasn't the only girl in the house anymore and that she had to get braces. As the book continues good things start happening to Alice once again. She was excited about "The Jack of Hearts dance (providing I had a date); a school trip to New York; my sixteenth birthday; and- the best of all -my driver's license." (Phyllis Reynolds Naylor 255) Will everything work out for Alice? Will her new step mom be as nice to Alice as she was when her and her father weren't married? The author of this book uses a lot of similes to compare Alice to other things in life. Phyllis Reynolds Naylor included things about Alice like " My face got as red as a fresh tomato just picked from the garden" In this quote you can just imagine the color red of her face and also relate it to moments when one becomes so embarrassed that they have nothing to do but blush. Everyone should definitely read this book. It is so relatable to a teenage girl's life and or just the life of a teenager in general. This is a book that is hard to put down because you just want to know what happens when Alice makes a decision. I enjoyed this book a lot and anyone who can relate or is interested about the challenges in a teenager's world. I agree with Ashton when she says " You have made me so happy, sad, angry, delirious with laughter, and it's all been a great ride." (Ashton, Back of cover) On a scale of one to five I would give this book a five. I would give this book a five because it was impressive that the author could keep me interested throughout the whole book.

This character just gets on my nerves. Whiny, immature, naive. On top of that, I can't stand the way this book is written. The author was born in 1933, I hardly think she is cut out to be writing an account of a modern day teenage girl. What sixteen year old says "that'll be a hoot" or "go watch a program on television"? Very mundane story. Nothing interesting about this book at all.

Fans of Naylor's 'Alice' books now have three Alice adventures under one cover: INCLUDING ALICE, ALICE ON HER WAY and ALICE IN THE KNOW. Alice continues to grow and mature in each of these fine titles, moving from gaining a stepmother and sharing her home with her former seventh-grade English teacher to handling her own budding romance - with someone who is not her boyfriend. Friendships gone awry and more mark a powerful presentation highly recommended, especially for former Alice readers who will appreciate having three titles under one cover in a very affordable paperback format.

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