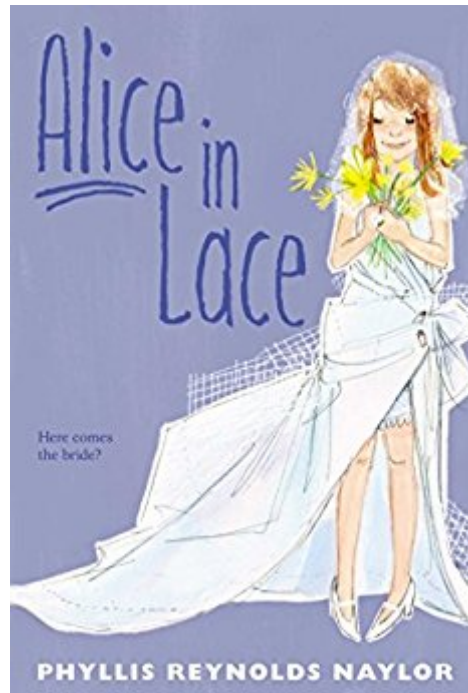




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# Alice In Lace



## Synopsis

Alice and Patrick are getting married! Well, sort of. It's all part for her eighth grade health class. But, this is a piece of wedding cake compared to some of her friends' assignments where they have to role play being pregnant or being caught shoplifting. The biggest challenge of all, though, is just growing up and this health unit is showing that it doesn't get any easier! Who decided that life was a never ending obstacle course, anyway?

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## Customer Reviews

Wow...This is Donald Trump

I loved this book!! It was very interesting to me and i am 13 years old!! I would definitely recommend reading it to any of my friends!! I don't really like reading but when I find a good book I don't stop reading it!!! I highly recommend reading this book!!!

Very great book for ages 12 to 15. I just love the series of Alice books, they are funny and at the end of each book it leaves me wanting more!

This book was great, explaining the advantages and disadvantages of marriage and life...Ms. Naylor certainly knows how to write a book! Just read this, this is cool..these kids get an assignment either being married, buying a car, planning a funeral or worse, getting pregnant? Which do you think Alice is?

As Alice begins the eighth grade, she suddenly finds herself planning her own wedding. In health class, Alice and her friends are given hypothetical situations to help them make wise decisions. Some students "became" pregnant, planned a wedding, bought a car, planned a funeral, and received a DWI. As the story progresses, the eighth graders realize that their assignment in health class becomes a reality shock. As part of their assignment, they had to experience their situations fully. Alice comes to realize that eighth grade is exciting yet complicated. Complications include trying to plan a wedding with the absence of her mother and learning something about her last year's English teacher, Ms. Summers, who is dating her father. Some exciting events were when one of her brother's old girlfriends makes a surprising announcement and a new person arrives. This is a great book; it gives students insight and connections to the real world. By reading the book, the reader can become part of the eighth grade health class. The book is very easy to read and keeps you on your toes. You will not want to put it down! This book would be interesting to students in seventh and eighth grades. Parents and teachers could use *Alice in Lace* to bring the awareness to the students about what lies beyond the classroom. In the classroom, teachers could promote social relationships, math, art, music, and geography.

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Summary: Alice is an everyday ordinary girl who gets an interesting assignment in her health class in the eighth grade. She and her friends all receive real-life assignments of situations in order to learn how to deal with and explore the characteristics of their situations. Alice and her boyfriend Patrick are assigned to plan a wedding on a budget of five thousand dollars and still have money for the honeymoon, furniture, and their first months rent where ever they decide to live. Alice and her friends learn through this assignment that life is full of important decisions and some of them can be planned for, and others are unexpected. The question is, how do you handle it? Reflection: Overall, this book had a cute story line that could help children and young adults learn to deal with situations that may occur such as planning your grandmother's funeral, getting pregnant unexpectedly, buying a car, or having a limb amputated to name a few. This story could be useful in helping children learn to plan ahead and make wise decisions. However, there were some details in the story that were perverted and would not be appropriate to let a child read due to the fact that it would cause the mind to wonder and visualizations that would not be appropriate for the age level and needs not be promoted anyway. Personally, we would not use this book in a classroom activity or allow our own

children to read it. This would have been a very cute book had the sexual content been left out.

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