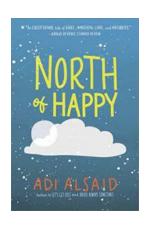
The Irresistible Adventure of "North of Happy" by Adi Alsaid

When it comes to captivating young adult novels, Adi Alsaid knows how to keep readers on the edge of their seats. His compelling writing style, relatable characters, and enthralling storylines have earned him a dedicated fan base. One of his most renowned works, "North of Happy," takes readers on a breathtaking journey that will leave them yearning for more.

The story follows the life of Carlos Portillo, a seventeen-year-old boy living in Mexico City. Carlos seems to have it all – a loving family, financial security, and a promising future in his father's restaurant business. However, beneath his seemingly perfect life, Carlos is struggling with grief after the sudden death of his older brother, Felix.



North of Happy by Adi Alsaid (Kindle Edition)

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Screen Reader : Supported

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Felix was a culinary genius who encouraged Carlos to follow his own passions. To cope with his loss, Carlos becomes obsessed with cooking and experimenting with flavors. He discovers solace in the kitchen, where he can temporarily escape from his pain.

One day, Carlos stumbles upon the diary of his late brother, Felix. It reveals a hidden side of Felix's life – his secret journey to the United States to pursue his dream of becoming a chef. Inspired by Felix's daring exploits, Carlos embarks on a spontaneous adventure to Seattle, Washington, determined to find out more about his brother's experiences and to discover his own path in life.

As Carlos arrives in Seattle, he is engulfed in a whirlwind of emotions, new friendships, and unexpected discoveries. He finds himself working in a restaurant where he meets Emma, a fiercely independent and talented young chef. Emma introduces Carlos to the vibrant culinary scene of Seattle, opening his eyes to the endless possibilities and challenges of the culinary world.

Amidst the chaotic kitchen, Carlos also finds himself falling in love with Emma. Their chemistry is palpable, and their shared passion for food creates a strong bond between them. Together, they navigate the ups and downs of the restaurant industry, face their fears, and learn what it truly means to pursue their dreams.

"North of Happy" beautifully captures the essence of self-discovery and the importance of embracing life's uncertainties. Adi Alsaid seamlessly weaves together themes of love, loss, family, and personal growth in a way that resonates with readers of all ages.

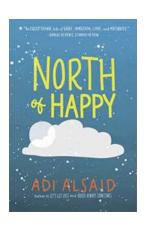
Alsaid's vivid descriptions of the bustling city streets of Mexico City and the captivating landscapes of Seattle bring the story to life. His ability to evoke

emotions through his words leaves readers feeling as though they are right beside Carlos, experiencing every twist and turn of his journey.

The characters in "North of Happy" are incredibly relatable, each with their own flaws and aspirations. Carlos's determination to find his own purpose in life and Emma's unwavering strength make them memorable and inspiring protagonists.

Like any great adventure, "North of Happy" is filled with unexpected plot twists and gripping moments that keep readers eagerly turning pages. The story serves as a poignant reminder that life is a constant journey of self-discovery and that sometimes, the most significant moments come from unexpected choices.

In , Adi Alsaid's "North of Happy" is a must-read for anyone seeking a heartwarming and captivating young adult novel. The beautiful prose, relatable characters, and exploration of life's uncertainties make it a true gem in the literary world. So, dear reader, embark on this incredible adventure and let your heart be captivated by Carlos's quest for happiness, love, and acceptance!



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From Adi Alsaid, the acclaimed author of Let's Get Lost, Never Always Sometimes, and We Didn't Ask for This

What do you do when you want to run away — but you end up finding yourself?

A dual citizen of Mexico and the United States, Carlos Portillo is happy to follow the well-worn path to a future of comfort and ease in Mexico City that's been planned for him since birth. But when his older brother Felix—who defied their parents to live a life of adventure—is tragically killed, Carlos is determined to live out his own dreams for the both of them.

He escapes to San Juan Island off the coast of Washington state and gets a job with a celebrity chef he's admired from afar for years. But while things are coming together for him in the kitchen, a forbidden romance with his boss's daughter could end his career before it even begins. Finally living for himself, Carlos learns that reality doesn't come with a road map to an easy life — but does finding your true path mean following your head? Or your heart?

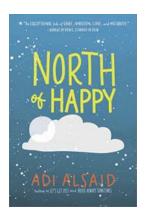
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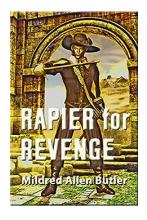
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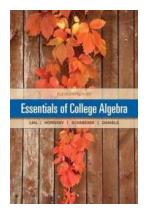
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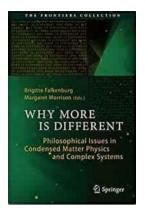
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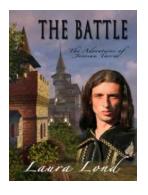
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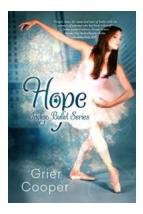
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