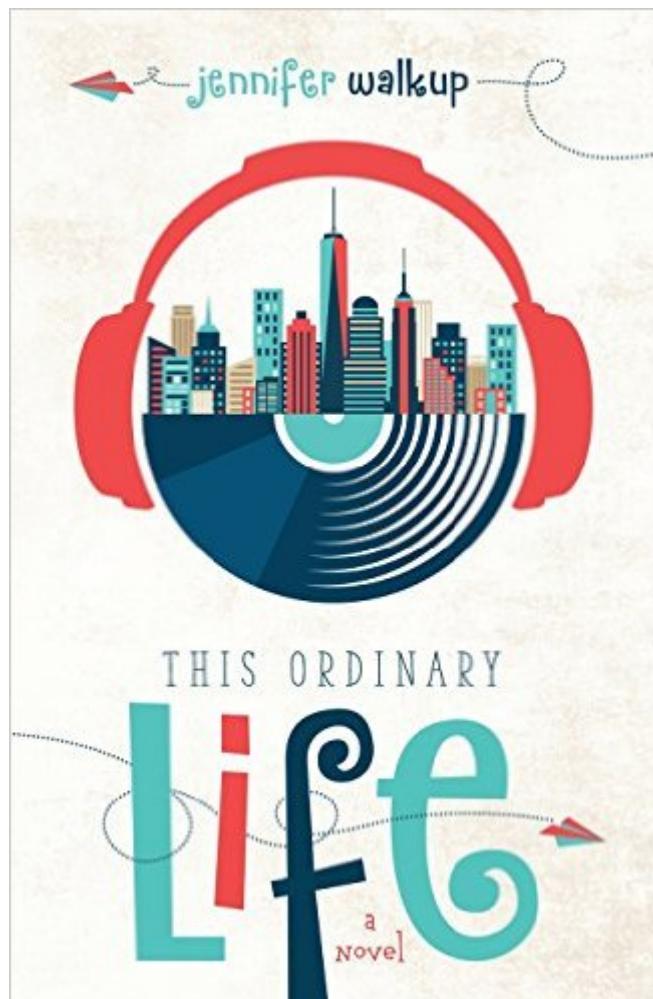


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# This Ordinary Life



## **Synopsis**

A teen with big dreams of making it in radio, struggles to hold her family together while dealing with her brother's epilepsy, her mother's alcoholism, and her own broken heart. Sometimes hope is the most extraordinary gift of all. High-school radio host Jasmine Torres's life is full of family dysfunction, but if she can score the internship of her dreams with a New York City radio station, she knows she can turn things around. That is, until her brother Danny's latest seizure forces her to miss the interview, and she's back to the endless loop of missing school for his doctor appointments, picking up the pieces of her mother's booze-soaked life, and stressing about Danny's future. Then she meets Wes. He's the perfect combination of smart, cute, and funny. He also happens to have epilepsy like her brother. Wes is living a normal life despite his medical issues, which gives Jasmine hope for Danny. But memories of her cheating ex-boyfriend keep Jasmine from going on a real date with Wes, no matter how many times he asks her. Jasmine can't control everything, not who wins the internship, not her mother's addiction, not her brother's health, not even where her heart will lead her. She wishes she could just have an ordinary life, but Jasmine may just discover that what she already has is pretty extraordinary after all.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I'm not gonna lie. The cover is what caught my attention. Because of the headphones, I instantly

thought that This Ordinary Life has something to do with music and therefore... off to my TBR you go. But it turns out that TOL isn't about music at all and I wasn't actually bothered by it. Jasmine is their schools RJ. Her father left them when she was still a kid and her brother has epilepsy. Her mother was stuck in the past and still trying to get up from her husbands absence. I guess you can say that Jazz doesn't have the easiest life. But you know why I love this book so much? Its because our main protagonist is a fighter! Life keep hitting her, throwing different kind of obstacles in her way but still.. she remains standing and hopeful. Jasmine is really one of the most admirable heroine that I've ever read. She's a flawed character, yes, but that just made her even more wonderful. The romance was great! Wes is just.. incredible. I wished that his character was explored more though because when I was reading TOL, I only see/read him when he's with Jazz. I just would've love it even more if he was more fleshed out. But other than that, Wes is nothing more than fantastic. I couldn't think of anyone that is more perfect for our heroine. It was impressive how these two made their relationship happen. It was sweet, slow and so swoony. Who needs those instalove anyway? Despite its swoony romance, TOL tackled serious issues too like epilepsy and alcoholism. I wasn't completely sold by her mothers changes but I'm happy about her character development. I was heartbroken by Danny's illness but I learned a lot too along the way. I'm not an expert but while I was reading, I can't help but think that the book was well researched. This Ordinary Life is such a delight!

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