

This Is What Happy Looks Like

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DISCUSS

Talk through your thoughts.

- What are the dangers of connecting with a stranger through email or the internet? How would you advise a friend if they told you that they were talking with someone online that they had never met?
- What are the similarities between Ellie and Graham that pull them together? What are some differences between them that are challenging to reconcile?

CREATE

Make an experience of your own.

- Find a cookbook or website that contains a recipe for whoopie pies. Make a batch of whoopie pies for your family.
- Some of this book is written in email messages. Try writing a short story composed only of email messages between characters.

IMAGINE

Use your imagination to explore.

- Imagine what this story would look like if it was written from the perspective of Wilber (Graham's pig). What details would he see, and what changes would he notice in Graham's at-home life?
- Look at a map. How far away is California from Maine? Is Henley a real town in Maine?

EXPLORE

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