

Roles:

Alison (actor to play early 40s): Narrator of the story, very self-aware and able to insightfully comment on her own journey and the complex relationship with her father and his tragic death. Vocal: Alto – low E to light belt C#

Bruce (actor to play 40s to early 50s): Alison’s father, a high school English teacher who is also a funeral home director. A complex man with a temper, partially due to his repressed homosexuality. Loving and attentive (at times) to his children but also shows flairs of anger. Vocal: Tenor – B to G

Helen (actor to play 40s to early 50s): Alison’s mother has spent her life trying to be a good mother and wife, but is frustrated with her marriage and her husband’s relationships with other men. Vocal: Mezzo – Ab to mixed E

Medium Alison (actor to play age 19, actor should be 18+): Freshman at Oberlin College and discovering her sexuality. Intelligent, well-read and socially awkward. *Must be comfortable with portraying a same-sex relationship with same-sex kissing. Vocal: Alto – strong mix-belt to C and mix to E

Small Alison (actor to play age 9): Precocious and opinionated, figuring out why she doesn’t feel she fits in on how girls are expected to behave and dress. Vocal: B to B

Roy/Mark/Bobby (actor to play Ages 17–26, actor should be 18+): Plays numerous roles from Roy, a young guy who is hired to do yard work, Mark, a junior in high school, Bobby Jeremy, the lead singer in a rock band. May appear shirtless in one scene (this is negotiable). Vocal: Tenor to a B

Joan (actor to play early 20s, actor should be 18+): Alison’s first girlfriend whom she meets at Oberlin. Joan is a poet, feminist, and activist. Unlike Alison, Joan is very comfortable in her own skin. *Must be comfortable with portraying a same-sex relationship with same-sex kissing. Vocal: Alto, strong with harmonies

Christian Bechdel (actor to play age 10/11): Alison’s older brother, but overshadowed by her strong personality. Must be confident singer who can hold harmonies and have a treble voice.

John Bechdel (actor to play Age 6/7): Alison’s younger brother, John is full of energy and looks up to his siblings. Must be confident singer who can hold harmonies.