



# My Life With the Walter Boys' Nikki Rodriguez Is 'Best Friends' With Her Costars (Exclusive)

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Nikki Rodriguez, Noah LaLonde, Ashby Gentry. Getty Images(3)

**Nikki Rodriguez**'s chemistry with costars **Noah LaLonde** and **Ashby Gentry** on *My Life With the Walter Boys* comes from a strong friendship offscreen.

"It's crazy how well the three of us get along," Rodriguez, 21, told *Us Weekly* exclusively. "We are genuinely like best friends."

Rodriguez — who landed a role on the Netflix coming-of-age drama after a stint on the streamer's hit show *On My Block* — was selected as a "Rising Star" in the latest edition of *Us*. Crowned "The Drama Queen," Rodriguez has captivated audiences as Jackie, the center of a love triangle on *Walter Boys*. But in real life, Rodriguez says that her relationship with LaLonde (who plays Cole) and Gentry (who plays Alex) is drama-free.

"Ashby and Noah can talk for hours, literally," she told *Us*. "So it's usually just me, sitting with them in silence, which is probably hilarious to watch from an outside perspective, but it's a dynamic that works really well. I'm grateful for them."



Jesse Volk

The show follows Rodriguez as Jackie, a teenage New Yorker who moves in with family friends in rural Colorado after a tragedy leaves her orphaned. As she adjusts to her new lifestyle, she finds herself developing feelings for estranged brothers Cole and Alex Walter, leading to a complicated love triangle.

Rodriguez attended the Golden Globes with LaLonde, 26, earlier this year, and the actress cited the awards show as the biggest “pinch-me” moment so far in her career.

“It’s very surreal to be in a room full of people whose work you admire,” she said. “It was also one of the first things I put on my vision board a couple of years ago, so it was a very cool full-circle moment for me.”



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Also on Rodriguez’s vision board: an intense, thought-provoking project and a role opposite two major movie stars.

“I’d love to do a raw, slice-of-life type of movie,” the actress shared. “I also really like intense, thought-provoking stories, the ones that make you think about them for a long time. Something like *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*. As far as a dream costar, I think **Florence Pugh** does incredible work, and I’d love to do an action film with **Pedro Pascal**.”

For now, Rodriguez has her sights set on more of *My Life with the Walter Boys*, which was renewed for a second season in December 2023.

“I hope Jackie takes some time for herself [in season 2] and refocuses on her long-term goals,” Rodriguez told *Us*. “She kind of ran away from her problems in season 1, and I’m excited to see her deal with what happens next.”

*My Life with the Walter Boys* is streaming on Netflix.