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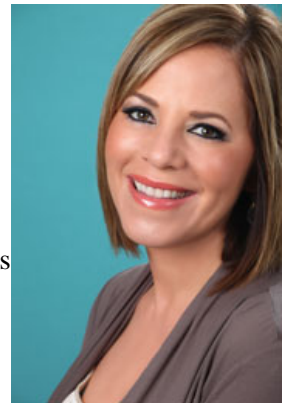
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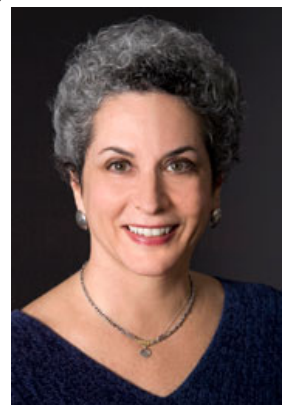
### Amazon Exclusive: Alyson Noël on *Radiance*

When Jean Feiwel, Publishers of Feiwel & Friends and Square Fish, approached me to write a spin-off series starring Ever's little ghostly sister, Riley, I jumped at the chance. I'd had so much fun creating her character in *Evermore* that she ended up getting a much bigger part than I'd originally planned. She just kept showing up—usually dressed in some kind of kooky costume and wig—and by the end of the book I was saddened when it was time for her to move on. Though, I have to admit, as excited as I was to get started, I was also a little nervous about writing a twelve-year-old, as all of my previous protagonists have been fifteen and up. But once I realized I didn't have to write a twelve-year-old per se (since no two are alike!), that I was only writing Riley, a character I'd already grown to know and love, the story took off from there. Picking up right where we left her in *Evermore*—on the other side of the bridge, firmly ensconced in a place called the Here & Now, and surprised to learn that it's not exactly the eternity of harp lessons and cloud lounging she'd envisioned. She's got a job as a Soul Catcher, a guide named Bodhi who is as nerdy as he is intriguing, and a pretty terrifying first assignment she's not entirely sure she can handle. . . Writing *Radiance* was the most fun I've ever had writing.



### Amazon Exclusive: Jean Feiwel, Publisher of Feiwel & Friends and Square Fish, on *Radiance*

As a publisher, I read a lot. So I'm always on the lookout for a book that has an author's special voice, a memorable story, an irresistible character. When I first read Alyson Noël's Immortals series (which at that time was only *Evermore* and *Blue Moon*), I loved Ever and Damen, but I really fell for Ever's younger sister, Riley. Here was a character who was a real scene-stealer: sassy, true, real (and yes, well, dead). I wanted to know more about Riley. I approached Alyson through her Immortals editor and agent, so as to be respectful of her writing schedule and prior publishing commitments. She was enthusiastic and gracious, and the editing process has been fun (!) and gratifying. Alyson is a rare person: a dedicated and talented writer, and a caring and spiritual person. I'm so lucky to have *Radiance* on our Square Fish list and to have Alyson Noël in my life.



From School Library Journal

Gr 5-8—Riley Bloom, 12, has crossed the bridge to "Here," the afterlife, leaving behind her teenage sister,

Ever, in the Earth plane. In Here, the time is always Now, and Riley can manifest anything she wants by just imagining it. She is forced to take an honest look at her past life, find her new place, and learn her purpose. Bodhi, a "dorky guy," has been assigned as her guide to teach her everything she needs to reach the next level. Her yellow Lab will travel with her. She is assigned the duty of Soul Catcher and is responsible for making Earth-bound souls move on and cross the bridge to Here. Her first subject is Radiant Boy, a 10-year-old who has been haunting an English castle for years. Other Soul Catchers have tried and failed, but now it's time for Bodhi and Riley to help him. This new series is by the author of *The Immortals* (St Martin's Griffin, 2010), where readers first meet Ever and Riley. Narrating in a contemporary voice with an honest and comfortable cadence, Riley is imperfect, but always likable as she sweeps readers to her faraway land where she makes herself and readers assess their behaviors and, quite possibly, make adjustments. In the midst of this wildly fanciful setting, Noël is able to capture with nail-on-the-head accuracy common worries and concerns of today's tweens. *Helen Foster James, University of California at San Diego*

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## Review

"Riley, who appeared in ghost form to her older sister, Ever, in Noël's bestselling *Evermore*, takes center stage in this middle-grade spinoff, first in a planned series. . . . her wit, attitude, and maturation should have readers gladly following her into the second installment." *?Publishers Weekly*

"I must admit there is not one thing I don't like about this book. I just listed it all the pros and there are no cons. I would rate it FIVE STARS if I was a critic. And I guess I am. Now I have something to look forward to, the second book coming out in Spring 2011." *?Hadley, at AllyKatz.com*

"I like Riley . . . She's faced with challenges and loves to meet them head-on. I'm very pleased with this book. . . . Riley's story is touching, moving, and uplifting." *?Bibliophilic Book Blog*

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"A tale for lovers of the genre . . . For those preteens who like a mild supernatural adventure with romantic overtones, you go, ghost." *?Kirkus Reviews*

"Riley is such a great, refreshing character and I loved her voice. She has some great inner monologues that made me laugh out loud . . . I really enjoyed *Radiance* . . . I'd definitely recommend YA fans of Alyson Noël to pick it up. I'm looking forward to finding out what happens next with Riley and Bodhi." *?Mundie Moms*

"Alyson did a great job writing *Radiance*. It was what I expected and more . . . She was able to catch that young voice and portray it beautifully. . . . *Radiance* is a great summer read. I give it 5 BITES!" *?Books With Bite*

"Another highly creative and well thought out series for Alyson Noël! . . . Noël creates another imaginative world that is so well described it sucked me in from the very beginning. She has a very poetic style of writing that will appeal to any age . . . I highly recommend." *?Bellis Novella*

"*Radiance* is a sweet story, a perfect summer read . . . Like the *Immortals* series, Noël's world building is superb. *Radiance* was the perfect book to tide me over until the next *Immortals* book comes out. As far as middle-grade books go, it's one of the best I've read." *?I'd So Rather Be Reading*

“I think I found a great new series with tons of potential, and that series starts with *Radiance* . . . This book is so cute!” ?*Bloody Bookaholic*

“I loved reading this book! . . . Its beauty and simplicity blend perfectly with romance and humor. I'm sad that I must wait until next year for *Shimmer*, the sequel. I will definitely miss Riley, Bodhi, and Buttercup! Also the cover is just beautiful!” ?*Novel Thoughts*

“The author has a way of making the world she has created come off the pages and into your mind! A book that will keep you captivated from page one until Riley's flight of *Radiance* at the end!” ?*My Overstuffed Bookshelf*

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