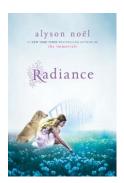
Riley Bloom Series



Square Fish, August 2010 Grade Range: 4 to 7 Age Range: 9 to 12 # ISBN-13: 978-0312629175 # ISBN-10: 0312629176 5 1/2 x 8 1/4 inches 192 pages

Radiance

New York Times Bestseller Publishers Weekly Bestseller USA Today Bestseller Featured Scholastic Book Fair Pick Parent's Choice Award Winner

SUMMARY

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Immortals comes a new middle-grade series featuring Ever's younger sister, Riley.

Welcome to the Here & Now

Riley Bloom left her sister, Ever, in the world of the living and crossed the bridge into the afterlife—a place called Here, where time is always Now. Riley and her dog, Buttercup, have been reunited with her parents and are just settling into a nice, relaxing death when she's summoned before The Council. They let her in on a secret—the afterlife isn't just an eternity of leisure; Riley has to work. She's been assigned a job, Soul Catcher, and a teacher, Bodhi, a curious boy she can't quite figure out. Riley, Bodhi, and Buttercup return to earth for her first assignment, a Radiant Boy who's been haunting a castle in England for centuries. Many Soul Catchers have tried to get him to cross the bridge and failed. But he's never met Riley...

PRAISE

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

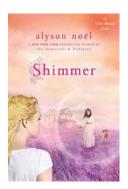
—Kirkus Reviews

"Riley, 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

"This new series is by the author of *The Immortals* 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."

—School Library Journal



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Shimmer

SUMMARY

The #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Immortals continues her new middle-grade series about Ever's younger sister, Riley.

Having solved the matter of the Radiant Boy, Riley, Buttercup, and Bodhi are enjoying a well-deserved vacation. When Riley comes across a young ghost named Rebecca, Riley soon learns Rebecca's not at all what she sees. The daughter of a former plantation owner, she is furious about being murdered during a slave revolt in 1733. Mired in her own anger, Rebecca is keeping the ghosts who died along with her trapped in their worst memories. Can Riley help Rebecca without losing herself to her own nightmarish memories?

PRAISE

"There's just something about Riley that I absolutely love! She's spunky, sassy, funny and even though she's dead, she's so full of life . . . Although these books are mid-grade books, they can easily be enjoyed by adults as well. Riley shines! She is a superstar! I'm intrigued by the thought of the Here & Now and I can't help but want to see what adventure Riley will find herself in next."

—4 Stars, Bookwormygirl

"Shimmer is a fast, fun and intriguing read. An excellent installment in the series . . . I look forward to see how things turn out in the next book."

—Anna's Book Blog

"Riley Bloom is at it again! I can't help but love this girl . . .Once again, Ms. Noel wrote a fab book. It was a quick, fun read with great characters and real emotions. The book was easy to relate to and easy to feel. Her characters, her writing, and the plot were all good."

—4 BITES, Book with Bite

"If I could pick only **one** thing I completely and totally loved about this book, it would be Riley herself. She is everything you want a female main character to be! She was clever, spunky, witty, sassy, and more . . . Another aspect of Shimmer that I enjoyed was the, shall we call it, philosophical part of it. I thought that Prince Kanta was a lovely addition to the book, and he was full of wise words. . .Ms. Noel has a way with words, too. The way she would describe certain scenes was like being inside the book. . .All in all, Shimmer was a very impressive and incredible read. At first it may seem like it's just a light-hearted and "cotton candy" novel, but not at all. It had deep meaning, morals, and it at times made you smile & laugh. Excellent read!"

—5 stars, AllyKatz

"...I am loving this middle-grade series that features Riley's adventures in the afterlife. Radiance was a great start, and Shimmer continues the awesomeness. I absolutely love Riley as a character- she's fun but flawed and Noel captures her tween voice so well...Overall, these are just some wonderful books...I'm really excited for the third book in the series, Dreamland, out this fall!"

—Book Chic



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Dreamland

SUMMARY

Riley's finding that the afterlife can be a lonely place when all you do is focus on work. So she goes to the place where dreams happen, hoping to find a way to contact her sister, Ever. She meets the director, who tells her about the two ways to send dreams. As a Dream Jumper, a person can jump into a dreamer's dream, share a message, and participate. As a Dreamweaver, an entire dream can be created in a studio and sent to the dreamer. But Dreamweaving was outlawed decades ago, and the studio was boarded up. Thinking it's her only way to reach out to her sister, Riley goes in search of the old studio. There she finds a ghost boy, who's been creating and sending nightmares to people for years. In order to stop him and reach out to Ever, Riley is going to have to confront and overcome her own fears.

PRAISE

"The *Dreamland* audio book was a fun listen. The narrator, Kathleen McInerney, was great because she nailed the voices ... Loved it! I am enjoying making my way through this series with Riley. She has come a long way since the first book, making little mistakes and learning as she goes. Although Bodhi is Riley's mentor, they are becoming more of a team now. I think that Riley may be a little sweet on Bodhi, but in an innocent, flirtatious way ... How cool is the whole idea of Dreamweaving that Alyson Noël has created? Oh, and the ghost boy who sends nightmares to people?! Now it may be hard for me to sleep at night! Audio is a nice way to enjoy *Dreamland* and I am so glad I had the opportunity to listen to Riley's story."

-4 stars, Reading Vacation (Audio Review)

"Good story! I love that each book brings a new element to Riley's world ... Riley's loneliness is heartbreaking. She longs for change. Being forever 12 years old isn't the greatest notion to deal with. Ever and Riley have a beautiful scene in this book, that I think fans will love. *Dreamland* is a fast adventure, a fun read. Fans of this author will have no trouble enjoying this new story."

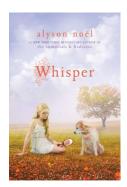
-Anna's Book Blog (Audio Review)

"This series is really special and I love recommending it to younger readers. It hits on a lot of topics like self-acceptance, the ability to learn from your mistakes, as well as the important concept of maturity... I really can't wait until the next installment."

-BookHounds

"I love the Riley/Bodie dynamic. This third book shows more than ever how attached Riley is to her young guide Bodie... This book series is very charming because Riley's delight and enthusiasm are infectious, though she experiences some loneliness and wistfulness, too. It's good to see Riley rising to do things on her own, and while she makes plenty of mistakes, she's always ready and eager to help people. I'm not much of an audiobook listener, but the first-rate narration on this one, combined with a very lovable character made my listening experience truly great. Grade: A-"

—All-Consuming Books/Reviews by Tiger (Audio Review)



Square Fish, 04.24.12 Grade Range: 4 to 7 Age Range: 9 to 12 # ISBN-13: 9780312641566 # ISBN-10: 0312641567 5 1/2 x 8 1/4 inches 240 pages

Whisper

SUMMARY

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author of The Immortals comes a new middle-grade series featuring Ever's younger sister, Riley.

This time, Riley might really have bitten off more than she's ready for. After begging the Council for a more challenging Soul Catch, she's assigned an actual Roman gladiator — Theocoles, the Pillar of Doom.

How is Riley, a skinny twelve-year-old, supposed to get through to him? Then she meets the beautiful Messalina, who convinces her that her only chance is to become part of his world. To accomplish this, Messalina helps Riley through a dramatic, mystical makeover, transforming her into the beautiful and mature teen she's always wanted to be. Finally, Riley can experience her first boyfriend and her first kiss. With a dream this enchanting, will she ever want to leave?

PRAISE

"A sweet, well paced book for Tweens, WHISPER is perfectly written for young readers. Noël handles fundamentally heavy subjects with humor and grace, allowing her heroine to come of age in the afterlife. Riley struggles with crushes, forgiveness, body image, and romance, all while trying to rescue the long tormented ghost of a Roman gladiator. . . Noël's characters and mythology were accessible and charming. Even the sticky issue of a heroine coming of age in the afterlife was handled with aplomb, neither downplaying death nor harping on darkness . . . Whisper is note perfect for a young reader who is already trying to find their place in a teenage world."

—All Things Urban Fantasy

"Absolutely loved it . . .The word whisper plays an important role in this story, where Riley again outwits the souls she is entrusted to help cross over. The world of ancient Rome is seductively described by Noël and you really feel like you are in the Coliseum cheering on the gladiators. . .I so enjoy Riley's adventures. This is safe for the youngest of teens and is a series that even the most reluctant of readers will get into. I know since I have recommended this series to several kids who say they hate to read but ask me when the next book will be out!"

-Bookhounds

"I really adore this series . . . WHISPER is the fourth book in the series, and it is my favorite book yet . . . Riley's got a great voice that most kids and teens will relate to in one way or another. This series is also great for reluctant readers. Each book is short enough and paced so that the reader will not lose interest, and although the covers are pretty, boys and girls alike will enjoy these books."

—YA Litwit, 4.5 stars