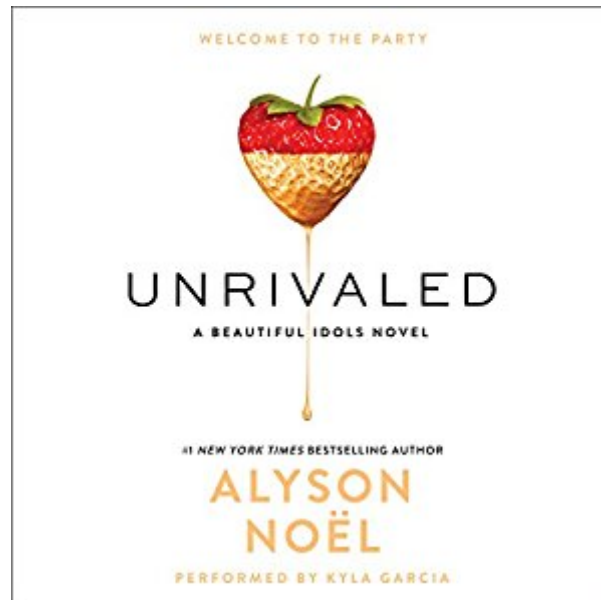


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# Unrivaled



## Synopsis

Everyone wants to be someone. Layla Harrison wants to leave her beach-bum days for digs behind a reporter's desk. Aster Amirpour wants to scream at the next casting director who tells her "we need ethnic but not your kind of ethnic." Tommy Phillips dreams of buying a 12-string guitar and using it to shred his way back into his famous absentee dad's life. But Madison Brooks took destiny and made it her bitch a long time ago. She's Hollywood's hottest starlet, and the things she did to become the name on everyone's lips are merely a stain on the pavement, ground beneath her Louboutin heel. That is, until Layla, Aster, and Tommy find themselves with VIP invites to the glamorous and gritty world of Los Angeles' nightlife and lured into a high-stakes competition where Madison Brooks is the target. Just as their hopes begin to gleam like stars through the California smog, Madison Brooks goes missing...and all of their hopes are blacked out in the haze of their lies. Unrivaled is number-one New York Times best-selling author Alyson Noë's first book in a thrilling suspense trilogy about how our most desperate dreams can become our darkest nightmares. Hollywood Boulevard is a place best viewed behind a pair of polarized lenses and lowered expectations. Yet if you know where to look (and if you're fortunate enough to boast a spot on the guest list), it's an oasis of the city's hottest nightclubs - a hedonistic haven for the young, fabulous, and rich. But there's no exiting through the gift shop if you buy a ticket to this show. Once you push past the velvet ropes and pulsing crowds, you might never escape.

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## Customer Reviews

This review originally appeared on [stayonthe page.wordpress.com](http://stayonthe page.wordpress.com). Fame, fortune and power. These mark the boundaries of who's in and who's out of the gritty world of the Los Angeles club scene in Alyson Noë's latest novel *Unrivaled*, the first in her *Beautiful Idols* series. The novel follows the interconnected stories of three teens aspiring for fame, fortune and power, each of them finding themselves competing in a club promoting contest for connections and the promise of a life-changing cash prize for one of the winners. Layla dreams of becoming a reporter and needs the money for journalism school. Tommy dreams of being a musician and needs the money to get on his feet and his career on track. Aster dreams of becoming an actress and escaping the clutches of her overprotective family who wants her to marry and start a family instead of a career. However, the competition is cutthroat and club owner Ira Redman has more than a few deceitful tricks up his sleeves. Besides fighting each other for gets at their clubs, each of the teens also find themselves entangled in the life of Madison Brooks, the top starlet in the Hollywood circles. When her life begins to spiral out of control, Layla, Tommy and Aster find themselves caught in Madison's web. And then, one night, she vanishes. The first novel in a new series presents several challenges, the first being the necessity of backstory and set-up. And that's exactly what the first hundred pages of this novel felt like. The opening chapters are dry and info-dumpy. A prologue sets up the mystery of Madison's past and disappearance.

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