

# ICE ROSE

A Young Girl's Quest to Uncover the Truth

*Alison Neuman's first spy novel provides inspiration to children...one page at a time*



*Ice Rose* -- A teenager's world is turned upside down when an explosion steals her dad and her identity. Entering an exclusive academy that immerses her in the world of secret agents, she must overcome her fears and disabilities to discover the truth about her dad's mission, his software, and the mystery man stalking her before she ends up like her father ...lost.

*"Alison Neuman's perseverance and passion for writing are an inspiration for us all." -- Curtis Gillespie, Canadian author and recipient of the Danuta Gleed Literary Award*

*"Alison Neuman's Ice Rose is a triumph that will take you on an emotional journey you'll never forget." -- Jeff Rivera, author of Forever My Lady*

Alison Neuman is a freelance writer and lyricist. As a child, she was inspired by Nancy Drew and James Bond; the pace of secret agents and detectives gave her an unlimited playground for imagination. This passion, combined with her love of music and performing are evident in her writing and characters. A proud graduate of Grant MacEwan University with a Bachelor of Applied Communications degree, Alison loves spending time singing, writing lyrics, performing with iDANCE and spending time with family and friends. Alison resides in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.



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## Fun Facts about Alison Neuman and *Ice Rose*

- Alison Neuman created all of the technology and gadgets in *Ice Rose* except for the stair climbing wheelchair. That actually exists!
- The two different secret agent forces - “NERD” and “COOL” - were a figment of Alison’s imagination. She drew inspiration from James Bond’s *SPECTRE* but also reflected on her own experience growing up in school when there was a clear division on the “cool kids” and the “not so cool” kids.
- In order to work with the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) in Canada you must have a recognized University Bachelors degree, a valid driver’s license and you must be bilingual. You will also be expected to pass a Personal Security Standard test.
- The starting salary for a CSIS Agent is \$50,000 per year and applicants must complete a five-year probationary period.
- Alison grew up being a fan of the spy genre. From a young age she was riveted by the gadgets and technology she saw in the James Bond films. She also loved the mystique surrounding being a detective especially intriguing in the Nancy Drew books. James Bond and Nancy Drew helped spark Alison’s imagination and inspired her to write her own spy novel.
- The name of the fictional school, Madisyn Academy, was inspired by James Madison – the Father of the United States Constitution – because the themes of rights, freedom and protection seemed a good fit for the school.
- Madisyn Academy is spelled with a ‘y’ instead of an ‘o’ because the school was named after a famous fictional secret agent with the last name of Madisyn.
- Growing up, Alison wanted to be a nurse. As she got older she realized she was a gifted writer and she combined her passion for writing and spy fiction to create *Ice Rose*.





## Alison Neuman Bio



Alison Neuman is a freelance writer and lyricist. As a young child, Alison was afflicted with dermatomyositis, an extremely rare muscle disease affecting the immune system. She was given a grim prognosis but struggled hard throughout the years to overcome adversity and the challenges the illness inflicted upon her. Now in a wheelchair, she is able to bring this experience and insight into her writing to create depth and give dimension to her work.

It was near the end of her studies when she became inspired to complete the first draft of *Ice Rose*. As a child, she was inspired by Nancy Drew and James Bond; the pace of secret agents and detectives gave her an unlimited playground for imagination. This passion, combined with her love of music and performing are evident in her writing and characters.

Alison's writing has appeared in *MacEwan Today*, *Westword* and the *Edmonton Journal* along with three tracks on the CD release *Outside the Window*. Co-writing the screenplay adaptation of the book *Whale Song* with author Cheryl Kaye Tardif exposed her to the world of screenwriting, which she hopes to continue in the future. Alison has written shorter pieces of non-fiction, one entitled "Establishing Roots," which earned a top ten ranking in the Edmonton Stories contest. This past spring, she was the winner of The Expressions of Hunger Contest in the Emotional Poetry category. Her piece *Undeniable Craving* was on display at various artistic locations across Edmonton. She has completed a final edit of her memoir, *Searching for Normal*, and is currently working on her next young adult manuscript.

A proud graduate of Grant MacEwan University with a Bachelor of Applied Communications degree, Alison enjoys singing, writing lyrics, performing with iDANCE and spending time with family and friends. When not writing creatively, Alison is editing or writing for her company, Sandy Tree Communications and resides in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

