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My association with Alison Williams has been brief but incredibly memorable in a wonderful way. My daughter hired Ms. Williams to photograph her wedding, in Mexico, in March of 2009. My first interaction with Alison was at the rehearsal dinner and I was immediately struck by her upbeat attitude and her incredible smile. Such qualities in and of themselves are a plus, but in Alison's case they were accompanied by an Energizer bunny level of energy and an artist's eye for the expressive.

Throughout the evening and well into the night Alison was everywhere all the time. I thought to myself that there may not be one good picture in her camera, but that woman is working like few I've seen. The next day was the wedding, and once again Alison was omnipresent. I could tell she was being careful to include all the folks at the wedding so that the images would provide memories for all in attendance. The wedding lasted well into the night to the point of exhaustion for the father of the bride. But early the next morning at breakfast, in conversation, Alison mentioned that before going to bed she had copied all the images from her camera to her laptop and to her spare hard drive. This meant they were now in three distinct locations and would not be lost accidentally. At the time I was struck by her dedication to her work. If I had been exhausted when I left the party, how much more so would she be after working all day and staying until the last guest left the scene. And yet despite her own exhaustion, she was mindful of her main job to preserve the pictures she had created from an event that could not be repeated.

Although in my mind her picture taking job should have been finished, she offered Emily and Justin the opportunity to take a completely different set of shots the day after the wedding. I have pictures of her laying in the wet sand and being tossed by the waves trying to capture the perfect images of the newly married couple as they frolicked in the water and relaxed on the beach. Never once throughout the three days depicted above did Alison ever lose her energy, her smile, or her magnificent attitude that enhanced every event in which she was present.

Now of course, all of this would be for naught if the photographs were not good. But, in fact, they were better than I could have imagined. Alison produced a slideshow of photos from the rehearsal dinner through the trash-the-dress day and set it to music that was absolutely perfect ([Justin and Emily's slideshow](#)). As I watch this production today, the very same feelings and emotions are created that I first felt at the time. She nailed it. Her work was interesting, expressive, entertaining, delightful, creative, brilliant, and she captured the essence and the feelings of the events completely! I could not have been more ecstatic to see in her work so much more than I could have imagined or hoped to experience.

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