



AMAZON STUDIOS GREENLIGHTS PROVOCATIVE DRAMA SERIES THE POWER FROM SISTER PICTURES BASED ON THE AWARD-WINNING, INTERNATIONAL LITERARY PHENOMENON BY NAOMI ALDERMAN, WITH DIRECTOR REED MORANO

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PASADENA, Calif., February 13, 2019 – Amazon Studios today announced it has ordered the contemporary global ten-part thriller **The Power**. Written and created by award-winning British author Naomi Alderman, **The Power** is based on Alderman's international best-selling novel, will be produced by Sister Pictures and is Executive Produced by Jane Featherstone ("Broadchurch", "The Split," "Utopia"), Naomi de Pear ("The Bisexual," "Flowers"), Naomi Alderman, and Reed Morano ("The Handmaid's Tale"), who will also direct. The series is produced by Tim Bricknell ("Trust," "Taboo") and will be shot on location around the world. Going into production in 2019, **The Power** is the latest UK Prime Original drama series to go into production, and will premiere on Amazon Prime Video worldwide in over 200 countries and territories.

Lauded as one of the best books of the year by The New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, NPR, Entertainment Weekly and the San Francisco Chronicle, **The Power** was amongst President Barack Obama's list of his favourite books from 2017. Longlisted for the 2017 Orwell Prize, **The Power** was also the winner of the 2017 Bailey's Women's Prize for Fiction. Already translated into more than twenty-five languages, **The Power** has found global appeal and speaks to a movement that is sweeping across the world.

The world of **The Power** is our world, but for one twist of nature. Suddenly, and without warning, all teenage girls in the world develop **The Power** to electrocute people at will. It's hereditary, it's inbuilt, and it can't be taken away from them.

Over our first season and beyond, the series will follow its cast of remarkable characters from London to Arizona, Nigeria to Moldova, as **The Power** evolves from a tingle in teenagers' collarbones to a complete reversal of **The Power** balance of the world. Everything's about to change, for everyone.

"The Power is a timely, provocative series that will powerfully resonate with the book's passionate fans worldwide," said Jennifer Salke, Head of Amazon Studios. "We're delighted to be working with renowned writer Naomi Alderman, the talented team at Sister Pictures led by Jane Featherstone and the visionary Reed Morano, to bring this thrilling, multi-layered series to our Prime Video members around the world."

"I'm thrilled beyond words that **The Power** will be broadcast around the world by Amazon," said Naomi Alderman. "Jennifer Salke and her team have had a huge and obvious passion for the project from the very first meeting - as well as a vision for how the show can reach the widest possible audience. The story is a global one, about the lives of women and men everywhere in the world, so I'm hugely excited that **The Power** will be sparking conversation and debate essentially... everywhere. We're going to make something revolutionary and, dare I say it, electrifying."

"From the moment we read Naomi Alderman's propulsive, illuminating and ground-breaking novel, the whole team at Sister Pictures knew we wanted to work with her to bring it to life," said Executive Producers Jane Featherstone and Naomi de Pear, Sister Pictures. "We are so delighted that together we have found our home at Amazon and the perfect director in Reed, where we will be able to make a show that foregrounds Naomi's extraordinary characters as they journey through the biggest reversal in human history."

"Naomi's story is like nothing I've seen and made me feel things so viscerally that I have honestly never felt," said Director and Executive Producer Reed Morano. "I cannot wait to dig deep with Naomi, Sister Pictures, and Amazon Studios into this profound and masterful vision of the complex dynamics of our world reversed."

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About Naomi Alderman

Naomi Alderman is an award-winning novelist, game designer and broadcaster. Her novels include *Disobedience*, now a motion picture by Academy Award winner Sebastián Lelio, and **The Power**, winner of the Baileys Prize 2017. She is the co-creator of the market-leading audio adventure fitness game *Zombies, Run!*, presents *Science Stories* on BBC Radio 4 and is Professor of Creative Writing at Bath Spa University. Her new novel will be published by Fourth Estate in 2020.

About Sister Pictures

Founded in 2015 by Jane Featherstone, Sister Pictures is an independent production company based in London. Forthcoming projects include *Chernobyl* (HBO/ Sky Atlantic), *Giri/Haji* (Netflix/ BBC Two), *The Split 2* (BBC One), *This is Going to Hurt* (BBC Two), *Gangs of London* (in association with Pulse Films for Sky/Cinemax) and *Don't Forget the Driver* (BBC Two). With *Cleaning Up* (ITV) currently on air, recent projects include *The Split* (BBC One), *Flowers 2* (Channel 4/Seeso) and *The Bisexual* (Hulu/Channel 4).

About Reed Morano

Reed Morano made history in 2018 as the first woman to win both an Emmy Award and DGA Award for a dramatic series for her work on Hulu's *The Handmaid's Tale*. Honored with the Kodak Vision Award for Cinematography at the Women in Film Crystal + Lucy Awards in 2011, Morano made her feature film debut with the critically acclaimed *MEADOWLAND*, starring Olivia Wilde and Luke Wilson. Her most recent feature film project, *I THINK WE'RE ALONE NOW*, starring Peter Dinklage and Elle Fanning, won the Special Jury Prize for Excellence in Filmmaking at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival, and was also awarded the prestigious Dolby Atmos grant. Morano is currently directing *THE RHYTHM SECTION*, a global espionage thriller starring Blake Lively and Jude Law for Paramount Pictures.

About Amazon Studios

Amazon Studios creates original television series which premiere exclusively on Amazon Prime Video which is available globally in over 200 countries and territories. In 2018, Prime Video launched a number of original series, including Tom Clancy's *Jack Ryan* from Carlton Cuse starring John Krasinski, *The Romanoffs* from nine-time Emmy Award winner Matthew Weiner, and *Homecoming* from creator Sam Esmail and starring Julia Roberts, Stephan James, and Bobby Cannavale. Upcoming series include the docuseries *Lorena* from Executive Producer Jordan Peele and *Good Omens* from Executive Producer Neil Gaiman, starring David Tennant and Michael Sheen.