

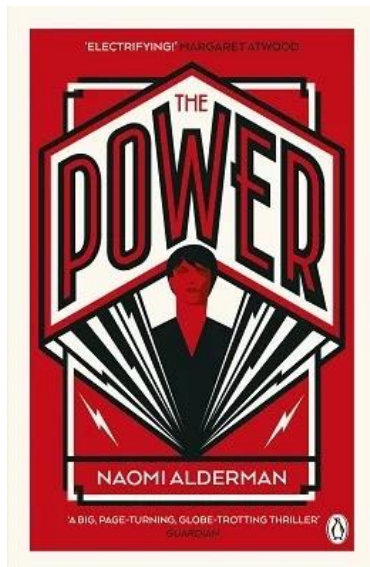


Book Talk

The Power

By Naomi Alderman

Number of pages: 339



The Power explores how the power and gender dynamics in society shift when teenage girls get the ability to shoot electrical energy from their fingers.

Following several young women and men, it looks at reactions from politicians, the media, criminal gangs and religious organisations across the world.

The book won the Women's Prize for Fiction and has been turned into a TV series.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood, or *Vox* by Christina Dalcher.

Discussion Questions:

1. Of the four main storylines – Margot's, Allie's, Tunde's and Roxy's – whose did you find the most interesting and why?
2. Why do you think the author chose electricity as a power?
3. How did the status of women and girls change differently in different countries / societies, and why?
4. What did you think of the correspondence between Naomi and Neil at the beginning and end of the book?
5. In what ways you think power, either getting it or losing it, can corrupt people?

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