

Naomi Alderman

Literature Protégée

In her thought-provoking and accomplished works, British author Naomi Alderman, 37, has challenged orthodoxies – from her Orthodox Jewish background to the closed world of Oxford University. Alderman graduated from Oxford in 1996 and received a Master's in creative writing from the University of East Anglia in 2003. Three years later, she published *Disobedience*, a novel about the tensions and accommodations between religion and modern life, for which she won the 2006 Orange Award for New Writers and, in 2007, was named *The Sunday Times* Young Writer of the Year. Published in 10 languages, the book was followed by *The Lessons* (2010), which investigates the power and problems of wealth, and the forthcoming *The Liars' Gospel*, a novel about Jesus from the perspective of the Pharisees. She also writes computer games and recently co-created *Zombies, Run!*, a successful iPhone app and audio adventure for runners. Alderman anticipates the enriching “journey” of writing her new novel under the guidance of Margaret Atwood whose work has been “a constant source of inspiration, insight and courage.”

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