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Athene Z. Adam receives national recognition through the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD®!

(EDMONTON) -- The INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD recognized *Imperious Realm (Reign of the North Forest Book 1)* in the category of Science Fiction as a Distinguished Favorite.

The competition is judged by experts from different aspects of the book industry, including publishers, writers, editors, book cover designers and professional copywriters. Selected IPA Award Winners and Distinguished Favorites are based on overall excellence.

Imperious Realm is science fiction novel about a society where adults are dying and children and becoming “Antisenent”—not aging, confined to their young bodies. The Antisenent Sergen is trapped in his home by his father, a charming politician who is abusive toward his family.

In 2023, the INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD had entries worldwide. Authors and publishers from countries such as Australia, Canada, Germany, India, Japan, Norway, Scotland, and South Africa, participated.

Books submitted included writers based in cities such as Atlanta to Los Angeles; London to Nova Scotia; from Cape Town to Mumbai; from Albuquerque to New York City as well as others.

"We are proud to announce the winners and distinguished favorites in our annual 2023 INDEPENDENT PRESS AWARD. This year included an array of quality and diverse independent books," Olczak said.

"Independent publishing is pushing on every corner of the earth with great content. We are thrilled to be highlighting key titles representing global independent publishing." said awards sponsor Gabrielle Olczak.

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2023 WINNERS: <https://www.independentpressaward.com/2023winners>

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Athene Z. Adam released her debut novel, *Imperious Realm*, in November 2022.

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