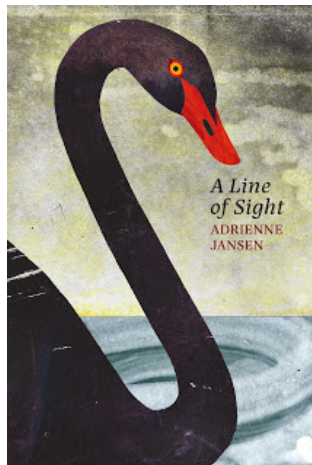


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Former leading New Zealand publisher and bookseller, and widely experienced judge of both the Commonwealth Writers Prize and the Montana New Zealand Book Awards, talks about what he is currently reading, what impresses him and what doesn't, along with chat about the international English language book scene, and links to sites of interest to booklovers.

Sunday, May 24, 2015

## A Line of Sight - a new novel from NZ author Adrienne Jansen



**Two warning shots are fired but one proves to be fatal. What are the consequences – for the hunters, for their families, for their community?**

Nick and Graham go out rabbit shooting. They spot two suspected cannabis growers on their land, both men fire in warning. One grower is killed. But who fired the fatal shot? And how far will each man go to prove himself not guilty?

The story of a young man facing the biggest dilemma of his life, *A Line of Sight* is a powerful portrayal of how one moment of misjudgement can reverberate through a community and have irrevocable consequences on scores of people.

The idea of this novel 'came from an actual incident that happened several years ago,' says author Adrienne Jansen, 'when the son of a farmer shot a cannabis grower by accident, on his father's farm. Of course, the story in the novel is now very different, but that tragic incident for that family, and that community, was the catalyst.'

### About the author:

Adrienne Jansen weaves a compelling whodunnit out of a shooting, the stories of generations from one family, and Swan – a blind boy whose strange take on the events brings great danger and unexpected clarity.

Jansen has previously published three novels: *The Score* (2013), *Floating the Fish on Bamboo* (2001) and *Spirit Writing* (1999). She has also written a number of non-fiction books, two collections of poetry, and edited a collection of short stories for children for Te Papa Press, which included top New Zealand authors like Joy Cowley and Margaret Mahy.



**A Line of Sight**  
**Adrienne Jansen**  
**Escalator Press**

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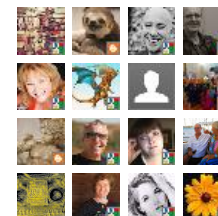


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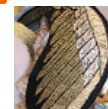
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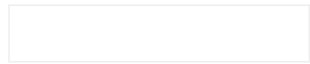
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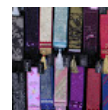
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