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Fatality inspires novel

Whitireia creative writing tutor and Titahi Bay resident Adrienne Jansen has published her fourth novel.

A Line of Sight tells the story of the fatal shooting of a cannabis grower on farmland in a small community.

"It takes its start from a real-life incident," said Jansen, "which makes it particularly vivid."

She sat on the idea for a long time before deciding to use it as a starting point for a novel.

"I was interested in what happens to communities faced with this sort of situation, how they're either driven apart or pulled together by it.

"I've written it over a long period as it's been a difficult novel to get right.

"You start writing a novel and it often goes somewhere else, and this story certainly did."

Jansen was the founding co-ordinator of the Whitireia creative writing programme, which publishes work by writers associated with Whitireia.

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