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Pantera Press — taking on the world...

Pantera Press is a relatively young and leading independent book publisher, based in Sydney, created to champion writing culture and literacy in Australia with a clear community and cultural purpose. We use our profits to fund charities and not-for-profits that encourage reading and work to close the literacy gap in Australia.

Pantera was named a 2023 Heatseeker by Nielsen Bookscan, an award that recognises the leading independent publishers showing both short-term and long-term growth. Pantera is the only publisher to be named a Heatseeker for 7 consecutive years. We have also been shortlisted 7 times for the Australian Book Industry Small Publisher of the Year award.

We publish a bespoke list of books that fit with our mission to spark imagination, conversation and change. This includes non-fiction books that matter, fiction across the range from commercial to literary, as well as children's and YA titles.

Pantera is an imprint of Hardie Grant, an award-winning independent publisher.

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————— Recent Young Adult and Children’s titles —————

WHAT'S MURDER BETWEEN FRIENDS

Meg Gatland-Veness



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'I think it was one of us,' Walter says ... 'We had the perfect opportunity. Everyone's thinking it, I'm just saying it.'

The last thing Hallie and her drama classmates expect to find on a high school scavenger hunt is a dead body. In a town with a population of about thirty-six, no one has experience with murder investigations, but now everyone's asking who killed Ms Lovelace.

The drama kids thought they were the only people nerdy enough to be at school on a Sunday. When they learn that Adam Tolentino, football star, drama-club nemesis and the hottest boy in school, was there too, Hallie is given the task of finding out what he knows – but she soon learns there's more to Adam than meets the eye.

Although still grieving her favourite teacher, Hallie knows the show must go on. Managing a musical and a murder investigation is a lot, but Hallie and her friends won't give up on Ms Lovelace – or each other.

'Mysteries and melodrama make this novel a page-turner, and the reader is kept guessing throughout... Meg Gatland-Veness has immense skill for depicting gritty Australian settings and themes without losing the voice of her characters ... What's Murder Between Friends is a memorable new addition to the market.'
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About the Author



Meg Gatland-Veness is a high school drama teacher. She attended the University of Newcastle where she studied a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Secondary Teaching.

Meg has been reading and writing stories for as long as she can remember. Equal to her love of words is her passion for championing local youths and fostering important conversation about issues facing young Australians today.

Meg was born in Milton, a small Australian town and now lives on the Central Coast of New South Wales. When she's not writing novels, you'll most likely find her at rehearsals for the latest show she's directing or tending to her garden.

'Musicals, murder, and the perfect amount of drama. What's Murder Between Friends is a guaranteed page-turner.'
Tobias Madden, bestselling author of Anything But Fine

'Surprising and clever, What's Murder Between Friends kept me guessing to the very end.'
Amy Doak, author of Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer



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