

Novel plot queried in stab case

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POLICE will investigate a popular fantasy novel, in which the protagonist stabs a man in the throat, as part of their investigation into Morgan Huxley's murder by accused Daniel Jack Kelsall.

Kelsall was seen clutching Raymond E. Feist's book *Magician* in his hands when detectives arrested him at his Neutral Bay home on Tuesday.

Now, police have confirmed they are examining the plot of Feist's book, *Jimmy and The Crawler*, which was published in February this year, because of the chilling similarities between the storyline and the way in which it appeared Mr Huxley was murdered.

The book's main character, James, a personal squire to Prince Arutha of Krondor, drives a dagger into a man's throat. The 31-year-old businessman, who lived in walking distance from Kelsall, was

found naked below the waist and bleeding to death with 28 stab wounds to his neck and back.

The book has not previously been part of the police investigation, and detectives have yet to confirm whether Kelsall had the novel in his possession.

Police have three months to prepare a brief of evidence in their case against Kelsall and are carrying out forensic tests on knives at Mr Huxley's home, the scene of the murder, and the unit Kelsall lived at with parents Mark and Lynne.

Details outlining the events leading to Mr Huxley's death are included in a fact sheet but Kelsall has made no admissions and is refusing to talk to police. He has no previous criminal record.

Kelsall, 20, will reappear in Central Local Court on Tuesday where his lawyer has said he may make an application for bail.



EXPO: Kate Beeley gets outside with Leesa Swiec and Mel Graham. Picture: Glenn Barnes

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CROSSFIT, obstacle racing and outdoor boot camps are all the rage among Queenslanders, with our sunny climate driving the industries.

This weekend thousands of fitness industry professionals and enthusiasts will flex their muscles at the annual Fitness and Health Expo in Brisbane.

Organiser Jason Greenhalgh said exhibitor numbers had doubled since 2011, with 10,000 expected at this year's event.

"The obesity epidemic is the reason we're taking a closer look at our lives and trying to be healthier," Mr Greenhalgh said.

"Eating well and fitness products aren't seen as a luxury, they're a necessity."

MissFit owner Kate Beeley is one personal trainer riding on the success of outdoor bootcamps.

The expo is at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Bank, from 10am to 4pm today and tomorrow.