

The Murdstone Trilogy By Mal Peet **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf editor** By the end I was just depressed and wallowing in this dread that I missed something really important - like 'The Point' - or that I didn't get it because it just got weird. **EBook The Murdstone trilogy health** It's totally a modern-ish Faustian tale that becomes more obvious as the book progresses.

## **EPub The Murdstone trilogy ventilator**

Mal Peet grew up in North Norfolk and studied English and American Studies at the University of Warwick. **Book The Murdstone trilogy medication** We start with an award-winning word-loving young-adult author/hermit moaning over not being able to publish his awkward-boy-Bildungsromans anymore and who has been told by his agent that he needs to start writing fantasy since that's what sells. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle direct** After the librarian's description of Fantasy I was absolutely roaring gleefully: In answer to his query Tania (her name was on a badge that rested on the gentle declension of her left breast) said "Well gosh it depends what you mean by 'Fantasy. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** "Then of course there's Portal Fantasy in which the central characters find their way through some gap or tunnel in the cosmic fabric and find themselves in a different dimension of the spacio-temporal continuum although in my opinion" - here Tania sniffed disdainfully - "these are often just sexed-up historical novels. **PDF The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Religious Fantasy you might say but that's the same as Theology isn't it? Irene over there at the desk would call it Pretentious Fantasy but then she only likes books about the SAS. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** Why have I never thought of fumbling in such a manner before? It makes so much sense! I had no idea what to expect from this book going in so I was happily surprised to enjoy it so well. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Wonderfully weird and terribly clever I don't think I've ever read a book like this one - Philip Murdstone ex teacher is encouraged to write a Phantasy ( Yes I can spell!) not his genre but hey its the fashion - but he really doesnt want to do that. **PDF The Murdstone trilogy health** If I describe them I'll give away the sheer joy of this it is witty ironic funny and sad in equal measure and takes apart the publishing industry in fine fashion with a wry eye and using a set of circumstances that are beyond my powers of speech. **PDF The Murdstone trilogy** The character names alone are enough to bring a smile - Minerva Cinch (ha) his agent is a wonderful character the strange people who live near Philip who resides in a mostly isolated cottage on Dartmoor are brilliantly caricature but all the more believable for it and this is a beautiful magical bizarre and preposterous fantasy come black comedy that will have you tied up in reading knots but enjoying every last minute of it. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebooks free** Loved the beginning loved the middle and thought the ending was fabulous - it is all written in a unique style and with some eclectic prose that matches the tale being told perfectly. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebooks free** It is extremely not YA: the subject matter is far too adult (and I don't just mean all the drinking and masturbation but the concerns of the characters) and the vocabulary would likely put 99% of YA readers off. **PDF The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** (I mean what teen does not what to read about badgers ripe and rank with estrus?) So the question becomes is it worthwhile to ignore this poor publishing decision and treat this book as an adult novel? I was excited to read it and find out: as you can see from the above passage the writing is very very British (and once people start exchanging dialogue becomes more so) and that's a style of humor that I really enjoy. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** When Philip finishes transcribing this first part of the novel he is visited by Pocket himself who promises to provide Philip with the rest of the story - if Philip will retrieve a magical amulet in return. **EPub The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** Peet is quite brutal with his subjects - fantasy and YA literature the publishing industry in general and yokels of the English countryside - but so too can be say Kingsley Amis or David Lodge or Edward St. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy machine** More and more of the fantasy world intrudes on the plot and unfortunately - though possibly intentionally? - for something being hailed as "the next Harry Potter" AND winning literary awards it sounds just dreadful. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy golf** This is perhaps not the nicest thing to say considering that the author is now deceased but it reads

like the work of a very very bitter older writer who thinks the younger generation is producing nothing but trash. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** But from reading The Murdstone Trilogy it seems to me that Peet has likely done little more exploration of fantasy than his protagonist—just enough to lance the giants of the genre. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Hardcover How hard can it be to write a fantasy trilogy? From Carnegie Medalist Mal Peet comes an outrageously funny black comedy about an impoverished literary writer who makes a pact with the devil. **The Murdstone Trilogy booker** " The Murdstone Trilogy



So can you guess which book The Murdstone Trilogy was a read-along for? It's about an author of young adult books about tortured young men whose oeuvre has gone out of oeuv. **EBook The Murdstone trilogy health** Murdstone hates the idea with a fiery passion but has no money or other marketable skills so what's an author to do?Note: The rest of this review has been withheld due to the changes in Goodreads policy and enforcement. **The Murdstone Trilogy childrens hospital** I'm not even talking about the eew factor which is high but basically just the way he sends-up every ethnic cultural national local religious and sexual orientation that he mentions. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Particularly in the beginning before the plot's (and the main character's) descent into extreme weirdness there was just so much to make me laugh out loud nodding my head and exclaiming aloud Yes! Yes! And of course I recognized all the mock figures. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle direct** And of course Mal Peet is of a time and of an intellectual level where there is quite a bit of subtle stuff going on and knowing-what-the-subtle-narrator-is-talking-about has always been a source of intense reading pleasure for me. **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf reader** If you're over 40 embroiled in the children's literature publication scene and feeling either relieved or embittered about your career you will probably enjoy it with the same guilty pleasure that I did. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebook3000** ????. And if you're new to the children's writing underworld or very politically aware and active or have written a successful fantasy trilogy or have not developed your own Sense of Self-Parody it will probably offend you. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy machine** just a really well-written book!One note: I thought this was YA but all the characters are adult and there is quite a bit of swearing and sexuality though none of that is graphic,

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You can read the entire review at Smorgasbook Hardcover The first few chapters of The Murdstone Trilogy are really not an indication of the book as a whole. **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf editor** I entered it and got something that looked like a smart satire on the publishing industry and fantasy writing and people's responses to the whole shebang, **EBook The Murdstone trilogy health** Another reviewer pointed out that the book gets dark in the second half: **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf reader** Unfortunately it never lightens once it goes there and starts to meander in strange directions. **Book The Murdstone trilogy medication** Later he moved to southwest England and worked at a variety of jobs before turning full time to writing and illustrating in the early 1990s: **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** With his wife Elspeth Graham he had written and illustrated many educational picture books for young children and his cartoons have appeared in a number of

magazines. **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf editor** Brilliantly inventive wonderfully funny and a superb parody of the often ridiculous nature of high fantasy: **PDF The Murdstone trilogy** An absolute treasure of a book with firm echoes of Pratchett in places ('sui generis' of course), **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I really did not want it to end and savoured the final few chapters reading and re-reading them: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Hardcover I regret not knowing about this author before he died, **Book The Murdstone trilogy golf** Thankfully there is plenty of his work for me still to read, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I see others have shelved this as horror and perhaps it is though not traditionally so. **The Murdstone Trilogy book** It borders on literary as it pokes fun at the literary world, **EBook The Murdstone trilogy health** It's also a dark fantasy novel in a traditional pastoral setting peopled with all the quirky characters often found in British literature. **PDF The Murdstone trilogy** And yet it's tongue-in-cheek as it plays with blending all these tropes while simultaneously reveling in them, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Until the end when it becomes a full-on tragedy and a slap upside the head, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I was bitter as I read the first page worried the story was setting itself up to be a pretentious fantasy along the lines of Lev Grossman's Magicians Trilogy. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** He loathes the genre and balks at being forced to eke out a living by pandering to the masses: **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle direct** My bitterness subsided when I came across this passage: On the mantelpiece a small number of trophies gleam faintly. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle store** One is a slab of glass or more probably acrylic the accolade buried within it only readable from an oblique angle. **EPub The Murdstone trilogy machine** Another is a rather kitsch statuette of a child sitting cross-legged intent upon a book, **EBook The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** There are three others and all five are in need of dusting: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** For some time now since well before sunset Philip Murdstone has been reciting a brutal phrase as if it were a mantra that might console him. **Childrens The Murdstone trilogy golf** Shortly thereafter there's a jab at the Eragon novels: And what might they be? Oh come on Philip! Even you must have heard of The Dragoneer Chronicles: **PDF The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** My God darling have you been living in a cave or something? Well yes I suppose you have more or less. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** The Dragoneer Chronicles is the biggest thing since Harry Potter: **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf filler** You have heard of Harry Potter I take it? You have? Good, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Well The Dragoneer Chronicles is a six-hundred-page fantasy blockbuster written by a seventeen-year-old anorak called Virgil Peroni, **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** Actually his mother wrote it for him but that's not the point, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** ' I mean it's a broad-spectrum genre as I'm sure you know, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Then there's Post-Tolkien Experimental which has glam-rock angels and drugs and that sort of thing: **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf filler** Not to be confused of course with Mormon Vampire Fantasy which is an entirely different thing, **The Murdstone Trilogy childrensalon** " Philip's brain scrambled for coordinates like a drowning spider clutching at the radials of a plughole, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Tricky to tell the difference between that and Splatter SF as often as not. **The Murdstone Trilogy epub file** It's provoked some lively discussions as to cataloging I can tell you: **EBook The Murdstone trilogy** Baguettes have been thrown in the staff room more than once. **Book The Murdstone trilogy machine** Dystopian Fantasy is more or less the same thing but with a girl as the main character because teenage girls are more miserable than teenage boys: **Childrens The Murdstone trilogy** There's Terry Pratchett of course but he's pretty sui generis: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** "And needless to say there's Harry Potter but you'll know those. **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle store** says she's not going to write are reserved for the next two years. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy golf** "Yeah that one's for the booknerds and librarians in the world, **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf reader** The writing is whimsical but solid building a subtle tension while humorously crafting a somewhat off-putting story: **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle direct** He had suddenly put on lots of weight and there was that numbness at the top of his skull that would later turn into a lobster-shaped headache, **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle store** I've had lobster-shaped headaches before but never realized

that's what they were until I read that line, **The Murdstone Trilogy ebook3000** So he was peculiarly ill-equipped for understanding what had happened to him up on the moor. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebooks free** Back in his dusky parlor he fumbled at the experience like an ape looking for the edible parts of a digital camera, **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf reader** If you're a fantasy reader a librarian a general booknerd you'll probably like this, **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy machine** If you're a complainy old weirdo like I am then you'll love it. **EPub The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** Hardcover This book was totally insane in the best way possible. **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I really really have no idea how to review it if I'm honest but I'll do my best and we will see how we go, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** It defies description in a lot of ways but if you like a good fantasy story that takes things both extremely seriously and not seriously at all you will adore this: **EBook The Murdstone trilogy** It is going to be a subjective novel for sure but I would absolutely say give it a go - it is the most fun I've had with a book for ages. **Book The Murdstone trilogy health** Happy Reading Folks! Hardcover Brilliantly funny superb writing and so very very clever. **The Murdstone Trilogy childrensalon** Hardcover First let me state the obvious: publishing this book as YA was definitely a mistake. **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf editor** This for example is the very first paragraph: The sun sinks leaving tatty furbelows of crimson cloud in the Dartmoor sky: **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** From somewhere in the bracken tough invisible ponies huff and snicker: **EBook The Murdstone trilogy** Final calls: rooks croaking homeward a robin hoping for a last territorial dispute before bedtime: **Book The Murdstone trilogy machine** Voles scuttle to holes their backs abristle with fear of Owl. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy medication** Below ground badgers ripe and rank with estrus prepare themselves for the night's business: **EBook The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I am also myself an avid fantasy - and even YA fantasy - fan while recognizing that both those genres are ripe for parody: **Childrens The Murdstone trilogy** It's the story of Philip Murdstone a once critically acclaimed now washed-up author of sensitive realistic books for teens (much like Peet himself wrote). **PDF The Murdstone trilogy** His agent Minerva convinces him that the only way to salvage his career is to hop on the YA fantasy bandwagon. **The Murdstone Trilogy booker** But Philip's research into the genre leaves him disgusted so he goes and gets tanked at the local pub then passes out amongst an assembly of mysterious standing stones: **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy machine** There he dreams the entire opening to a fantasy saga narrated in the voice of a goblin-esque creature named Pocket. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy golf** This makes up the first third of Peet's novel and it's a very enjoyable beginning, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** There are some incredibly sharp clever sentences and plenty of dry English wit. **The Murdstone Trilogy book** I never laughed out loud but my lip curled in frequent amusement, **Book The Murdstone trilogy golf** Philip's channeled novel Dark Entropy is of course a monster success and therefore obviously must become the first of a trilogy. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebooks free** To write the next two volumes Philip enters into increasingly complicated and dangerous deals with Pocket - and what he's writing begins to take on a sinister edge as well: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** At this point also Peet's novel also becomes increasingly convoluted: **The Murdstone Trilogy booking** There are passages from the points of view of the crazy thumb-sucking sisters who run the local library and speak entirely in dialect, **EBook The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** To a degree that I who know perfectly well that utter dreck can hit it big didn't quite buy Dark Entropy's success, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** (Also like The Murdstone Trilogy itself it is clearly NOT YA, **The Murdstone Trilogy booker** ) And most unfortunate we start to see the dark side of a certain type of old-school British humor creep in: a bit of racism. **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf editor** A really uncomfortable scene of (also just confusing) transphobia: **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** Kids these days!!! It also doesn't have anything interesting or new to say about publishing - "agents are the worst!" - or about the genre at which it is poking fun. **EPub The Murdstone trilogy medication** I think you have to know and even like a subject to really parody it well, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** It will mean you understand its conventions its weak spots and strengths, **The Murdstone Trilogy pdf reader** )I began this book with excitement and

finished it with a bad taste in my mouth, **PDF The Murdstone trilogy health** Instead of an affectionate parody it's a novel about a terrible person having terrible things happen to him while inflicting upon the world terrible books: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** What Peet never seems to have understood is that the world is terrible enough already: **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** Good fantasy illuminates the bad or allows you to envision something better. **Childrens The Murdstone trilogy** Even when it's sort of goofy even when it's for kids I'd so much rather read that. **The Murdstone Trilogy childrens** His agent the ruthless Minerva Cinch convinces him that his only hope is to write a sword-and-sorcery blockbuster, **EPub The Murdstone trilogy medication** Unfortunately Philip—allergic to the faintest trace of Tolkien—is utterly unsuited to the task: **The Murdstone Trilogy epub file** But the deal he makes with Pocket Wellfair turns out to have Faustian consequences. **EBook The Murdstone trilogy** The Murdstone Trilogy is a richly dark comedy described by one U, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** His agent convinces him that what needs to be written is a work of High Phantasy a quest tale for the ages or at least for the next few months. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebook reader** In the meantime but the odd things just keep stacking up. **The Murdstone Trilogy ebooks free** The magical realism in The Murdstone Trilogy never worked for me and that was probably the biggest failing: **Book The Murdstone trilogy machine** He really is so terribly nasty to everyone; no one gets off lightly and some of it does sort of make you uncomfortable in its nastiness, **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** But that was what I \*loved\* about this book - how screamingly true-to-life it was in its parody of the Young Adult Literary World. **The Murdstone Trilogy childrens** If you don't know much about publishing/writing for children from the inside it may leave you going. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** Hardcover This started out really promising as a tongue in cheek poke at Fantasy writing: **Book The Murdstone trilogy university** It devolved quickly into something mean and spiteful though alas: **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle direct** what did I just read? I mean seriously what was this? It was awesome that's what it was. **Kindle The Murdstone trilogy ventilator** A magnificent skewering of modern publishing and the fantasy genre in particular I wouldn't put this down and I couldn't breathe I was laughing so hard: **The Murdstone Trilogy booking** It also made me slightly uncomfortable because I started to scan back through my own books to see how many of these tropes I had used (and abused): **The Murdstone Trilogy kindle reader** This is perfection for anyone who's ever written a fantasy book or for anyone who enjoys satire or , **Book The Murdstone trilogy inhaler** I also think you'd need to be a bit older to get most of the jokes and references. Deeply saddened to learn of the author's death in 2015. It satirizes authors and genres and the publishing industry. I wish I'd have known of this author before he'd died. It is: I'm fucked. It has failed to console him. That was my first giggle. Nope. American obviously. I began to thoroughly enjoy this book. There's Post-Tolkien Traditionalist Fantasy obviously. That's your goblins and wizards and so forth. Reliable. As is Steampunk." "Steampunk?" "You know. Victorian time warp. Like Blade Runner directed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel." "Ah yes. Very popular with children of single parents though. I have absolutely no idea why. Let's see. Right: Post-Apocalypse Fantasy. That's boys' stuff. Basically Post-Tolkien Experimental with continuous violence. Think computer games for the semiliterate. What else? Philip Pullman. He's another problem. The Dewey System just wasn't designed with him in mind." "Indeed" Philip said knowledgeably. No point you looking for them anyway. They're all out and reserved for the next two years. In fact the books that J. K. All the analogies similes and metaphors I loved them. He felt bad now. It's a fun read with a hard end. So erm well other things occur. Wish I'd thought of it. It is early spring. Lambs plead for mothers. A fox flames its ears and clears its throat. I was looking forward to seeing them affectionately skewered. Unfortunately there is nothing affectionate about this book. Aubyn. Most certainly some classism. And definitely a hearty dose of sexism. When you get right down to it the book just feels mean. Nasty. The movie Galaxy Quest is a superior example of this. (Terry Pratchett at least he refrains from completely savaging. Award-winning YA author Philip Murdstone is in trouble. His star has waned. The world is leaving him behind. In a dark hour a dwarfish stranger comes to his rescue. K. reviewer as "totally insane in

the best way possible. You can read why I came to this decision here. I don't mind magical realism when it works. Note: ARC received via Amazon Vine in exchange for review. Hardcover This was kind of a guilty pleasure. And himself. He sends up himself in a big big way. So. Not sure who to recommend this to. Because you're going to be the target of his poison pen. Sorry. I can't finish this. Hardcover I just . . . Just FYI. Hardcover.