

Deadline is a dark comedy murder-mystery play by acclaimed playwright Don Zolidis. The plot centers on eight mystery writers who gather at a fog-shrouded island mansion for a writing challenge, only to find themselves trapped in a deadly game where they must solve (and pull off) the perfect murder.

Main Characters (The Eight Writers & Suspects)

- **Penelope Bain:** The famous and wealthy mastermind hosting the competition.
- **Deborah Haskins:** A meticulous, by-the-book mystery writer.
- **Gregory Haskins:** Deborah's husband / writing partner.
- **Carswell Chalmers:** A prolific but somewhat frantic or pretentious author.
- **Vampetta:** A writer with a dark, brooding, or gothic aesthetic.
- **Brenda:** A sharp, highly competitive writer.
- **Zak:** An intense, brooding, or action-focused writer.
- **Jennifer Milam:** An anxious, sometimes over-analyzing author.

Supporting Roles & Crew

- **Dellacroix:** The dapper and mysterious host of the estate.
- **Bella:** The sharp-tongued barista on the island.
- **Meyers:** An elderly and crusty boat captain.
- **Morris:** An odd-job worker with a loud personality.
- **Norris:** A weary, easily irritated odd-job worker paired with Morris. [\[1\]](#)