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# Writer Robert is in a Trance

Fantasy warriors grow into a novel

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A SELF-TAUGHT author from Heysham has published his first fantasy novel after eight years of penning – and a sequel is already on the way.

Robert Auty fulfilled his lifetime ambition of writing a book earlier this year when he released his heroic fantasy novel 'Trance Warriors, The Siege of Scarn'.

Robert, pictured, first put pen to paper in 1998 after being inspired by reading a variety of fantasy fiction books. And he has been writing part-time ever since.

"I

started out writing as a hobby and always wanted to publish a book," says Robert.

"The Siege of Scarn actually started out as a short story but grew into a novel and a few hundred copies have already been sold."

The book has been well received and Robert says he has not a bad review yet – one review even compared his work to JRR Tolkien.

"When you get a good review it really makes you want to write more," says Robert.

"It doesn't matter how many books I have sold. It is how much people enjoy it that is important to me."

The book's sequel 'Connors Folly' is nearing completion and could be on the shelves within a year.

By day, Robert is a manager at a Lancaster distribution company but his ambition is to become a full-time writer and have more time to develop his skills and promote his books.

"I have another two books mapped out in the Trance Warrior series but I never know how a book is going to get on until I start writing," he says.

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