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That's novel

A NOVELIST from Heysham has been voted runner-up in an international 'Book of the Year' award.

Robert Auty's novel 'Trance Warriors - The Siege of Scarn', came to the attention of judges at the Spinetings awards.

The book took Robert (pictured), a distribution company manager, seven years to complete over weekends and countless evenings.

It is the first in a planned four book series set in a world of feuding warriors, sorcery and evil demons - and the second book, 'Connor's Folly', is already complete.

Robert says: "The book came into being in the midst of writing a contemporary fantasy which I was uncomfortable with in the 'now'. I wrote a two-page premise, which in essence became the first two pages of

First book gains award for Robert

chapter one of the book.

"As for coming runner up, it was brilliant. Considering the calibre of some of the authors and the weight of a few large publishers, I was pleased."

He adds: "Any review, good, or not so good, can help you move forward. It's a very personal thing, and sometimes difficult to see from any perspective but your own. So the plaudit of being a runner-up was brilliant!"

