

# Greek mythology inspires author



Luciana Cavallaro is excited about the recent launch of her first book based on Greek mythology.

YEARS of hard work came to fruition when Luciana Cavallaro launched her first book, "Accursed Women" at the end of last month at South Fremantle Senior High School.

The first time author, who grew up in Waroona and attended St Joseph's and Waroona District High School before studies took her to Perth, has dabbled with writing since high school.

During a prolonged period of forced immobility after a car accident, she took to writing to keep herself occupied.

Ms Cavallaro was always fascinated by mythology and the idea for her book popped up when she visited places of ancient history in Europe and saw the newly-released movie *The Gladiators*.

The historical fantasy, which tells stories based on Greek mythology from the women's view,

took about 12 months to write with months of research.

"I have always been fascinated by Greek mythology and developed my novels after a lot of reading and research," she said.

"I never learnt about ancient history at school but was interested in it.

"It certainly is a niche genre — not everyone's cup of tea, but could be interesting for high schools teaching ancient history or literature."

Ms Cavallaro said the launch had been a dream as she had always wanted to publish a book.

"So far reviews have been pretty positive and my aim is to be a lifelong writer," she said.

Ms Cavallaro has plenty of ideas for short stories but will now concentrate on finishing the trilogy she has been working on for the past seven years.