

Long literary journey begins for local writer

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A LONG but worthwhile journey of novela writing has just begun for a budding Durban writer who has launched her first book, set in KwaZulu-Natal, highlighting societal ills, including abuse of substances like the whoonga drug.

Thobile Msomi launched her book last Friday in Durban. Published by Umnotho Publishers of Pinetown, Kuyochitheka Gula Linamas – meaning “all hell will break loose” – is an easy read, which is bound to encourage and inspire the reading of books in Zulu.

“The book highlights social ills, which include substance abuse (whoonga), depression, cohabitation, culture versus religion, career guidance and also themes of love, forgiveness and hope,” she said.

“Through the book, I am planning on conducting school and resource centre tours around KwaZulu-Natal as way of promoting the culture of reading and also of course promoting the book itself,” said Msomi, who is an avid reader herself.

Msomi matriculated at the respected Pinetown Girls High School and is a graduate of the Durban University of Technology.

“I am working on short stories also written in Zulu. As respected Prof Sihawu Ngubane emphasised the importance of Zulu as a language and other indigenous languages during the launch of the book, I aim to do just that. I want to promote the culture of reading, especially in the Zulu language.”

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THE JOURNEY BEGINS: Thobile Msomi with her first book which highlights social ills, including whoonga.