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Ex-vice cop writes book about hero

TALES BASED ON EXPERIENCE

James Gorman

A FORMER detective and ICAC investigator has put his 30-years of experience to paper with the release of his novel *Harry's World*.

Having worked as a vice detective and sexual deviant investigator followed by a stint as an ICAC official, Ultimo resident Andrew Patterson said his novel was loosely based on personal experiences. Protagonist Harry Kenmare is a private detective in an unfriendly, unjust world.

"I joined the police force when I was 21 and just started to work my way up," Patterson said.

"I was a cop in Western Australia until 1999 when I left as a detective Sergeant to come to Sydney," he said.

"In the last couple of years

before I left, I was working in the vice squad in Perth but I made the move with the state ombudsman setting up the Child Protection Function in Sydney and I worked there for a little while and then made my way to ICAC as a chief investigator.

"All the characters in my book are completely fictitious but the issues that are dealt with and covered are largely drawn from the things I've seen in society."

Mr Patterson plans to use his wealth of knowledge to pen follow-up literature.

"I am already working on some other projects, certainly in relation to Harry the protagonist who is featured in my first book, so there will be plenty more stories about him and his exploits," he said.

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Former police officer and ICAC chief investigator Andrew Patterson has released his debut novel. Picture: CARLY EARL