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Third book in popular *Serafina* Series coming July 3

#1 New York Times series continues with Serafina and the Splintered Heart

ASHEVILLE, N.C. - *Serafina and the Splintered Heart*, the newest book in best selling author Robert Beatty's mystery-thriller *Serafina Series*, is set for nationwide release on July 3.

A mix of history, mystery and magic, *Splintered Heart* continues the adventures of Serafina, a brave and unusual cat-like girl, and her friend Braeden Vanderbilt, who live at the grand Biltmore Estate during the 1890s amidst the splendor of the Gilded Age and the rugged beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It's the third book in the spooky, Southern gothic series from Disney Hyperion that's become a runaway hit with readers of all ages.

In *Splintered Heart*, Serafina finds herself in an unimaginable place, scarred by a terrible battle and unsure of everything around her. She must work like never before to uncover the truth and battle a mysterious force menacing her home and all that she loves. "Old friends do unthinkable things and it seems that enemies are all around," said Beatty. "She's facing an epic fight."

The first two books in the *Serafina Series* are #1 New York Times Best Sellers. Book 1, *Serafina and the Black Cloak*, was awarded the prestigious 2016 Pat Conroy Southern Book Prize, and Book 2, *Serafina and the Twisted Staff*, earned a "Starred Review" from Kirkus Reviews, which said, "Even better than its predecessor, a sequel that delivers nonstop thrills from beginning to end." *Twisted Staff* is also a finalist for the 2017 Southern Book Prize.

Serafina and the Splintered Heart is available for pre-order now at bookstores nationwide or on Amazon at <http://amzn.to/2jdd6Gk>.

The *Serafina Summer Book Tour* kicks off July 2 with multiple stops in the Carolinas and Tennessee, including Asheville, Charlotte, Hickory and Greensboro, N.C.; Greenville, S.C.; and Knoxville and Johnson City, Tenn. A National Book Tour is planned for the fall, with stops in Birmingham, Jackson, Miss.; Houston, St. Louis, Chicago and Denver.

Visit robert-beatty.com for more information on *Serafina and the Splintered Heart* and the *Serafina Book Series*.

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