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Caption: *Serafina and the Seven Stars* marks the return of a heroine like no other, as Asheville author Robert Beatty weaves his darkest, most astonishing tale yet.

Book 4 of the best-selling Serafina Series arrives this summer

ASHEVILLE, N.C. — A heroine like no other returns this summer in *Serafina and the Seven Stars*, the eagerly awaited fourth book in Robert Beatty's best-selling mystery-thriller series set at Biltmore Estate.

Scheduled for nationwide release on July 9 by publisher Disney Hyperion, *Seven Stars* continues the adventures of Serafina, a brave and unusual cat-like girl who lives in the grand Biltmore mansion amidst the splendor of the Gilded Age and the rugged beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. A mix of history, mystery and magic, the spooky Southern gothic series is loved by readers of all ages.

"*Seven Stars* follows the relationship between Serafina and her closest friend and ally, Braeden Vanderbilt," said Beatty. "Many things are changing for them at Biltmore, and Serafina has begun to doubt her role at the estate, but they soon find themselves tested by a series of startling events."

The first book in the Serafina Series, *Serafina and the Black Cloak*, became a #1 *New York Times* bestseller, remained on the list for more than 60 weeks, and was the winner of the prestigious 2016 Southern Book Prize. The second book, *Serafina and the Twisted Staff*, became a NYT #1 best seller in the first week of its launch. The third book, *Serafina and the Splintered Heart*, launched Serafina onto the NYT Best Selling Series List, along with such series as Harry Potter and The Hunger Games. Beatty is also author of last year's #1 best-selling *Willa of the Wood*, set in the Great Smoky Mountains.

Serafina and the Seven Stars is available now for pre-order from Amazon (<https://amzn.to/2u9wmhc>), Barnes & Noble (<https://bit.ly/2JiSAaX>), and IndieBound (<https://bit.ly/2FgCta2>).

Personalized, autographed copies of Beatty's books and other Serafina and Willa gifts are available online at <https://robertbeattybooks.com/shop/>.

Join Beatty on Sunday, July 7, as he celebrates the launch of *Serafina and the Seven Stars* at Barnes & Noble-Asheville Mall in Asheville, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is expected to be the author's only event in the Southeast this summer, as he'll be on a national tour with Disney Hyperion to support the launch of *Seven Stars*.

Stops on the *Seven Stars* national tour are: July 8, Portland, Ore., Powell's Books-Cedar Hills; July 9, Los Angeles, Barnes & Noble-The Grove; July 10, San Francisco Bay Area, Copperfield's Books-Petaluma; July 11, San Diego, Mysterious Galaxy; July 12, Seattle, Third Place Books Ravenna; and July 14, D.C. Metro Area, Barnes & Noble-Alexandria.

Visit robertbeattybooks.com for more information on *Serafina and the Seven Stars*, book tour dates and locations, and the Serafina Book Series.

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