

AUTHOR BIO

Robert Beatty is the #1 *New York Times* best-selling author of the **Serafina Series**, the **Willa Series**, and **Sylvia Doe** — all published by Disney-Hyperion.

Loved by both young readers and adults alike, his books are being taught in over a thousand classrooms nationwide and have been translated into over twenty languages across the world. Over ONE MILLION of his books have been sold.

The award-winning **Serafina Series** is a spooky mystery-thriller about a brave and unusual cat-like girl who lives secretly in the basement of the grand Biltmore Estate, surrounded by the opulence of the Gilded Age and the rugged beauty of the Blue Ridge Mountains. **Serafina and the Black Cloak**, the first book in the series, won the Southern Book Prize in 2016. All four books in the series became #1 *New York Times* bestsellers.

Mr. Beatty's second project was the #1 *New York Times* best-selling **Willa of the Wood Series**, the story of a young forest girl with ancient magical powers who struggles for survival and understanding in the Great Smoky Mountains. The Willa books are in the early stages of being developed into a live action television series by Lionsgate.

His latest book, **Sylvia Doe and the 100-Year Flood**, is the tale of a lonely 13-year-old girl and a powerful, magical storm that forever changes her life. The award-winning author Kwame Alexander called it, "Magical realism at its best." Both Kirkus and Publishers Weekly awarded *Sylvia Doe* with a prestigious STARRED REVIEW.

Robert Beatty lives in the mountains of Asheville, North Carolina with his wife and three daughters, who help create and refine his stories. He loves to explore the historic Biltmore Estate and the Blue Ridge Mountains where his novels take place. He writes full-time now, but in his past lives, Mr. Beatty was one of the early pioneers of cloud computing, the founder/CEO of Plex Systems, the co-founder of Beatty Robotics, and the chairman/CTO of Narrative Magazine. In 2007, he was named an Entrepreneur of the Year.

When asked about the inspiration for his writing, Robert said, "My books are inspired by my desire to write about heroic young girls for my three daughters."