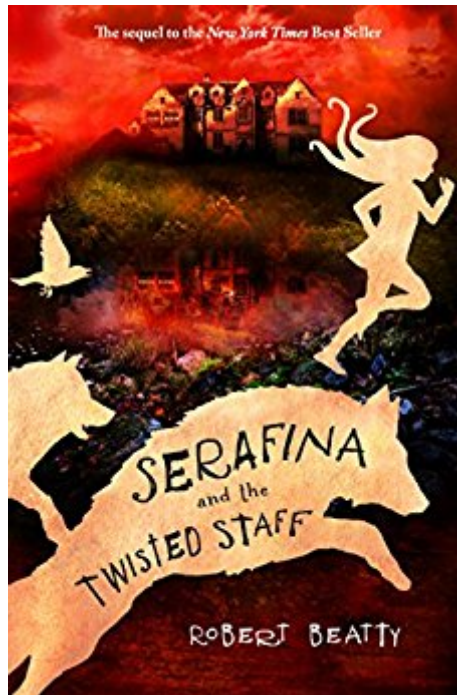


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Serafina And The Twisted Staff (Fiction - Middle Grade)



Synopsis

Serafina's defeat of the Man in the Black Cloak has brought her out of the shadows and into the daylight realm of her home, Biltmore Estate. Every night she visits her mother in the forest, eager to learn the ways of the cat. But Serafina finds herself caught between her two worlds: she's too wild for Biltmore's beautifully dressed ladies and formal customs, and too human to fully join her kin. Late one night, Serafina encounters a strange and terrifying figure in the forest, and is attacked by the vicious wolfhounds that seem to be under his control. Even worse, she's convinced that the stranger was not alone, that he has sent his accomplice into Biltmore in disguise. Someone is wreaking havoc at the estate. A mysterious series of attacks test Serafina's role as Biltmore's protector, culminating in a tragedy that tears Serafina's best friend and only ally, Braeden Vanderbilt, from her side. Heartbroken, she flees. Deep in the forest, Serafina comes face-to-face with the evil infecting Biltmore and discovers its reach is far greater than she'd ever imagined. All the humans and creatures of the Blue Ridge Mountains are in terrible danger. For Serafina to defeat this new evil before it engulfs her beloved home, she must search deep inside herself and embrace the destiny that has always awaited her.

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Original Post: Serafina and the Twisted Staff (Serafina 2) at FLYLÄ“F (reviews.flylef.com)IT COSTS ME twice as much to read Serafina and the Twisted Staff. I purchase one copy for myself, and one copy for my Goddaughter (who is also my niece). But, ssh. She doesnâ™t know yet, unless sheâ™s reading this. In which caseâ |SURPRISE, BABY GIRL!In this dazzling and magical sequel, New York Times best selling author, Robert Beatty continues to weave an enchanting tale centered at Biltmore Estate, a magnificent and very real 250-bedroom mansion nestled in the forested mountains of Asheville, North Carolina. I was captivated by this heart-stopping adventure about thrilling secrets and dangerous mysteriesâ”as a courageous Serafina embraces her destiny to overcome a darkness set into motion long before The Man in the Black Cloak (Serafina 1).Despite the discovery of her origins, twelve-year-old Serafina finds herself lonelier and more confused than ever before as she struggles to find acceptance. With â œlarge amber eyes, deeply angled cheekbones, and a shaggy mane,â • Serafina is anything but ordinary. I felt her anguish as she is cast unwanted by those she loves because she doesn't quite fit in. She is too human to be safe in the forest with her catamount mother, and too wild to be with her human pa. Even her bond with best friend, Braeden Vanderbuilt, is tested to its limits.Meanwhile as a conflicting Serafina tries to understand and embrace her two halves, a dark force is gathering at Biltmore Estate. A â œtragedyâ • so great leaves a heartbroken Serafina fleeing blindly and deeply into the forest where she â œcomes face to face with the evil conflicting Biltmore.

I was thrilled beyond belief when I found out that there was going to be a sequel to Robert Beattyâ™s middle grade novel Serafina and the Black Cloak. I had been impressed with Beattyâ™s debut last year, and I wanted to find out what was going to happen to our plucky protagonist next.It should be noted that Serafina and the Twisted Staff reveals information about the first Serafina book and its infamous black cloak, including the identity of the person wearing the black cloak. This review will skirt around such spoilers.Serafina and the Twisted Staff begins relatively soon after the events of the first book. Serafina struggles to find her place in the world; she is not wild enough to survive in the forest, but she feels too wild to live amongst the civilized folk at the grand Biltmore estate. Serafina and her friend Braeden thought that by defeating the black cloak, they have banished evil from Biltmore. Unfortunately, they are very wrong. Serafina stumbles upon a terrifying force in the forest that almost defeats her. She is confused about what she experienced, and treats some of the Biltmore guests with suspicion- did they have anything to do with the attack?In order for Serafina to survive this new evil, she needs to figure out who she is,

what she is capable of, and what her place in the world entails. And she needs to do it quickly because the wielder of the twisted staff is waiting for her. I often share the middle grade ARCs I receive with my daughter. After I read the synopsis for the first Serafina book last year, I knew it would be too scary for her. I asked her about Serafina and the Twisted Staff, and she said she was interested.

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