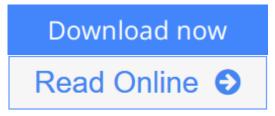


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#### **Editorial Review**

#### From Booklist

Serafina is an 11-year-old Haitian struggling to keep her dream of becoming a doctor alive. Living in a desolate mountain village, Serafina toils at her daily chores while planning to attend school in the requisite uniform and shoes. Serafina has a warm family, a true friend in Julie Marie, and an encouraging woman doctor, who all come to support her vision. Then a flood washes away the family home, and the roaring stampede of an earthquake devastates the city of Port-au-Prince, where Serafina's father works and Julie Marie lives. In this novel in verse, the author of the acclaimed All the Broken Pieces (2009) uses a lush narrative bouquet, filled with blooms of quiet verse, rhythmic Creole, and Haitian proverbs and sayings that capture life's poignancy and hardships, including a message that Serafina has learned from an early age: "If you want your eggs to hatch, sit on them yourself." In Burg's lyrical tale, Serafina is a force of nature in her own right who carries her family, friends, and dreams to safe ground. Grades 5-8. --Gail Bush

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Awards and Nominations for SERAFINA'S PROMISE:

Kirkus Best Book of the Year

Parents' Choice Gold Award winner

School Library Journal Best Books of the Year

New York Public Library 100 Books for Giving and Sharing

The Herald-Sun Wilde Award for Longer books, Middle grade novel

Cybils Awards Finalists, Middle Grade Fiction

NAACP Image Awards Outstanding Literary Work-Youth/Teens nominee

ALA Notable Book

ALA Notable Trade Book in the Field of Social Studies

Michigan Great Lakes Great Books Award nominee

Bank Street College Children's Book Committee - Best Children's Books of the Year

Americas Award, Commended Title

#### About the Author

Ann Burg's debut novel, ALL THE BROKEN PIECES, was named a Jefferson Cup award winner and an IRA Notable Book for a Global Society, among its many honors. Burg worked as an English teacher for ten years before becoming a full-time writer. She lives in Rhinebeck, New York, with her family. You can visit her online at www.annburg.com

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