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Bestselling novelist John Herrick's *Beautiful Mess* set for August release:

Segue Blue will release *Beautiful Mess* on August 1, 2017

ST. LOUIS, MO – Segue Blue Publishing announces the upcoming release of *Beautiful Mess* by John Herrick. Slated for simultaneous publication in trade paper (ISBN: 978-0-9915309-6-0, 432 pages, \$15.95) and eBook (\$7.99) editions, *Beautiful Mess* will be available where fine books are sold on August 1, 2017.

Acclaimed novelist John Herrick delivers a confident, captivating tale in *Beautiful Mess*. An irresistible novel about longing, hope, and the redemptive power of love, *Beautiful Mess* is the story of a fallen star, four Hollywood misfits—and the Marilyn Monroe you only *thought* you knew...

About *Beautiful Mess*: Protagonist Del Corwyn is an aging relic—an actor who climbed from errand boy to Academy Award nominee; who kept company with Hollywood's golden era elite; who even shared a close friendship with Marilyn Monroe. But now, Del Corwyn is facing bankruptcy. Humiliated and forced to downgrade his lifestyle and sell the home he's long cherished, Del is destined to fade into a history of forgotten legends—unless he can revive his career. All he needs is one last chance. While searching through memorabilia from his beloved past, Del rediscovers a mysterious envelope, dated 1962, containing an original screenplay by Marilyn Monroe—and proof that she named him its legal guardian. Seemingly overnight, Del goes from bankrupt, washed up has-been to the top of Hollywood's A-list. But the opportunity to reclaim his fame and fortune brings a choice: Is Del willing to sacrifice newfound love, self-respect and his most cherished friendship to achieve his greatest dream?

Beautiful Mess follows one man's journey towards finding love and relevance where he least expects it—and proves that coming-of-age isn't just for the young.

A standout novel that shines a light on the human dimension that lives and breathes beneath the glittering façade of Hollywood, *Beautiful Mess* is resplendent with warmth, humor and honesty. With its extraordinary cast of characters—richly-drawn, meticulously crafted characters that spring to life within its pages—*Beautiful Mess* showcases a level of realism few novels successfully achieve. In Herrick's capable hands, readers are treated to a quietly inspirational, thoughtful, thought-provoking, exceedingly human story that brims with both passion and compassion. *Beautiful Mess* is imminently readable, completely relatable, and populated with characters one can't help but root for—especially the unforgettable Del Corwyn. An appropriately beautiful story beautifully told, *Beautiful Mess* is exquisite.

New York Times bestselling author Jeffrey James Keyes calls *Beautiful Mess*, “a creative and fresh romp through one of pop culture's most notorious tales. John Herrick's characters become your best friends. His world is keen, compelling and excessively alive.”

A graduate of the University of Missouri—Columbia, John Herrick explores themes of spiritual journeys and the human heart in his works. Herrick's debut novel, *From the Dead*, hailed as “a solid debut novel” by the *Akron Beacon Journal*, achieved Amazon best-seller status, while Herrick's second novel, *The Landing*, was named a semifinalist in the inaugural Amazon Breakthrough Novel Award contest. Herrick's nonfiction eBook, *8 Reasons Your Life Matters*, received over 160,000 downloads and landed at #1 on Amazon's Motivational Self-Help and Christian Inspiration bestseller lists. His third novel, *Between these Walls*, garnered high critical acclaim, including *Publishers Weekly's* prediction that “Herrick will make waves.” John Herrick is a native of St. Louis. Visit him online at: www.johnherrick.net

Founded in 2009, Segue Blue is an independent publisher based in St. Louis. For more information, visit: www.segueblue.com Members of the news media wishing to request additional information about *Beautiful Mess* or novelist John Herrick are kindly asked to contact Maryglenn McCombs by phone: (615) 297-9875, or by email: maryglenn@maryglenn.com.

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