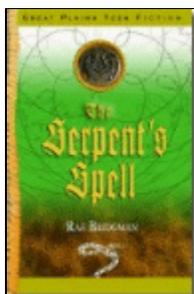


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The Serpent's Spell

by Rae Bridgman

In *The Serpent's Spell*, Rae Bridgman has crafted a new children's fantasy that will most certainly appeal to readers needing a Harry Potter fix. Like Harry, William Wychwood, the main character, finds out as a fifth grader that he's born into a magical family and goes to live with his aunts and his cousin Sophie. He and Sophie enter Gruffud's Academy, and he becomes the target of a plot to steal a magical medallion his grandmother has entrusted to him. Also, Wil and Sophie become caught up in the mystery of why hundreds of sacred snakes are being slaughtered.

Bridgman's snake lore and information about eggs, specifically magical Firebird eggs, sets her magical fantasy apart from other Harry Potter-type books. Also, she puts her characters in MiddleGate, a village magically hidden inside Winnipeg, Manitoba, not the hotbed of magical practitioners that one might expect. But that location means that winter is very important and Bridgman creates a Winterlude celebration as a backdrop for some of the action.

The Serpent's Spell is a delightful read. It is hoped that Rae Bridgman will continue Wil and Sophie's adventures in MiddleGate for years to come.

The Book

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