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**MES SEIGNEURS, GENTES DAMES & GENTILS HOMMES,  
MILORDS, MILADIES  
AND ALL THEE  
WITHIN THE SOUND OF MY VOICE!**

**ON THIS DAY, THE 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL,  
IT IS MY MANDATE, MY PRIVILEGE AND MY PLEASURE  
TO WELCOME YOU—EACH AND EVERY ONE—  
TO THIS EXCITING LITERARY LAUNCH.**

**WE ARE HERE ALL  
TO CELEBRATE  
THE FRUITS OF A LABOR OF LOVE—  
THAT FROM THE PEN OF SOMEONE  
SOON TO BE KNOWN AS  
A LASTING LUMINARY ON THE LANDSCAPE OF  
CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.**

**I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THE SUSPENSEFUL STORYLINE OF  
*THE SERPENT'S SPELL*  
WILL STIMULATE AND SEDUCE THE IMAGINATIONS OF  
BOTH YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART.  
SERIOUS READERS WILL SUCCUMB  
TO THE SURREAL AND MAGICAL CHARMS  
OF THE SECRET CITY OF MIDDLEGATE,  
OF THE SUPERNATURAL TALENTS OF ITS CHARACTERS,  
AND OF THE SLITHERING SNAKES OF NARCISSE.**

**GREAT READING WILL BE HAD BY ALL!**

**BY SERPENT'S GRACE,  
I BID LONG LIFE TO THIS BOOK,  
AND TO THE ENTIRE DOMAIN OF CHILDREN'S LITERATURE.**

**GOOD DAY TO ALL!**

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