

## FISH AND SPHINX

By Rae Bridgman

In this rollicking fishy tale, two eleven-year-old cousins, Sophie and Wil, uncover a secret plot by the Serpent's Chain — an ancient, magical secret society — to seize Manitoba's Legislative Building (or as it is known in MiddleGate, the Palace of the Blazing Star). The children try to unlock the Palace's hidden code, aided by a

homeless woman with long whiskers and fishy stench who lives by the river. This woman, though, is none other than Catfysh herself, the Spirit of the River. Stone lions, cow skulls, bison and sphinxes and even a stone Medusa spring to life to help the children save the Palace of the Blazing Star.

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### About the Author

Rae Bridgman grew up on a farm in Maple, Ontario. As a child she loved reading. She also studied Latin for years and still enjoys collecting unusual words. After obtaining a music degree from the University of Toronto she started making masks, and studied mime and clowning. She started a master's degree in 1984. Then she became interested in anthropology and started a PhD in 1988. Since then she has written several books about her research on homelessness in Toronto. She is also the author of two other books in the MiddleGate series: *Serpent's Spell* and *Amber Ambrosia*. Rae and her family live in Winnipeg, where she teaches at the faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba.

# AMBER AMBROSIA

By Rae Bridgman

Ten-year-old cousins Sophie and Wil face a long and endless summer, until they find out MiddleGate's honeybees are falling sick. Even the Secretariat on the Status of Magical Creatures seems unable to solve the mystery. Fearing for Aunt Rue's position at the Secretariat, Wil and Sophie decide to find out who — or what — is attacking the insects after the symbol of a golden bee suddenly appears on Wil's black medallion.

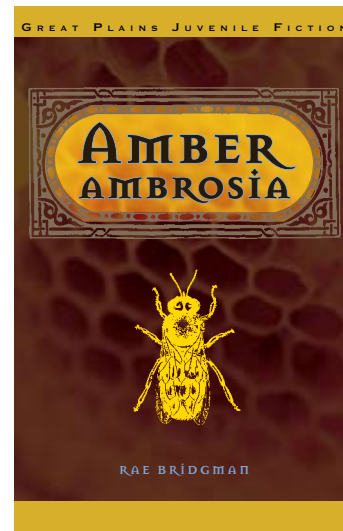
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The children are cast into the secret world of the magical honeybees of MiddleGate; a world where Magykalis honey transforms those who consume it and portends a future when the Serpent's Chain — a secret magical society — returns to power.

\* For readers 8–12 years old

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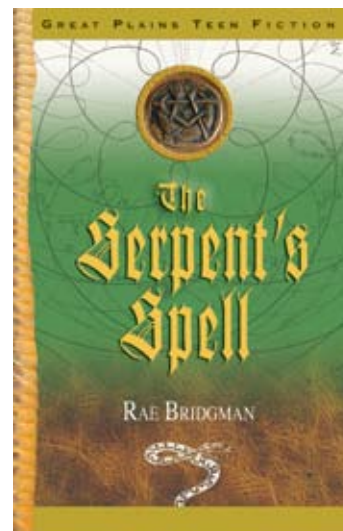
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