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When thirteen-year-old Mindy finds a glass fishing float on the beach in Mumbai, India, she discovers it's no ordinary fishing float, but a magic crystal ball, and she has been chosen to save the world. Agamede, the magical being who takes the form of the ball in her dormant state, needs Mindy's help to stop an evil sorceress named Roxanne Evillovich. Roxie's diabolical plan is to use Agamede's powers to eradicate modern technology from the world and return civilization to the days when magic ruled. Roxanne's crystal ball was lost to the sea during transport to her new home, the Crystal Tower, in Portland, Oregon. Mindy must travel alone through time and space to thirteenth-century Spain, the mystical Isle of Avalon, and ancient Egypt on a quest for a spell that will allow her to use Agamede's powers against Roxie and save the world as we know it.

Gail B. Schwartz's interest in and experience with magic began in childhood, along with her many other talents. In addition to writing, she was also an outstanding singer and musician who played the piano, guitar, dumbek (an Arabic drum), and oud. Gail traveled widely (geographically if not through time), while living and studying in Germany and Israel. She spent twenty-two years in Los Angeles, and then returned to her native Portland, Oregon. Ms. Schwartz died from cancer in 2009.

