

THE GOLDEN WOOD

BOOK III

in the

“KING OF THE TREES” SERIES

My POV.....

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The Golden Wood had elements that remind me of some of my very favorite stories. Parts reminded me of Robin Hood, Lord of the Rings, and even Narnia. From an exiled group roaming the woods, wise tree folk, and talking animals, be prepared to delve into an adventure. Though it had portions that were similar to other fables, the story was completely the author's own. William Burt has created a world in which owl-faced griffins, tree-men, and exiled kings all exist together. Legend becomes reality in the world of Lucambra.

A fun bonus were the wonderful pictures found within the book. They helped the story to really come to life. Turning the last page in *The Golden Wood* is a bit bittersweet, but thankfully, there are seven books total in the series, so, no need to say goodbye; there are many more adventures to be had with the Greencloaks! Throughout the books there are strong allegorical themes of Christianity. Self-sacrifice and the mention of a Creator-King who died on a tree for the love of all play an important role in *The Golden Wood*. Even though I haven't read the first two titles in this series, it didn't take long for me to get invested in the story. *The Golden Wood* was extremely enjoyable for me, even though I didn't know the entire background of the story. This book is enjoyable enough to entertain preteens and challenging enough to occupy adults. *The Golden Wood* is definitely a great Christian young-adult fantasy book to add to your shelves, whether you are 12 or 82!