

READERS' FAVORITE BOOK REVIEW—*THE GOLDEN WOOD*

5-star review by Mamta Madhavan for Readers' Favorite

The Golden Wood (The King of the Trees, Book 3) by William D. Burt is the third title in the series. King Rolin and Queen Marlin are forced into exile. With their companions, they set out to discover the secrets of the fabled golden forest from the griffins. They must also ask for help from the Wood Folk, an ancient race.

This book, like the previous two books, is filled with adventure, mystery, and fantasy. The whimsy element always attracts readers because it provides a surreal and ethereal feel to the story and its descriptions. The author has created a new world for children filled with tree-men, owl-faced griffins, and has made Lucambra an enchanted area. Adventure and fantasy stories go well together and always attract readers. The creativity of the author is reflected in the characters, the places, and the descriptions.

The story has a Christian theme and message for readers. Books with a message and a moral are always good for young readers because they always manage to make an impact. It is not only a book for children because adults can enjoy this adventure/fantasy tale as well. The rhymes, the simple song at the end, and the black and white sketches add to the charm of the book.