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Goldenhand By Garth Nix Reviewed by Amyre Beecher

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Grade: 7th

Book Title: Goldenhand

Author: Garth Nix

Number of Pages: 344

Rating (on a scale of 1-5): 5/5

Character List:

- **Lirael** – Lisrael is the Abhorsen-in-waiting who is tasked with protecting the kingdom.
- **Nick** – Nick is an ex helper of Orannis the Destroyer, who put a shard of himself inside Nick's heart and it made both free magic and charter magic stay inside his body.
- **Sam** – Sam is an engineer and a prince of the kingdom who made Lirael a new hand after her real one was destroyed.
- **Ferin** – Ferin is an offering to the Witch With No Face and is tasked with delivering a message to Lirael from her dead mother Airael.
- **Sabriel** – Sabriel is the Abhorsen and is also the queen of the kingdom. She is training Lirael to protect the kingdom after she can't do it herself.

Review:

Continue Lirael's journey as she goes from being a Librarian to an Abhorsen-In-Waiting and fights against Orannis the destroyer with Sabriel. Picking up where *Abhorsen*, Book 3 of the *Old Kingdom* series, leaves off, Ferin sets out to deliver a message to Lirael from her mother. Meanwhile, Lirael travels to Ancelstierre to stop a monster her friend Nick had messaged her about. When she finds Nick near death, Lirael brings him to Clayr's Glacier to figure out his new powers and find a healer for him. After Ferin is injured, she wakes up in a boat with townspeople inside of it. They bring her to their town where they're attacked by monsters and their most feared foe, a Necromancer. They manage to kill the Necromancer and the rest of the monsters flee. The Abhorsen Sabriel brings Ferin to Clayr's Glacier to deliver her message to Lirael. After hearing the message, Lirael and Sabriel go into the land of the dead to her the message from Lirael's mother. After hearing the message, Lirael tells the king about what her mother told her. As they prepare for a battle with the horse nomads, Lirael and Nick travel to the Empty Lands to destroy the Witch with No Face. After destroying the Witch in the land of the dead, they return to the kingdom and the horse nomad's army falls apart without their leader.

In my opinion, the plot flowed very well throughout the book and Garth Nix is one of the best fantasy authors out there. I did not see any flaws in the story. *Goldenhand* is a book that you can't put it down after you've picked it up. This is the best fantasy book I've read so far! I think teens would enjoy this book and the entire *Old Kingdom* series. *Goldenhand*

shows what happened to Lirael and everyone else after the battle against Orannis. I would recommend to this book to readers who are interested in fantasy and are in the 10-15 age.