

## LoveReading4kids Reader reviews of Clariel by Garth Nix

Below are the complete reviews, written by LoveReading4kids members.

**Jonah Morgan, age 14**

***This beautifully crafted book is a wonderful prequel to an amazing series. It's the cherry on the cake. I completely loved and so will everyone else it's a must read for book enthusiasts like me!***

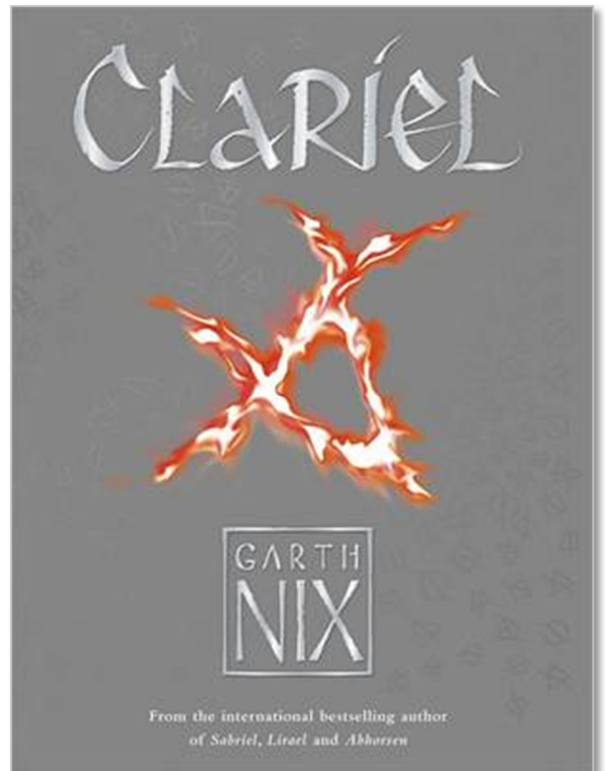
*Clariel is the prequel to the best selling series the OLD KINGDOM. Written by Garth Nix, it certainly doesn't let it down with a brilliant mix of action, adventure and friendship this is perfect for both sexes. It really appealed to me (as someone who has read the others) because I really yearned to find out what happened before the other books, that helped shape such a beautiful land that is so well portrayed by Garth Nix. And what a whopper he has created grabbing you from the start, it slowly allows you to get back to terms with the land that we love. I absolutely loved this book, everyone who loved the others will adore this!*

*Clariel is sixteen years old, and wishes for nothing but to be back in her beloved forest where she belongs not in the overpowering aura of Belisaere. However not is all as it seems, no matter how hard she tries she can't help but be drawn into a dangerous world of sinister plots and the dangerous free magic...*

**Amy Laws, age 13**

***I don't know what it is, but I felt like this book was missing something.***

*I haven't read the other books in the series, so I didn't know what to expect from*



*'Clariel'. I don't know what, but I felt like the book was missing something that made it jump out at me. I think it wasn't really the style of book I like but everyone has different tastes. I think it might be down to the fact I'm not familiar with the series but it just wasn't to my taste.*

*If you have read the rest of the series, then don't let me put you off reading this one. It just wasn't really for me.*

### **Emily Kinder, age 13**

***In the world of the Old Kingdom Clariel is stifled by the privileged city life she is expected to lead. She longs for the Great Forest near her home, but people have other plans.***

*This prequel to the incredibly popular Old Kingdom series is similar to the rest of the books, although with a different heroine. Clariel was raised in a small town far away from the city, and used to be able to go to the forest whenever she liked, much against the wishes of her parents.*

*However, after her talented, cold mother moves to the city for a new job as an important goldsmith Clariel is forced to go too. Stifled and oppressed by the buildings she has no interest in playing by the rules. She doesn't attempt to make friends, and tries not to get involved in the plots and betrayals enveloping the city of Belisaere. This is not as easy as it sounds, not with her only hope of escape depending on a part of her she can't control.*

*The very beginning is gripping, and really draws you in, although the immediate attraction peters out after the first few chapters. The storyline in general is very good, with intricate sub plots woven in, which play out as the book goes on. These are hard to keep track of however, and the biggest reveal of all is hidden in the authors note at the end, which some people don't read.*

*I found Clariel as a character quite interesting, although the third person narrating from her point of view doesn't really help flesh out her personality. She seems cold and emotionless, and barely grows on you as the book pans out.*

*The book starts very slowly, and goes on for a little too long before the action actually begins. Towards the end I really started to enjoy it, and to be gripped, but the result was unsatisfying and sudden.*

*I didn't enjoy it much, but fans of the series definitely would.*