

Title: *Gilded*
Author: Marissa Meyer
Genre: Fantasy

Reviewer Name and Grade: Olivia G., 9th Grade

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Gilded is a fresh new retelling of the fairytale, Rumpelstiltskin. The book follows Serilda, a young woman marked by the god of lies who has been bestowed a talent to tell fantastical and spellbinding stories. However when one of Serilda's stories draws the attention of the Erlking and his undead hunters, Serilda finds herself swept away into a ghost world where phantoms and monsters reside. The Erlking orders Serilda to spin straw into gold or be killed for lying. Serilda is saved when a mysterious boy comes to her aid, spinning the straw into gold for a price. As Serilda becomes better acquainted with this mysterious boy in this ghoulish land she learns that the Erlking and his castle holds more than one sinister secret.

Did the plot keep you interested?

The plot was very interesting. It was the perfect balance between fantastical and haunting, keeping you at the edge of your seat for its entirety. It provided a refreshing twist on a popular fairytale and I enjoyed it very much.

Was the pace of the book too fast, too slow or just right?

I think overall the pace of the book was good, the only thing I would say is that it starts off a little slow.

What age would you say this book is appropriate for?

I would say this book is appropriate for ages 11 and over, the books contain some violence as well as scary ghosts and monsters.

Who would you recommend this book to?

I would recommend this book to anyone who likes a new twist on an old story and anyone who enjoys a haunting tale with a brave heroine.

What would you rate this book?

I would rate this book 5 stars, it was a great read and kept me interested the whole time.