



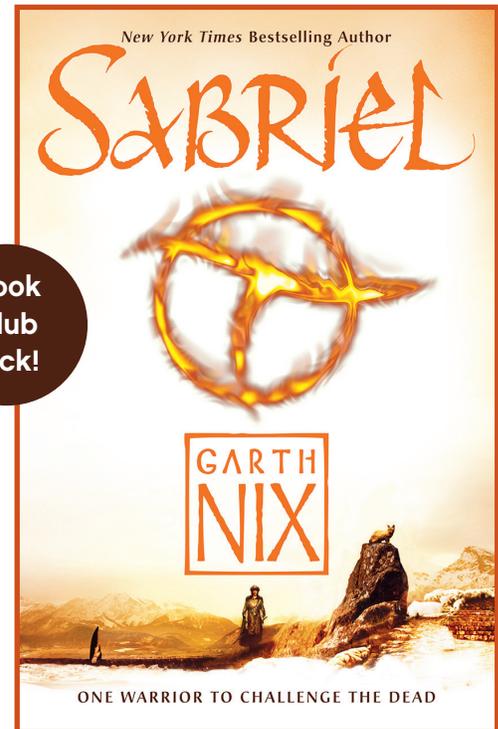
SABRIEL

GARTH
NIX

ABOUT THE BOOK

Dark Secrets, Deep Love, and Dangerous Magic

Sent to a boarding school in Ancelstierre as a young child, Sabriel has had little experience with the random power of Free Magic or the Dead who refuse to stay dead in the Old Kingdom. But during her final semester, her father, the Abhorsen, goes missing, and Sabriel knows she must enter the Old Kingdom to find him. She soon finds companions in Mogget, a cat whose aloof manner barely conceals his malevolent spirit, and Touchstone, a young Charter Mage long imprisoned by magic, now free in body but still trapped by painful memories. As the three travel deep into the Old Kingdom, threats mount on all sides. And every step brings them closer to a battle that will pit them against the true forces of life and death—and bring Sabriel face-to-face with her own destiny.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Describe Sabriel: What kind of person is she? How does she change over the course of the novel?
2. How do the Old Kingdom and Ancelstierre differ? How are they similar?
3. Do you agree with the decision of Sabriel's father to send her to school in Ancelstierre? Why or why not?
4. How do the seven bells work? Which bell would you find most helpful if you were the Abhorsen?
5. If you were Sabriel, would you trust Mogget? Why or why not?
6. What did you think of the relationship between Sabriel and Touchstone? Did you suspect that there would be a romantic connection between them?
7. Did you believe that Sabriel would be reunited with her father?
8. How does the Charter work? Does it compare to the religions of our world in any way?
9. What purpose does magic serve in *Sabriel*? What are the differences between Free Magic and Charter Magic?
10. Why does Touchstone conceal his true identity?

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