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Ever since I first read the classic **Thunder and Lightnings** with classes of eleven-year-olds I have been a fan of Mark's writing and her especial window on young lives. Readers familiar with her *The Hillingdon Fox* will find in this new novel the same authorial relish for researching the past in order to present today's characters with a puzzle to solve. The novel opens with a funeral at which a deep blood feud is revealed; an old photo-album is unearthed; there are family rumours of ancient UFOs; and two teenage boys embark on a quest to solve just why their respective families have been torn apart by bitterness. Mark is at her best in evoking the Oxfordshire landscape, constantly challenging the reader to complete the jigsaw puzzle of clues one step ahead of her protagonists. The narrative has pace, surprise and is genuinely a tale to keep the reader guessing. I enthusiastically recommend **The Sighting** to the many librarians and teachers I meet who are in search of a novel to slip to teenage boys currently dieting only on *Goosebumps* and *Animorphs*.

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