

A WISHING SHELF BOOK REVIEW

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TITLE: Lady in Red, Eye Spy No. 3

AUTHOR: Tessa Buckley

Star Rating: 5

CATCHY QUOTE

‘A fun, exciting mystery, perfect for 9 - 13 year olds. Highly recommended!’ A ‘Wishing Shelf’ Book Review

REVIEW

There are many, MANY wonderful elements to this mystery/adventure for 9 - 13 year olds. Firstly, and this is possibly the most important bit, it's exciting. It reminded me in many ways of all the Enid Blyton mystery books. A strong set of children characters, a gripping mystery - the Lady in Red has been missing for seventy years and the twins must try to find it - and lots of twists and turns to keep a young reader interested.

It seems to me that this author - Tessa Buckley - knows her readers well. So much so, I handed the manuscript to my daughter to read; she's 12 and enjoys a good mystery. This is what Felicity had to say.

'This is a very good book. I enjoyed trying to work out where the Lady in Red was hidden. Also, I think the snake in the story was cleverly interwoven into the plot. The way Alex has to find a way of overcoming his fears was cleverly written and is a good message for children. The ending was also very good. I didn't guess the ending which is always a good sign! Thanks for letting me read it. I'm now pestering my mum for the other two Eye Spy books.'

So, there you have it! All I can add is that in terms of the writing style, it is refreshingly simple. This adds a lot to the story. Also, the author has excellent timing and the book is full of little gems that will surprise the reader and keep them turning the page.

So, would I recommend this book? Absolutely! I would think any child aged 9 - 13 would find the characters intriguing, and the plot mesmerizing. Also, and this is important, I think parents would

not only enjoy it too, but would be happy with the message cleverly hidden away in the folds of this exciting mystery/adventure.

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