Hansel and Gretel

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There's an undoubted need for good retellings of Grimm's fairy tales and this series has an attractive format. The version here is clear, unfussy and retains the pathos and suspense within the tale --- though I could have done with more malice in the tenor of the stepmother and the 'witch in the oven' episode is curiously underplayed. That said, it may be a useful introduction and an addition to class libraries. Peter Richardson's illustrations are sylvan greys, browns and reds --- with a witch that's wandered in from 'Wild Things', but is none the less effective!

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