This would complement or replace the oft-used The Silver Sword in providing 2nd and 3rd-year secondary readers with an occasionally sentimentalised, but gripping, account of the hardships of refugees in the Second World War. The Petersons are forced to flee Latvia to escape Russian occupation. Their eldest son, Hugh, becomes separated from them and, believing his family dead, reconstructs his life. There's the inevitable reunion but events are largely handled crisply and sincerely. Consider this for a class set - and certainly stock it in the library.