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Thanksgiving Is...



Synopsis

Thanksgiving is turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie. It is a holiday for remembering the Pilgrims and the Indians. Most of all, it is a time to share with family and friends, and a time to give thanks for many blessings.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

All of her books are wonderful about the origin of holidays and how today's traditions come from those beginnings. Her other holiday books also do a great job in combining religious and secular traditions. I have bought all of her holiday books because they teach ME things I never knew about those holidays. I have all her holiday books and as my kids get older, I will buy her books on other subjects if my children show interest in those areas. I really hope she writes a 4th of July book.

My kids and I really enjoyed this one. Gail Gibbons did an admirable job of integrating past fall harvest traditions of various cultures into background, then covering the more traditional "first Thanksgiving" of the Pilgrims in the New World. She wrapped it up with modern traditions of Thanksgiving in the United States. The pictures could have been more impressive, I thought, but the content was excellent. Not many Thanksgiving themed picture books incorporate fall festival ancient traditions, instead making it seem like Thanksgiving came out of nowhere. This did a good job of briefly covering ancient, past and present in a reasonable length of a book for elementary age.

I enjoy sharing this book with my students every year. It shares just the right amount of history for a lower elementary school audience. I even turned the book into a readers theater for my student to perform one year.

The first page reads, "Thanksgiving is a holiday for giving thanks. In the United States, Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November." • The next page reads, "Thanksgiving is harvest celebrations of long ago." • Then two spreads of harvest celebrations from Egypt through the middle ages. The book then goes back to U.S. history with, "Thanksgiving is the pilgrims." • This odd sequencing creates a disjointed feeling. The historical material would be much better as an appendix with a statement about the long history and variety of cultures with harvest festivals.

Gail Gibbons writes the best holiday books. They are easy for young children to understand, and include everything from the history of the holiday to how we celebrate today. There is some history about Thanksgiving that was new to me the first time I read this one! The pictures are bright and colorful, and there are so many examples of Thanksgiving celebrations, every child will make connections.

Gail Gibbons always writes good childrens' books. I used this book in my classroom with first graders to teach about Thanksgiving. Colorful and informative!

Students love it! They enjoy the detail and creative quality. I enjoy the Mentor Text and how students can use to supplement the Social Studies lesson. :-)

Great for younger kids. Share this with children who are learning about this American tradition! I highly recommend that you add this to your library.

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