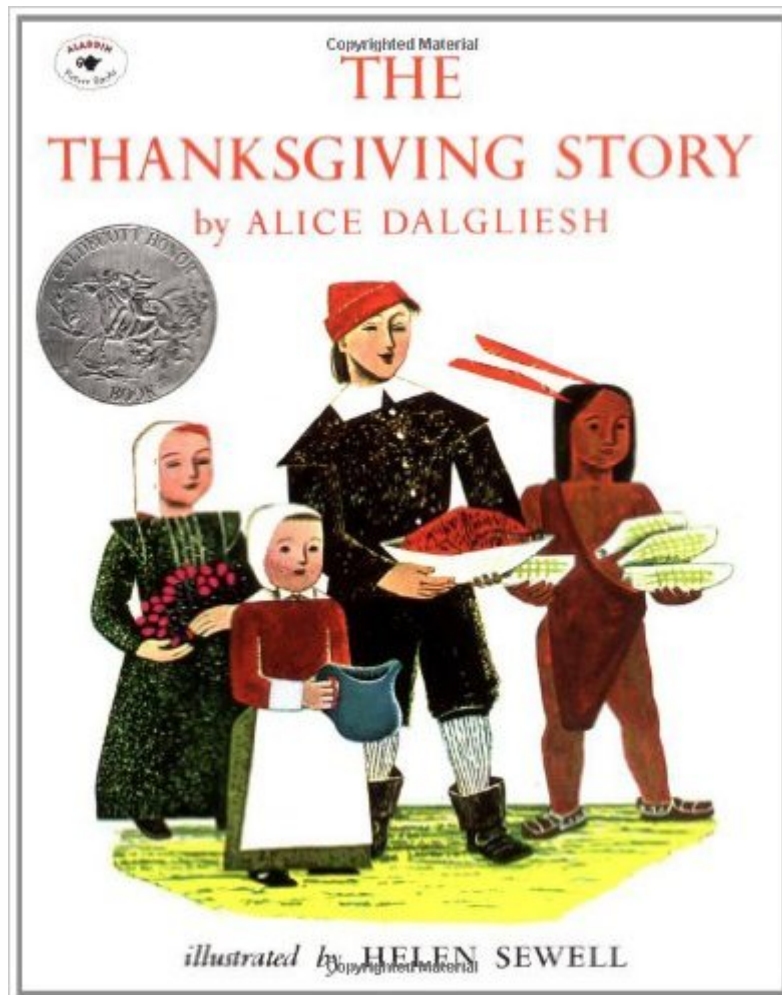


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# The Thanksgiving Story



## Synopsis

In this festive Caldecott Honor-winning picture book, Alice Dalgliesh brings to life the origin of the Thanksgiving holiday for readers of all ages. Giles, Constance and Damaris Hopkins are all passengers aboard the crowded Mayflower, journeying to the New World to start a new life. Things get a little more cramped when their baby brother Oceanus is born during the passage. However, when they arrive, there are even worse challenges to face as the Pilgrims are subjected to hunger, cold, and sickness that put their small colony in great danger. With the help of the Native Americans though, they might just be able to survive their first year in this strange land and have a November harvest to celebrate for generations!

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Wonderful easy to read chapter book dealing with everything from the Mayflower and Speedwell to Squanto in a very realistic, historical manner. As a first grade teacher, I have found this book to be both interesting for young readers as well as informative. It differs than other "Thanksgiving" books in that although it is most sympathetic to the abilities of the reader, it provides a very compassionate, "adult" look into our history. It is much more than just a "pilgrims, Mayflower, Indians and turkey" story book! It is an excellent resource for the home and the classroom!END

I was just at a huge retail bookseller yesterday looking at Thanksgiving books that I could read to my homeschooled Kindergartener. There is a large selection of bland books about thanksgiving. The wise child will say, "But, WHO are we thanking?" after reading most of those books. THIS book answers that question...GOD! Yes, while it seems politically incorrect, the truth is that the first settlers to our country WERE religious pilgrims, seeking a safe haven from religious persecution. This book is a gem in a PC sea of bland, corny thanksgiving day books for children. Children will enjoy the simple story; those just getting into chapter books will enjoy feeling successful reading a 'big kid' chapter book; and they will enjoy seeing how God blesses the faithful when they endure through trying times and complete hard work. This is a great book that your early elementary aged children will enjoy and can become a traditional read aloud for your family on the holiday!

This is an excellent "history book" for listeners as young as first grade, maybe even Kindergarten if the child is accustomed to chapter books. It tells the story of the arrival of the Pilgrims, and the times leading up to the first Thanksgiving. There are five chapters, and illustrations on most pages. The story is told in a manner that is full of historical detail, and yet also delightfully simple. We follow three Pilgrim children--Giles, Constance, and Damaris Hopkins--and read of their experiences travelling on the Mayflower, building a settlement in New Plymouth, first being afraid of and then befriending some Indians, and finally sharing a feast together, each thanking God in their own way. This would be a great family read for Thanksgiving Day, or leading up to it.

Although the story is a very nice one, please do not buy the Kindle version. That version is two pages side by side scanned in what makes it impossible to read as the text is very small. You cannot adjust the font because it is scanned. Impossible to read on the Kindle Fire or iPad; and barely OK using a large screen. Credit to who refunded it immediately when I complained.

This little book seems to be historically accurate. It tells the story of the Hopkins Family as they cross the Atlantic to find a new home in North America. The violence that the Pilgrims endured in Indian encounters is smoothed over to make it suitable for younger minds. I've read some of the journals of these settlers and this book is a wonderful explanation of the first Thanksgiving. Highly recommended and should be read in every K-2 classroom during November.

From a factual perspective, this was a great story dealing with some of the facts of thanksgiving, but it is very weak in the heart of the story of why the pilgrims were giving thanks and what they had

been through with persecution for their trust in God.

Alice Dalgliesh did a fine job of describing the pilgrim story through the eyes and to the ears of young children. The art work by Helen Sewell is engaging and distinctive. Sewell also illustrated the Little House on the Prairie and other children's books. My six year old granddaughter enjoyed my reading the book to her. Afterwards she read it again for herself. Highly recommended.

Terrible quality. Letters are way too small to read. I bought it and returned within 1 hour as my 2nd grader (who generally is a good reader) had trouble viewing/reading it.

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