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The First Thanksgiving (Step-Into-Reading, Step 3)



Synopsis

Illus. in full color. The story of the Pilgrims is vividly retold in simple language for beginning readers.

Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

Customer Reviews

This history of the Pilgrims is very complete, given the reading level of the book. It is written for second to third grade students. The story covers the reasons for leaving England, the journey across the Atlantic, the first horrible winter, the meeting of Samoset and Squanto, the help given by the Indians and the Harvest Feast itself. The artwork is nicely done and adds to the content. Second grade students may find new vocabulary and challenging words to read, while third grade students should find the reading easy. A good asset for the teaching of American history to early elementary students.

This is a good, easy-to-read description of the Pilgrim's journey to America, their hard winter, and the first "Thanksgiving" celebration. However, I think it whitewashes history a little too much. It virtually ignores the tension that existed between the Pilgrims and Indians. There needs to be a happy median struck between telling the truly wonderful aspects of that first Thanksgiving -- how the two peoples were able to come together, if only for a short time, to share the celebration -- while

acknowledging there were difficulties in the relationship between Pilgrims and Indians. This isn't being "politically correct" -- it's just acknowledging the truth to our children that relationships between those two groups of peoples were not usually easy. Life is complex, even for young children -- they will understand and appreciate being told the full story.

I browsed and browsed before finding a book I felt was proper to read to my two young children about Thanksgiving; this one was it. I'm not keen on politically correct mush, and this book is not politically correct mush. While it is somewhat vague regarding the hardships of the Pilgrims and their relations with the American Indians, I don't fault it for that; books for young children (mine are 4 and 5) needn't go into such detail as the distrust between the settlers and the Indians, etc. -- that's for later learning. Overall, this is a great book and I already have recommended it to many people!

Pretty accurate description of what happened with the Pilgrims even though Ms. Hayward leaves out the fact the Pilgrims first traveled and lived in The Netherlands, then moved to England before setting off for Jamestown. While in route, they were blown off course and landed in Plymouth. It would have been nice if the Pilgrims' Christian faith would have been mentioned. Why else would they keep up hope after 52 out of the original 102 or so in their group died that first winter in Plymouth? I would have given it a 5 star if she had mentioned these facts.

Exactly what I was looking for and I am a history major. I was searching for a version that my child can understand without delving too deep into the politics of the era. When he is older we will be discussing the nuances of that period in American history in much greater detail but for now this little book is great.

Exactly what I wanted for homeschool! I was looking for a book to explain to my 5 yr old why we celebrate Thanksgiving and the importance of it. This one fit the bill, and will be used next year as well!

I bought this book to read to my three and six year old boys at thanksgiving. It was very informational. Maybe a little too much for my youngsters to soak in, but we'll read it every thanksgiving until it does.

We got this for our 6 year old son who is very interested in a more non fictional recount of events

versus the fluffy versions. We all learned a lot from this little book, and he's read it many times.

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