

## **A Guide to Thanksgiving Literature**

Here is a selected list of books about the American holiday, Thanksgiving, for grades K-8.

### **Picture Books**

- Bunting, E. (1988). *How many days to America?* New York: Clarion Books.  
**Call Number: Pj Bun** **Grades: K-2**
- Cohen, M. (1987). *Don't eat too much turkey.* New York: Greenwillow Books.  
**Call Number: Pj Coh** **Grades: K-2**
- Devlin, W. (1971). *Cranberry Thanksgiving.* New York: Parent's Magazine Press.  
**Call Number: Pj Dev** **Grades: 1-2**
- Kroll, S. (1988). *Oh, what a Thanksgiving!* New York: Scholastic Inc.  
**Call Number: Pj Kro** **Grades: 1-2**
- Pilkey, D. (1990). *'Twas the night before Thanksgiving.* New York: Orchard Books.  
**Call Number: Pj Pil** **Grades: 1-2**
- Rockwell, A. F. (1999). *Thanksgiving day.* New York: Harper Collins Publishers.  
**Call Number: Pj Roc** **Grades: K-1**
- Rylant, C. (2000). *In November.* San Diego, CA: Harcourt Brace.  
**Call Number: Pj Ryl** **Grades: K-2**
- Sharmat, M. W. (1985). *One terrific Thanksgiving.* New York: Holiday House.  
**Call Number: Pj Sha** **Grades: 2-4**
- Spinelli, E. (2003). *The perfect Thanksgiving.* New York: H. Holt & Co.  
**Call Number: Pj Spi** **Grades: Prek-2**
- Wood, A. (1988). *The horrible holidays.* New York: Dial Books for Young Readers.  
**Call Number: Pj Woo** **Grades: 1-3**
- Zolotow, C. (1987). *Over and over.* New York: Harper and Row.  
**Call Number: Pj Zol** **Grades: K-3**

## **Fiction**

- Alcott, L. M. (1989). *An old-fashioned Thanksgiving*. New York: Holiday House.  
**Call Number: J Alc** **Grades: 1-3**
- Cohen, B. (1967). *Molly's Pilgrim*. New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books.  
**Call Number: J Coh** **Grades: 2-3**
- Glendinning, S. (1974). *Jimmy and Joe have a real Thanksgiving*. Champaign, IL: Garrard Publishing.  
**Call Number: J Gle** **Grades: K-2**
- Lasky, K. (1996). *A journey to the New World: The diary of Remember Patience Whipple*. New York: Scholastic.  
**Call Number: J Las** **Grades: 4-8**
- Pinkwater, D. M. (1977). *The Hoboken chicken emergency*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.  
**Call Number: J Pin** **Grades: 3-4**
- Rosen, M. (1999). *A Thanksgiving wish*. New York: Blue Sky Press.  
**Call Number: J Ros** **Grades: 1-3**
- Smith, A. W. (2003). *Turkey monster Thanksgiving*. Morton Grove, IL: Albert Whitman.  
**Call Number: J Smi** **Grades: 3-6**
- Williams, B. (1978). *Chester Chipmunk's Thanksgiving*. New York: Dutton.  
**Call Number: J Wil** **Grades: K-3**

## **Activities, Poetry, and Stories**

- Anderson, L. H. (2002). *Thank you, Sarah: The woman who saved Thanksgiving*. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers.  
**Call Number: j394.26 And** **Grades: K-3**
- Barkin, C. (1987). *Happy Thanksgiving*. New York: Lothrop, Lee and Shepard Books.  
**Call Number: j394.2 Bar** **Grades: 4-6**
- Barth, E. (1975). *Turkeys, Pilgrims, and Indian corn: The story of the Thanksgiving symbols*. New York: Seabury Press.  
**Call Number: j394.2 Bar** **Grades: 4-8**
- Child, L. (1974). *Over the river and through the wood*. New York: Coward, McCann and Geoghegan.  
**Call Number: j811 Chi** **Grades: K-2**
- Glovach, L. (1975). *Little Witch's Thanksgiving book*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall.  
**Call Number: j745.59 Glo** **Grades: K-2**
- Harris, J. J. (1988). *Celebrate Thanksgiving*. New York: Media Books.  
**Call Number: j394.2683 Har** **Grades: 3-6**
- Hopkins, L. B. (1978). *Merrily comes our harvest in: Poems for Thanksgiving*. New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich.  
**Call Number: j811 Mer** **Grades: 4-8**
- Livingston, M. C. (1985). *Thanksgiving poems*. New York: Holiday House.  
**Call Number: j808.81 Tha** **Grades: K-3**
- Prelutsky, J. (1982). *It's Thanksgiving*. New York: Greenwillow Books.  
**Call Number: j811.54 Pre** **Grades: K-2**
- Vidrine, B. B. (2006). *Thanksgiving Day alphabet*. Gretna LA: Pelican Pub. Co.  
**Call Number: j 394.26 Vid** **Grades: K-3**
- Waters, K. (2001). *Giving thanks: The 1621 harvest feast*. New York: Scholastic Press.  
**Call Number: j394.264 Wat** **Grades: K-3**

## **Biography, Facts, and History**

- Anderson, J. (1984). *First Thanksgiving feast*. New York: Clarion Books.  
**Call Number: j974.402 And** **Grades: 4-8**
- Applebaum, D. K. (1984). *Thanksgiving: An American holiday, an American history*.  
New York: Facts on File.  
**Call Number: j364.2682 App** **Grades: 6-8**
- Gibbons, G. (1983). *Thanksgiving day*. New York: Holiday House.  
**Call Number: j394.2 Gib** **Grades: K-3**
- Grace, C. O. (2001). *1621: A new look at Thanksgiving*. Washington D.C.: National Geographic Society.  
**Call Number: j394.264 Gra** **Grades: 4-8**
- Kessel, J. (1983). *Squanto and the first Thanksgiving*. Minneapolis, MN: Carolrhoda Books.  
**Call Number: jB Squ** **Grades: K-3**
- Knight, J. E. (1982). *Sailing to America: Colonies at sea*. Mahwah, NJ: Troll Associates.  
**Call Number: j973.2 Kni** **Grades: 4-8**
- Koller, J. F. (1999). *Nicommoh!: A Thanksgiving celebration*. New York: Atheneum Books.  
**Call Number: j394.264 Kol** **Grades: K-3**
- Marx, D. F. (2000). *Thanksgiving*. New York: Children's Press.  
**Call Number: j394.2649 Mar** **Grades: K-3**
- Miller, M. (1998). *Thanksgiving*. Austin, TX: Raintree Steck-Vaughn.  
**Call Number: j394.2649 Mil** **Grades: 4-8**
- Smith, R. (1969). *The Massachusetts colony*. New York: Crowell-Collier Press.  
**Call Number: j974.4 Smi** **Grades: 6-8**
- Voight, V. F. (1971). *Massasoit, friend of the Pilgrims*. Champaign, IL: Garrard Publishing Company.  
**Call Number: jB Mas** **Grades: 3-5**
- Wood, J. P. (1969). *Colonial Massachusetts*. Camden, NJ: T. Nelson.  
**Call Number: j974.4 Woo** **Grades: 4-8**