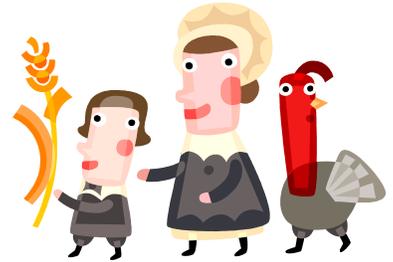


Thanksgiving Booklist



November, 2014

Get in the holiday spirit by reading a book about Thanksgiving! Contact the library to order any of these titles. You may also request these titles online through our [catalog](#). Identification numbers for braille books begin with BR and audiobooks begin with DB. All audiobooks listed are linked to the Braille and Audio Reading Download site (BARD) for downloading. Happy Reading!

Preschool to Grade 2

Thanksgiving Day by Anne Rockwell

After their teacher, Mrs. Madoff, reads a story about the first Thanksgiving, the class acts out the story in a play. 1999.

[Download Thanksgiving Day, DB61432](#). Read by Kate Kiley. Reading time 5 minutes.

Kindergarten to Grade 3

Balloons over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade by Melissa Sweet

Recounts the history of the giant helium-filled character balloons that float every year since 1928 in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City. Discusses Tony Sarg's love for puppets, which set the stage for his creations. Robert F. Sibert. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

[Download Balloons Over Broadway: the True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy's Parade , DB 75815](#). Read by John McDonough. Reading time 17 minutes.

Fluffy's Thanksgiving by Kate McMullan

After starring as an ear of corn in his school's Thanksgiving play, the classroom guinea pig enjoys his holiday at Maxwell's home, where he scares Grammy and battles a monster. 1997. BR 18965.

I Am the Turkey by Michele Sobel Spirn

Mark does not look forward to being the turkey in his second grade class's Thanksgiving play, but at the performance he ends up saving the day. Easy chapter book. 2004.

[Download I Am the Turkey, DB59832](#). Read by Barbara Caruso. Reading time 11 minutes.

Thanksgiving Story by Alice Dalgliesh

This story follows the Hopkins family from the time they leave England through their difficult voyage on the Mayflower to the first Thanksgiving feast at Plymouth, Massachusetts.

[Download Thanksgiving Story, DB 26489](#). Read by Mary O'Neal. Reading time 18 minutes.

Grades 2 to 4

Amber Brown Is Feeling Blue by Paula Danziger

Nine-year-old Amber Brown experiences new problems since her parents' divorce. Because Kelly Green arrives, Amber is regretfully no longer the only person in class with a "colorful" name. And Amber must decide which parent to spend Thanksgiving with because her father is returning from Paris. 1998.

[Download Amber Brown Is Feeling Blue, DB58920](#). Read by Madelyn Buzzard. Reading time 1 hour 34 minutes.

Gooney Bird and the Room Mother by Lois Lowry

In November, Gooney Bird's second-grade class begins work on their Thanksgiving pageant, but they still don't have a room mother to provide refreshments. 2005.

[Download Gooney Bird and the Room Mother, DB61256](#). Read by Anne Hancock. Reading time 1 hour 30 minutes.

It's Thanksgiving by Jack Prelutsky

Twelve original, humorous poems about Thanksgiving feature the traditional family dinner, the first Thanksgiving, turkey thoughts, Dad's disastrous carving job, and too many turkey leftovers. 1982. BR 5451.

[Download It's Thanksgiving, DB 20097](#). Read by Kay Bergen. Reading time 9 minutes.

Lenny and Mel by Erik P. Kraft.

Twin brothers Lenny and Mel celebrate holidays in some unusual ways. After eating Thanksgiving turkey for a week, the boys put the remains under Mel's pillow for the Leftover Fairy to exchange for money. Beginning chapter book. 2002. BR 16201.

[Download Lenny and Mel, DB61393](#). Read by Rick Wiseman. Reading time 34 minutes.

Molly's Pilgrim by Barbara Cohen

Told to make a pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school. Molly's Jewish mother dresses the doll as she herself dressed before leaving Russia to seek religious freedom in America. Molly is so embarrassed that she can hardly show the doll at school, but she learns that it takes all kinds of pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving. 1983. BR 13495.

[Download Molly's Pilgrim, DB21685](#). Read by Mimi Bederman. Reading time 18 minutes.

The Turkeys' Side of It: Adam Joshua's Thanksgiving by Janice Smith

Disappointed at being cast as a turkey in the school Thanksgiving play with his friend Nelson, Adam Joshua and the rest of the kids cast as food figure out a way to make the best of it. For grades 2-4. 1990.

[Download The Turkeys' Side of It, DB77710](#). Read by Dave Corey. Reading time 43 minutes.

The Story of Thanksgiving by Robert Merrill Bartlett

Traces the history and customs of Thanksgiving, from the harvest festivals of the ancient world to American traditions in the twenty-first century. Tells how the Pilgrims spent their first few years in the New World and describes their Thanksgiving celebrations with the Wampanoag Indians. 2001. BR 13914.

[Download The Story of Thanksgiving, DB53181](#). Read by Mimi Bederman. Reading time 16 minutes.

Henry and Mudge Under the Yellow Moon by Cynthia Rylant

It's fall! Henry and his big dog Mudge love to walk in the woods to watch the leaves turn colors. They love to dress up for Halloween and listen to spooky stories, and they enjoy sharing Thanksgiving dinner.

[Download Henry and Mudge under the Yellow Moon, DB30725](#). Read by Mitzi Friedlander. Reading time 10 minutes.

Thanksgiving by Alice K. Flanagan

Discusses harvest festivals in other times and places leading to the Pilgrims' and Wampanoag Indians' American Thanksgiving in 1620. Explains why Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November. Suggests ways to show thanks on this national holiday. 2002.

[Download Thanksgiving, DB54375](#). Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time 19 minutes.

Thanksgiving on Thursday by Mary Pope Osborne

The magic tree house takes Jack and Annie back to the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving celebration with the Wampanoag Indians. Preparing for the feast is harder than Annie and Jack realize and makes them even more thankful for living in modern times. 2002. BR 14513.

[Download Thanksgiving on Thursday, DB55024](#).

Grades 3 to 6

1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving by Catherine O'Neill Grace

Discusses the facts of the 1621 harvest celebration shared by the colonists and the Wampanoag Indians who joined them in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Explains the evolution of the myths of the first Thanksgiving and the historical reality. 2001.

[Download 1621: A New Look at Thanksgiving, DB66401](#). Read by Judith Ann Gantly. Reading time 1 hour 10 minutes.

Boys against Girls by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor

The Hatford brothers cannot imagine spending Thanksgiving dinner with the Malloy sisters as the practical jokes and rivalries between the two families continue. The Boys-Girls Battle series, book 3.

[Download Boys against Girls, DB39680](#). Read by John Polk. Reading time 2 hours 53 minutes.

Kit Learns a Lesson--A School Story by Valerie Tripp

In this sequel to Meet Kit, Kit learns hard lessons about the Great Depression. At school, Kit fights with a boy who makes fun of her out-of-work father. But a Thanksgiving delivery to a soup kitchen teaches Kit to be thankful. 2000. BR 17175.

[Download Kit Learns a Lesson--A School Story, DB64079](#). Tripp Read by Gillian Green. Reading time 1 hour 19 minutes.

Turkey Monster Thanksgiving by Anne Warren Smith

Fourth grader Katie accidentally invites her teacher over for Thanksgiving dinner, even though Katie, her three-year-old brother, and their dad usually only watch football in their pajamas and eat pizza. The motherless household's cooking is a disaster but everyone still has fun. 2003.

[Download Turkey Monster Thanksgiving, DB57552](#). Read by Colleen Delany. Reading time 1 hour 50 minutes.

Grades 4 to 7

Thanksgiving by Margaret Baldwin

Describes the Thanksgiving holiday from the initial search of the Pilgrims for religious freedom, through the first winter and first Thanksgiving, to the national harvest festival that it is today. Includes games and recipes. For grades 4-7.

[Download Thanksgiving, DB 26068](#). Read by Carol McCartney. Reading time 1 hours 12 minutes.

Thanksgiving Poems by Myra Livingston

A rich collection of poems of Thanksgiving by authors such as Valerie Worth and David McCord, as well as selections from Native Americans and the Bible. For grades 4-7 and older readers. 1985.

[Download Thanksgiving Poems, DB 26292](#). Read by David Palmer. Reading time 20 minutes.

To Every Season: A Family Holiday Cookbook by Jane Breskin Zalben

Presents a brief history of holidays throughout the calendar year with recipes for traditional favorites. Covers New Year's, Valentine's, St. Patrick's, April Fools', Easter, Passover, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas. 1999.

BR 14146.

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Turkeys, Pilgrims, and Indian Corn: The Story of the Thanksgiving Symbols by Edna Barth

Explains why Americans give credit to the Pilgrims of Plymouth for the first Thanksgiving in 1621 and why it is celebrated by feasting. Discusses Pilgrim beliefs

and customs. Describes some of the traditional foods associated with this national holiday. 2000. BR 13887.

Grades 5 to 8

The New York Public Library Amazing Native American History: A Book of Answers for Kids by Liz Sonneborn

Questions and answers present information on the history and culture of various Native American tribes. Provides brief responses to such questions as "Where did the first Indians come from?" "Did Indians celebrate Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims?" "How were totem poles made?" and "What is a powwow?" 1999. BR 12989.

Grades 6 to 9

Thanksgiving: The True Story by Penny Colman

Examines the origins and history of the Thanksgiving holiday as observed in the United States, including information about twelve locations that claim to have held the "first" celebration. Discusses traditional family gatherings, activities (sports and parades), food and menus, and Thanksgiving's broader meaning. 2008.

[Download Thanksgiving: The True Story, DB69151](#). Read by Laura Giannarelli. Reading time 3 hours 48 minutes.

Junior and Senior High

Episodes: My Life as I See It by Blaze Ginsberg

Blaze, a high-functioning autistic teenager who was the subject of his mother's book *Raising Blaze* (RC 55558), describes his life as a series of episodes. Relates experiences like Thanksgiving family dinners and his crush on Hillary Duff. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

[Download Episodes: My Life as I See It, DB69969](#). Read by MacLeod Andrews. Reading time 8 hours, 30 minutes.

Now Picture This by Robin Jones Gunn

As relatives gather at the Jensen household for Thanksgiving, Sierra wants privacy to reflect on Paul's recent letter. Sierra avoids the chaos by dreaming of being Paul's girlfriend, but then she begins to wonder if it's OK with God to ignore her family. 1998.

[Download Now Picture This, DB60586](#). Read by Margaret Strom. Reading time 4 hours 24 minutes.

The Thanksgiving Visitor by Truman Capote

Eight-year-old Buddy--polite, neat, and small--was constantly being bullied by rough Odd Henderson, so it was a surprise to him when Odd, with neatly combed hair and an embarrassed look on his face, appeared at Buddy's door on Thanksgiving. For junior and senior high and older readers. [Download The Thanksgiving Visitor, DB31284](#). Read by Christopher Hurt. Reading time 59 minutes.