

Alcott, Louisa May.

*An old-fashioned Thanksgiving.*

Philadelphia, Lippincott [1974] In this story of an 1820s Thanksgiving, a woman must leave her children to tend to her ailing mother. She goes away on Thanksgiving Day, and the children prepare their own feast. Mother returns to find dinner waiting.

**J ALCOTT**

Shaw, Janet Beeler.

*Kaya's hero : a story of giving.*

Middleton, WI : Pleasant Company 2002. In 1764, Kaya greatly admires a courageous and kind young woman in her Nez Percé village and wants to be worthy of her respect. Includes historical notes on the winter activities of the Nez Percé Indians, including ceremonies and crafts.

**J AMERICAN GIRL**

Beatty, Patricia. *The nickel-plated beauty.*

NY, Morrow, 1964. In Washington Territory, 1886, the Kimball children devote themselves to earning enough money to buy their mother a new stove, the "Nickel-Plated Beauty."

**J BEATTY PNW Collection**

Bruchac, Joseph. *Pocahontas.*

Orlando, FL, Silver Whistle, c2003. Told from the viewpoints of Pocahontas and John Smith, describes their lives in the context of the encounter between the Powhatan Indians and the English colonists of seventeenth-century Jamestown, Virginia.

**J BRUCHAC**

Cohen, Barbara. *Molly's Pilgrim.*

NY, Lothrop Lee & Shepard Books, c1983, 1998. Told to make a Pilgrim doll for the Thanksgiving display at school, Molly is embarrassed when her mother helps her out by creating a doll dressed as she was before leaving Russia.

**J COHEN**

Cooper, Susan. *Ghost Hawk.*

NY, Margaret K. McElderry Books, c2013.

At the end of a winter-long journey into manhood, Little Hawk returns to find his village decimated by a white man's plague and soon, despite a fresh start, Little Hawk dies violently but his spirit remains trapped, seeing how his world changes.

**J COOPER**

Daugherty, James Henry.

*The landing of the Pilgrims.*

NY, Random House, c1950. In order to escape religious persecution, English Separatists set sail for America in 1620, hoping to establish a new colony.

**J DAUGHERTY**

Lasky, Kathryn. *A journey to the new world : the diary of Remember Patience Whipple.*

NY, Scholastic, [1995], 2003. Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World. Dear America series.

**J DEAR**

Dower, Laura. *Thanks for nothing.*

NY, Volo/Hyperion, c2001. What does Madison have to be thankful for? It's the 1<sup>st</sup> Thanksgiving since her mom and dad split, and she feels stuck in the middle. But this holiday is stuffed with surprising revelations and good cheer – especially when Madison volunteers at the local animal shelter.

**J DOWER**

Duey, Kathleen.

Sarah Anne Hartford : Massachusetts, 1651.

NY, Aladdin Paperbacks, 1996.

Twelve-year-old Sarah breaks the Sabbath in Puritan New England and faces a moral dilemma when an innocent person is accused in her place.

**J DUEY**

Freeman, Martha. *Who stole Grandma's million-dollar pumpkin pie?*

NY, Holiday House, c2009. When the recipe for his grandmother's famous pumpkin pie is suddenly missing just before Thanksgiving Day, Alex and his friend try to solve the mystery of its disappearance.

**J FREEMAN**

Gardiner, John Reynolds. *Stone Fox.*

NY, Crowell, c1980. Determined to keep their farm going -- and to give his grandfather a reason to live -- the ten-year-old boy hitches his dog, Searchlight, to the plow and harvests the whole potato crop.

**J GARDINER**

Gilden, Mel. *The pumpkins of time.*

NY, Browndeer Press, c1994.

Fourteen-year-old Myron finds that he has become interesting to a menacing alien from outer space.

**JSF GILDEN**

Harness, Cheryl. *Three young pilgrims.*

NY, Bradbury Press, c1992. Mary, Remember, and Bartholomew are among the pilgrims who survive the harsh early years in America and see New Plymouth grow into a prosperous colony.

**J HARNESS**

Holm, Jennifer L. *Our only May Amelia.*

NY, HarperCollins, c1999. May Amelia Jackson, the only girl in a Finnish American family of seven brothers, has trouble acting like a lady while growing up on the Naselle River in Washington State in 1899.

**J HOLM**

Karr, Kathleen. *The great turkey walk.*

NY, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998. In 1860, a somewhat simple-minded 15-year-old boy attempts to herd one thousand turkeys from Missouri to Denver, Colorado, in hopes of selling them.

**J KARR**

Kudlinski, Kathleen V. *My Lady, Pocahontas*.  
Tarrytown, NY : Marshall Cavendish, c2006.  
Nuttawgon, daughter of a minor Pamunkey chief, is still a girl when Pocahontas's vision of peace between their people and the newly-arrived English colonists bonds the two in a lifelong friendship as they work together to make the vision a reality.

**J KUDLINSKI**

Lawlor, Laurie. *Voyage to a free land, 1630*.  
NY, Pocket Books, c1999. Abigail Garrett and her sister, leave their home in England to sail to the New World and freedom from religious persecution.

**J LAWLOR**

Levy, Elizabeth.

*The case of the gobbling squash.*

NY, Simon & Schuster, c1988. A young detective and her partner, an amateur magician, solve a case involving missing bunnies and a remote-control squash that gobbles like a Thanksgiving turkey. Includes instructions for 4 magic tricks.

**JM LEVY**

Muldrow, Diane. *A measure of thanks*.

NY, Grosset & Dunlap, 2007, c2003.  
Molly throws herself into planning a Charity Harvest fund-raiser to benefit a local food bank.

**J MULDROW**

Rock, Gail. *The Thanksgiving treasure*.

NY, Knopf, [1974] Addie's Thanksgiving gesture toward a crochety old man enriches both their lives.

**J ROCK**

Rodman, Mary Ann. *Jimmy's stars*.

Farrar Straus Giroux, 2008. In 1943, eleven-year-old Ellie is her brother Jimmy's "best girl," and when he leaves Pittsburgh just before Thanksgiving to fight in World War II, he promises he will return, asks her to leave the Christmas tree up until he does, and reminds her to "let the joy out."

**J RODMAN**

Smith, Patricia Clark.

*Weetamoo, heart of the Pocasset*

NY, Scholastic, 2003. The 1653-1654 diary of a fourteen-year-old Pocasset Indian girl, destined to become a leader of her tribe, describes how her life changes with the seasons, after a ritual fast she undertakes, and with her tribe's interaction with the English "Coat-men" of the nearby Plymouth Colony. Series: Royal diaries.

**J ROYAL**

Schulz, Charles M.

*A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*.

Little Simon, c2002. Charlie Brown is in a dilemma when Peppermint Pattie invites herself and several friends to his house for Thanksgiving dinner.

**J SCHULZ**

Smith, Anne Warren.

*Turkey monster Thanksgiving*.

Albert Whitman & Co., 2003. When her perfectionist classmate plans an elaborate Thanksgiving dinner, Katie begins to wonder if the relaxed day she, her father, and little brother usually enjoy means they are not a "real" family.

**J SMITH**

Warner, Gertrude Chandler.

*The clue in the corn maze*.

Morton Grove, IL, Albert Whitman, c2004.

The Aldens find themselves right in the middle of an Iowa cornfield, famous for its wonderful corn maze. But the maze is being vandalized at night, and the festival is in danger of being shut down.

**J WARNER**

Wilder, Laura Ingalls.

*Little house in the big woods*.

NY, HarperCollins Publishers, c1981, [2007].

From *Harvest* to *A Dance at Grandpa's*, a year in the life of two girls growing up on the Wisconsin frontier.

**J WILDER**

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