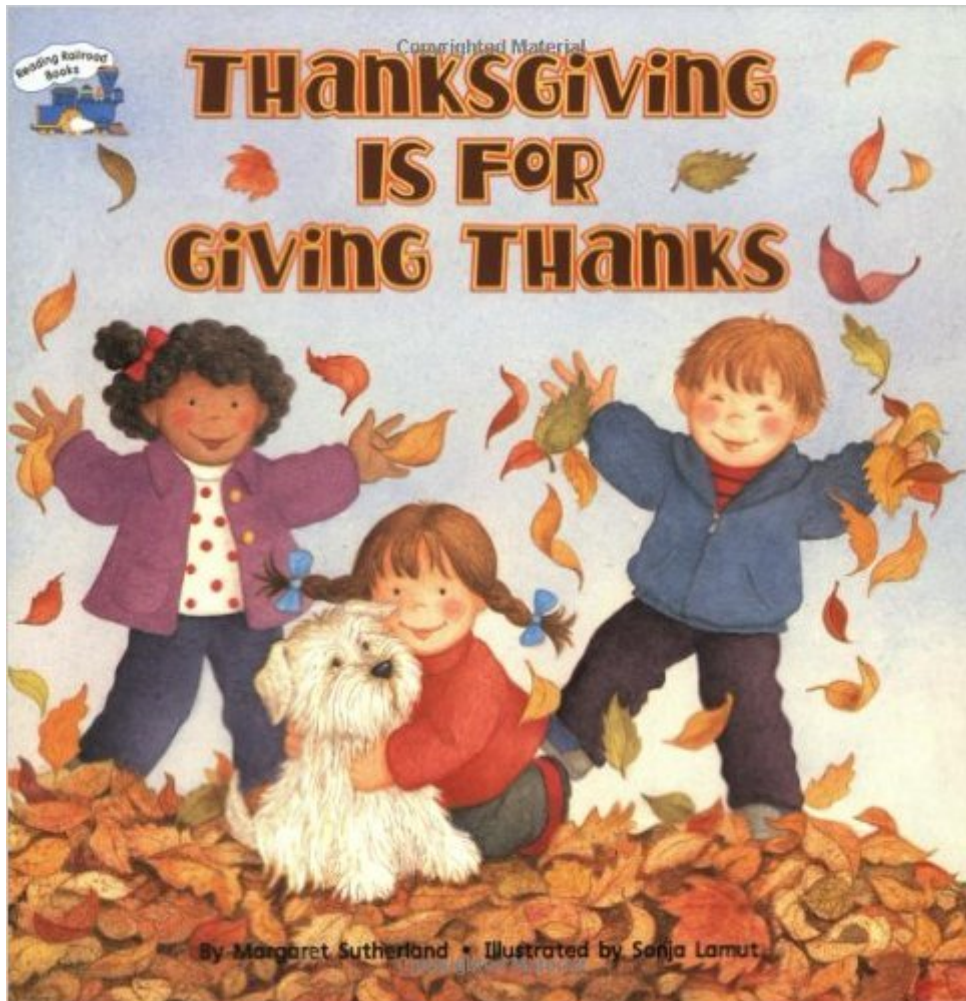


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# Thanksgiving Is For Giving Thanks (Reading Railroad)



## Synopsis

Sure, Thanksgiving is about pilgrims and history--and turkey, of course!--but most importantly, it's a holiday all about everything that we are thankful for. Cheerful, colorful illustrations accompany the simple text in this celebration of family, friends, and the holiday that brings them all together.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 5 years

Grade Level: Preschool - Kindergarten

## Customer Reviews

This is one of those special books that involve your children and actually makes them think about what are they thankful. For me Thanksgiving is a holiday where family and friends gather around a table full of wonderful food and this is where this book starts. I like that book includes different families and that it doesn't focus on the 1st Thanksgiving, but about things that each child is thankful for. Parents who love them no matter their actions, for books, cats, dogs, bright sunny days, friends and lollipops! What a wonderful book that should also get everyone talking about what they are thankful for!

Overall, I'd recommend this book. It's nice to have a Thanksgiving book to read to kids the brings in the Thanks-giving piece of Thanksgiving. The things that are mentioned to be thankful for are things

a kid would relate to -- mom and dad, grandma (other family), teacher, friends, their room, hot chocolate on a rainy day, dogs and cats to pet, favorite books, sunny days, lollipops that color tongues -- and of course days like Thanksgiving to be thankful with family. It's really very nice. I could have done without something more interesting than the my parents "love me when I'm good...and even when I'm not" notion, especially because you have to get over to the facing page before you get to the facing page for the second part of that sentiment, and so for a second I thought -- This is a horrible book! But thank goodness they finished the thought, and it comes off more cute than objectionable. The book does a great job with being somewhat multicultural, representing white families, Asian families as well as a black father reading to his daughter. And while they don't go as far as depicting any mixed-race families, they do show children of different races playing together on many pages. One caveat is that it isn't necessarily the best for divorced or even more so single-parent only or other "non-traditional" families, as it has a pretty early emphasis on being thankful for mom and dad, which a cute-cutesy drawing of mom/dad/kid on outing complete with balloons, basketball and ice cream. All and all, I definitely recommend this as a sweet and inexpensive little Giving Thanks on Thanksgiving book if you don't have issues with the nuclear family thing. Enjoy!

I buy my kids a new book every week .They both love this book my daughter is five and my son is seven. My son has autism so it's sometimes hard to find books that he can try to read on his own. Unlike other books this one has a few sentences on each page nice bright colors. He takes this book to therapy and the kids there like the book as well.

This book seemed to really help my 2 yr old son understand what we were celebrating. He went around telling everyone at our family dinners that "Thanksgiving is for giving thanks". He even told Santa at the mall..."Happy Thanksgiving". :)

Thought it was kind of boring as it just repeated things we are grateful for throughout the book, no story. Was a little disappointed and my grand daughter seemed bored with it also, she is four years old and loves books.

Short and sweet little book, perfect for young children who don't quite understand the point of Thanksgiving. Does not mention pilgrims/early settlers, etc so would not be offensive to those who do not celebrate that particular aspect of the holiday. Emphasizes giving thanks for big and small

things in life. Big things being the love of family and small things being lollipops. Very simple and sweet.

I love all of our holiday and seasonal books but this is one of our best. Who doesn't love fall and all of the colors and falling leaves? This sweet book teaches us to give thanks and be grateful. With fun pictures, your children (young and old) are sure to love this one!

It is simple and appropriate for emergent readers who are just getting acquainted as to why we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is affordable and rather durable given the 3-year-olds handling it at my day care.

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