

## A SELECTED BIBLIOGRAPHY OF RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN ABOUT THE PILGRIMS AND PLYMOUTH COLONY

### PICTURE BOOKS

Cara Ashrose. **The Very First Americans.** (ages 4-8, grades. P-3) Good as supplemental text for young children. It illustrates the differences among various Native American Tribes.

Joseph Bruchac. **Squanto's Journey: The Story of the First Thanksgiving.** (Harcourt Children's Books, 2000 ISBN 0-152-018174) Ages 4-7, Grades P-3. 32 pages. Squanto tells the fascinating and often heartbreaking story how his life and how he, a Native American, helped the Pilgrims survive in the New World.

Ann McGovern, **If You Sailed on the Mayflower.** (Scholastic, 1991 ISBN 0-580-45161-8) Gr.2-5, ages 7-10. 80 pages. In this brief overview of the Pilgrims, in a question and answer format this book gives many details about their life in England/Holland and then more on the Mayflower and finally in the New World.

Ann McGovern. **The Pilgrims' First Thanksgiving.** (Scholastic, 1993 ISBN 0-590-46181-5) Ages 5-11, grades P-5. This book informs us of what the first year in America was like for the pilgrims. It tells us the struggles they survived and how they led to the festivity we celebrate today.

Katherine Ross. **The Story of the Pilgrims.** (Random House Books for Young Readers, 1995, ISBN 0-679-85292-1 ) Ages 3-7, Grades P-2. 24 pages. Uses some outdated language. Answers the question of why we celebrate Thanksgiving for the youngest readers.

Marcia Sewell. **The Pilgrims of Plimoth** (Aladdin Picture Books, 1996. ISBN 0-689-80861-5)) Nonfiction grades 2-5. Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620's. This picture book gives us a historically accurate look at the life of the Pilgrims at about 1630. Told from the points of view of several Pilgrims, the book does much to erase many of the misconceptions about those early settlers. Includes glossary.

Marcia Sewell. **People of the Breaking Day.** (Atheneum, 1990. ISBN 0-689--31407-8) Nonfiction grades 2-4. Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620's.

Illustrates the daily life from the point of view of Native Americans who were living where the Pilgrims settled.

Marcia Sewell. **Thunder from the Clear Sky.**(Atheneum, 1995. ISBN 0-689--31775-1) Nonfiction grades 2-4. Plymouth, Massachusetts, 1620's.

Alternating viewpoints of Wampanoag Indians and Pilgrims tells the story of their interactions.

Kate Waters. **Sarah Morton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Girl.** (Scholastic, 1993, 0-590-47400-6) 32 pages. Grades 2-5, Ages 7-10. Part of a historical-reenactment series. It follows the story of nine-year-old pilgrim Sarah Morton, based on a real girl at Plymouth Plantation who was nine in 1627. The story is set at a beautifully restored historical site, and the protagonist tells her story using language of the time.

Kate Waters. **Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy.** (Scholastic, 1993, ISBN 0-590-46311X) 40 pages. . Grades 2-5, Ages 7-10. Part of a historical-reenactment series. It follows the story of a young Pilgrim boy who begins to do a man's work.

Kate Waters. **Tapenum's Day: A Wampanoag Indian Boy In Pilgrim Times.** (Scholastic, 1996, ISBN 0-590-20237-5) 40 pages. . Grades 2-5, Ages 7-10. Part of a historical-reenactment series. Chosen to become a special warrior prince in 1627, Tapenum prepares himself for the great honor by hunting,

fishing, and sharing a day with friends and family, in a story that is complemented by photographs of Plymouth Plantation.

## CHAPTER BOOKS (NOVELS)

Katherine Lasky. **The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple: A Journey to the New World.** (Scholastic Press, Reprint 2010. ISBN 0-545-23891-4) 192 pages. Grades 3-7, Ages 8-12 yrs. 192 pages. Tells the story of Remember Patience Whipple and her family who have come to the New World on the Mayflower. Historical Fiction.

P.J. Lynch. **The Boy Who Fell Off the Mayflower or John Howland's Good Fortune.** (Candlewick Press, 2015. ISBN 0-763-66584-3) Grades 3-5, Age 7-10 years. 64 pages. Fiction based on historical fact. Written from Howland's point of view. Portrays a new approach to the history of the Pilgrims.

Ann Rinaldi. **The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce: A Pilgrim Boy. (My Name is America Series)** (Scholastic Inc. 2002, ISBN 0-439-44556-6) 158 pages. Grades 3-7, Ages 8-12yrs. The story of an orphan and a pilgrim traveling to the new world shows the struggles that people experienced in the 1620's. Historical Fiction.

Feenie Ziner **Squanto** (Linnet, 1993 ISBN 0-208-02274-0.) Grades 3 and up, Ages 8 and up. This novelized biography has some supplied conversations and details but is largely based on facts. It provides one rationale for the twice-captured Native American's aid to the settlers.

## NONFICTION

Lucille Recht Penner. **Eating the Plates: A Pilgrim Book of Food and Manners.** (Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 1991, ISBN 0-0270-70901-9) 117pg. grades 3-7, age 8 & up. Describes the customs, manners and eating habits of the Pilgrims.

Plimoth Plantation. **Mayflower 1620: A New Look at a Pilgrim Voyage.** (National Geographic Children's Books. 2003. ISBN 0-792-26142-9) 48 pages. grades 1-6. ages 6-11 In 2001, In 2001, using the Mayflower II, National Geographic and Plimoth Plantation sponsored a voyage from Plymouth to Boston. Scenes were re-created using costumed actors, and these photographs form the scenes shown in this book.

William Bradford. **Homes in the Wilderness: A Pilgrim's Journal of Plymouth Plantation in 1620.** (Margaret Wise Brown, Editor) (Linnet Books 1988 ISBN 0-208-02269-4) Grades 4 and up. William Bradford's original journal has been abridged and translated into modern English for younger readers. It is an excellent almost primary resource.

Roop, Connie **Pilgrim Voices: Our First Year in the New World** . Illustrated by Shelley Pritchett (Walker, 1998 ISBN 0802775306. ) Grades 3 and up. Using some excerpts from Mourt's Relation and Bradford's journal combined with fictionalized text, the book tells of the Pilgrim's first year.

## Related Web Sites

Plimoth Plantation Museum  
<http://www.plimoth.org>

Thanksgiving Interactive: You are the Historian| Plimoth Plantation

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids/thanksgiving-interactive-you-are-historian>

Just For Kids| Plimoth Plantation

<https://www.plimoth.org/learn/just-kids>

Plimoth Plantation Virtual Field Trips

[https://www.scholastic\\_thanksgiving/webcast.htm](https://www.scholastic_thanksgiving/webcast.htm)

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