

## THANKSGIVING'S DAY BOOKS

Book's name	Picture	Author	Concept
<p><b>A Plump and Perky Turkey</b></p>		<p><b>Teresa Bateman</b></p>	<p>The people in Squawk Valley/ were downhearted and depressed./ Thanksgiving was approaching,/ but without its special guest." All the turkeys have fled town except for one fowl named Pete who responds to a ploy a "model wanted" ad for the local art show. After posing for various sculptors, painters and collage artists, Pete steals off with a turkey made from oatmeal as payment and joins up with his other feathered pals. Shelly's exaggerated settings and caricatures do little to season Bateman's (Leprechaun Gold) prolix delivery and half-baked premise. (Age 4-8 years old)</p>
<p><b>It's Thanksgiving</b></p>		<p><b>Jack Prelutsky</b></p>	
<p><b>T is for Turkey</b></p>		<p><b>Tanya Lee Stone Gerald Kelley (2009)</b></p>	<p>Little ones will love learning about Thanksgiving in Tanya Lee Stone's newest shaped alphabet book. Join in as the elementary school puts on a play that tells the true story of the first Thanksgiving. Rhyming couplets that flow through the alphabet help kids celebrate everything from Harvest to Pilgrims to Turkey. (Age 3-7 years old)</p>

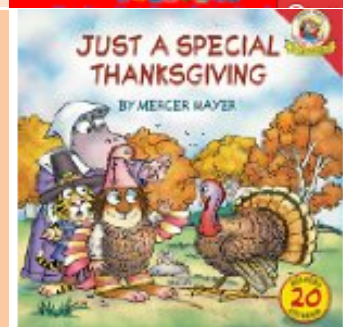
## The Thankful Book



Todd Parr  
(2012)

I am thankful for music because it makes me want to dance.  
I am thankful for my feet because they help me run and play.  
I am thankful for kisses because they make me feel loved. (Age 2-6 years old)

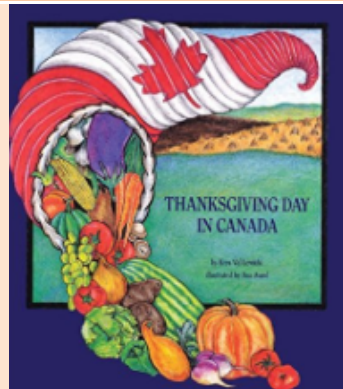
## Just a Special Thanksgiving



Mercer Mayer  
(2015)

Now he is going to have a Thanksgiving he'll never forget! From the school play to a surprise dinner for all of Critter ville, celebrate along with Little Critter and his family as they give thanks this holiday. (Age 3-8 years old)

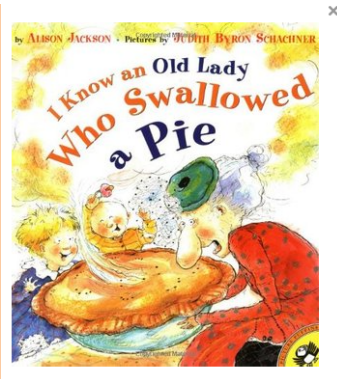
## Thanksgiving Day in Canada



Krys Val Lewicki  
Ana Aumi  
(1995)

The Canadian story of Thanksgiving, celebrating our past and educating our children about Canadian history and tradition (Age 3-8 years old)

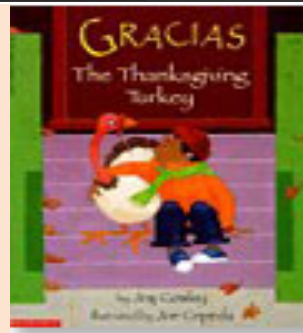
**I know an Old Lady who swallowed a Pie**



**Alison Jackson  
Judith Byron  
2002**

know an old lady who swallowed a pie, a Thanksgiving pie, which was really too dry. And with that the feast begins! After the pie the old lady swallows a whole squash, all of the salad, and the entire turkey! As Mother and Father watch in shock, the two children are delighted to see the old lady growing fatter and fatter. And, in the end, the old lady makes a surprising and humorous contribution to the holiday festivities. (Age 4-7 years old)

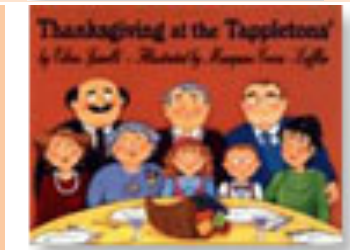
**Gracias the Thanksgiving turkey**



**Joy Cowley  
(2005)**

When young Miguel is sent a turkey to fatten up for the holidays, the trotter soon becomes too good a friend to serve up for supper. Beginning Spanish vocabulary is woven into the text. (Age 4-8 years old)

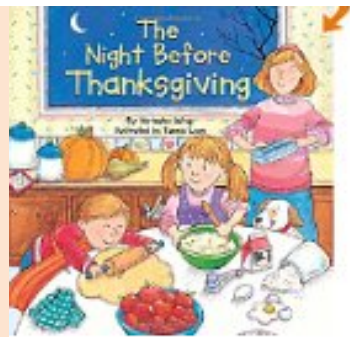
**Thanksgiving at the Tappletons**



**Eileen Spinelli  
(2015)**

Thanksgiving is always a big day at the Tappletons'. Mrs. Tappleton gets up very early to prepare the turkey. Mr. Tappleton sets off to buy pies. Kenny makes the salad while Jenny mashes the potatoes. But *this* Thanksgiving each task is interrupted by calamity and hilarity (Age 4-8 years old)

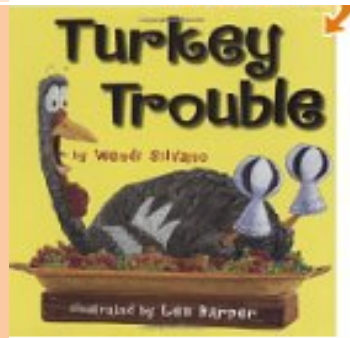
**The Night  
before  
Thanksgiving**



**Natasha Wing  
Tammie Lyon  
(2001)**

Natasha Wing takes a flight of fancy in *The Night Before Thanksgiving*, illus. by Tammie Lyon. Based on Moore's poem, the tale begins: " 'Twas the night before Thanksgiving,/ and all through the nation/ families got ready/ for the big celebration." (Age 3-6 years old)

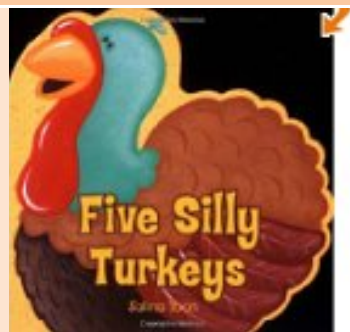
**Turkey Trouble**



**Wendi Silvano  
Lee Harper**

Turkey is in trouble. Bad trouble. The kind of trouble where it's almost Thanksgiving . . . and you're the main course. But Turkey has an idea--what if he doesn't look like a turkey? What if he looks like another animal instead? After many hilarious attempts, Turkey comes up with the perfect disguise to make this Thanksgiving the best ever!

**Five Silly  
Turkeys**

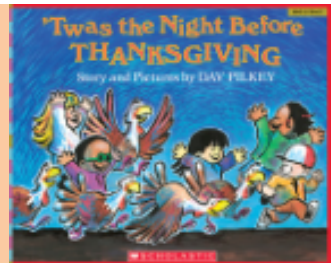


**Salina Yoon  
(2005)**

This fun counting book is full of silly turkeys doing very silly things! From twirling on a dance floor to being chased by a bee to tanning in the sun, these are no ordinary Thanksgiving turkeys. (Age 2-4 years old)



**Twas the Night  
before  
Thanksgiving**



**Dav Pilkey  
(2004)**

When they learn that Farmer Mack Nuggett is going to chop up his turkeys for Thanksgiving, eight children take the turkeys home with them. (Age 3-7 years old)

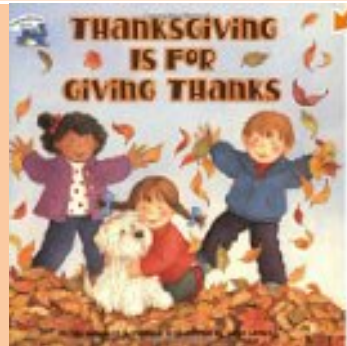
**A turkey for  
Thanksgiving**



**Eve Bunting  
Diane de Groat  
(1995)**

Mr. and Mrs. Moose invite all their animal friends for Thanksgiving dinner and the only one missing is Turkey. When they set out to find him, Turkey is quaking with fear because he doesn't realize that his hosts want him at their table, not on it. (Age 3-6 years old)

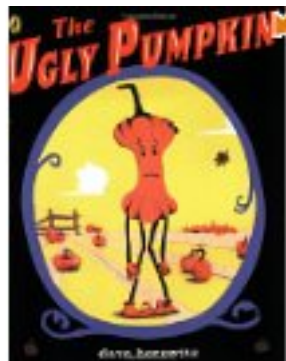
**Thanksgiving  
is for giving  
thanks**



**Margaret  
Sutherland  
(2000)**

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. (Age 3-76 years old)

## The Ugly Pumpkin

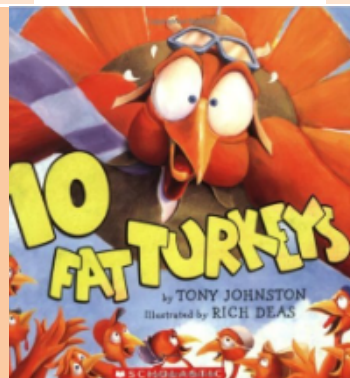


Dave Horowitz  
(2005)

I am the Ugly Pumpkin, as you can plainly see. Of one hundred thousand pumpkins, none are quite like me.

The Ugly Pumpkin has waited all through October for someone to take him home, but no one seems to want him. Sure, he's kind of funny-looking, and doesn't look like any of the other pumpkins, but why does everyone have to tease him so much? Even the trees make fun of him. So the poor, lonely Ugly Pumpkin leaves the patch in search of a place where he'll fit in. (Age 3-6 years old)

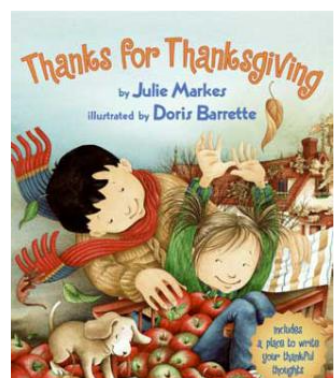
## Ten Fat Turkeys



Tony Johnston  
(2004)

Ten very silly turkeys are sitting on a fence. Can you count down as they each do something silly to fall off? (Age 3-7 years old)

## Thanks for Thanksgiving



Julie Markes  
(2008)

Everyone knows that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks—the question is, where to begin? From the turkey on the table to warm, cozy cuddles, life is full of small things and bigger pleasures. But what is most important is being able to share them with family! (Age 3-8 years old)

<p><b>Pete the Cat the First Thanksgiving</b></p>		<p><b>James Dean Kimberly Dean (2013)</b></p>	<p>Starring in the school Thanksgiving play would make even the coolest cat nervous. But when Pete the Cat gets onstage, he makes learning the story of the first Thanksgiving fun. With thirteen flaps that open to reveal hidden surprises, this book is sure to be a holiday favorite for every Pete the Cat fan. (Age 3-6 years old)</p>
<p><b>What's for Thanksgiving dinner?</b></p>		<p><b>Sally Huss (2014)</b></p>	<p>In this book you'll meet several fine-feathered folks (a duck, a goose, and a turkey) who, after some tricky beginnings, become friends. With amusing rhyming verse to tell the story, the point gets across... that anyone can become a friend. This story is one to tickle the heart of any child, and subtly spark the spirit of gratitude within them. It emphasizes the importance of being thankful. (Age 2-8 years old)</p>
<p><b>Happy Thanksgiving</b></p>		<p><b>Roger Priddy (2015)</b></p>	<p>What is Thanksgiving? It's turkey and pumpkin pie, but most of all it's a time to spend with family and friends. With photographs to look at and Thanksgiving words to learn, this sturdy board book is ideal for adults to read and share with very young children to introduce them to this special holiday. (2-6 years old)</p>