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No Better Thing Under The Sun: Making The First Thanksgiving



Synopsis

In 1620 a small, leaky boat dropped anchor off the coast of New England. On board were just over one hundred settlers. Some were Puritans and some were not, but all were seeking a new home. By the end of the first winter, nearly half were dead, but by the following Fall they had taken in their first harvest, thanks to hard work and the help of their Wampanoag neighbors. They celebrated this achievement with a feast that we now know as Thanksgiving. But what did they actually eat at that First Thanksgiving? Using a selection of primary sources, including Pilgrim accounts, period cook books, and probate inventories, the author brings the world of the Mayflower settlers to life and creates a 17th century feast incorporating only the ingredients they would have had available (including the five deer that the Wampanoag contributed). An engaging, often humorous, but never dull account of the birth of America's most beloved festival and the Pilgrim Fathers we thought we knew.

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This short book is as wonderful a choice for holiday reading as you are likely to find. The author gives a little history of the first thanksgiving, then gives a detailed recreation of the diets and

facilities of the pilgrims. The author then gives an estimation of what the first thanksgiving meal would have been and follows that with recipes for those who would like to concoct those dishes themselves. To all this is added some additional information like the Mayflower passenger list. This was a brilliant idea, it was executed with style and class, it was tons of fun to read, and it added to my understanding and appreciation of one of my favorite holidays. Buy it and read it.

This was a good book that I enjoyed reading , and I would recommend it to anyone that liked nonfiction

Thoroughly enjoyed this quick book! Learned a lot and found out that a lot of the facts I "knew" about Thanksgiving were just good stories. Share it with your kids - good conversation for the Thanksgiving table.

A HARD READ FOR A CHILD. THIS WAS LOADED FOR KID'S PROJECT IN SCHOOL. I AM SURE IT VERY INFORMATIVE FOR A GROWN UP THOUGH.

This book is well-written, intensively researched, concise, and best of all, entertaining. It's not just a compendium of dry facts; the author's style is easy to understand and almost conversational. Young people would find this very educational (and not realizing it. Stealth learning). I heartily recommend this book, along with the author's two works of fiction, "Spellbinder" and "The Midnight Gate."

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