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"Giving Thanks" is a special children's version of the Thanksgiving Address, a message of gratitude that originated with the Native people of upstate New York and Canada and that is still spoken at ceremonial gatherings held by the Iroquois, or Six Nations.

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Jamie says

This was something any reader should appreciate. It is all about being thankful for the small gifts in live that make us happy. For food, water, sun, beauty, etc. It does take the perspective from a Native American belief in thanks the great Spirit but for those that do not follow this believe, the concept still remains. The artwork is simplistic but lovely. Just reading the words and looking at the images. It gives an almost serene feeling. Kids can enjoy and then mention things things they are thankful for and trying to learn the source of what makes them happy.

Kathryn says

I really wanted to love this book. I totally appreciate the spirit behind the book and I am thrilled that the author/illustrator team are actually Native Americans. The thanksgiving prayer is beautiful and meaningful and certainly something we should all think about at this time of year--considering the "other half" of those who gathered at the first Thanksgiving. That said, I wasn't as wowed by the overall picture book as I hoped I would be. Still, I think it is an important addition to any Thanksgiving reading.

Thanks, Chandra, for bringing this to my attention!

Jennifer says

This is a meditation type book for kids. It is great for adults too. I really enjoyed it. Very intune with nature.

Cecilee says

Once again, the 2018 Reading Challenge is saved thanks to Storytime Planning! *PPG theme*

A sweet book that I can read to my kiddos on Thanksgiving without being total garbage or ONLY about the pilgrims. Would be perfect for a baby savasana during a yoga themed storytime.

Shannon Dunn says

The new addition to our morning devotional . . . The Thanksgiving Address of my people, adapted into children's literature by Chief Jake Swamp, with beautiful illustrations by Erwin Printup, Jr., is breathing the new life of gratitude into our daily round in bright and peaceful and simple and truthful ways.

#morningdevotional #thanksgivingaddress #givingthanks #anativeamericangoodmorningmessage
#chiefjakeswamp #erwinprintupjr #haudenosaunee #iroquois #sixnations #tuscarora #mohawk #native #ndn
#americanindian #whoweare #creator #creation #motherearth #knowyourmother #knowyourpeople
#knowyourways #knowyourself #forgetnot #survive #thrive #gratitude #liveinthanksgivingdaily
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Bridget says

This was a beautiful book. I loved the illustrations. They are the kind you want to reach out and touch.

It was not only a good book for Thanksgiving time, but a good book for learning about Native American culture.

Alicia says

I love this message of thanks.

Cindy Sarnowski says

Tender story of the American Indian's cultural traditional giving of thanks. Complete with vibrant illustrations, each aspect of the earth's resources are detailed and appreciated. The six American Indian nations, known as the Iroquois, are noted in the author's note.

Dolores says

This book is a beautiful reminder to give thanks and appreciation to Mother Earth and all her inhabitants. The artwork goes beautifully with the Native American Good morning message. Reading Rainbow has an edition of this story, told by a Native American Chief that my students really enjoyed.

MacKenzie Duncan says

This is a great book about giving thanks to Mother Nature, and everything around us. The pictures were beautiful, and it was all around a cute story to read. This would be a great book to read around Thanksgiving time!

CCFuller says

I have been both heartened and surprised to find this book on so many "Best of Thanksgiving" lists this year.

I found this book at a garage sale many years ago and it quickly became one of my favorite read aloud's. I share it with my children as well as with the children who visit me in the library. It is beautiful but more so it is the kind of thanks that I want to practice and teach. How can you not love this:

"Thank you, deep blue waters around Mother Earth, for you are the force that takes thirst away from all living things."

It is beautiful and the kind of message I want at my Thanksgiving table. Also, while I would love to rewrite history and think that long-ago meal was the beginning of a beautiful friendship, we all know it wasn't. What we also know, I hope, is that the people that originally populated North America were complex and deserve our respect in a deeper way than this meal provides. Starting that conversation with this book is an opening to something potentially rich and enlightening. If a piece of that conversation graces your Thanksgiving table I would find myself, Giving Thanks.

Laurie says

Beautifully illustrated. A book that will instill respect for nature while giving insight into the Native American culture.

A good book to integrate into learning centers.

Published 1995.

Samantha Manning says

Wonderful illustrations and message. A great way to teach kids about the importance of daily gratitude.

Rachel says

What a relief! This book is a gem for us as a pagan/vegan family. It is a poetic, illustrated prayer of gratitude to all things on and around our Mother Earth. The simple reverence for great things like the Sun and little things like berries will help me teach my son to be thankful, to be appreciative, and to be respectful of our planet. There are many Thanksgiving books on the market for children. Most aren't particularly appropriate for vegetarian children, let alone pagan ones. This one, then, is perfect for daily use, for the harvest holidays on the Wheel of the Year, or for the North American Thanksgiving feast. All in one book? Truly, something to be thankful for!

Kris says

Beautiful and poignant book about gratitude that is perfect for Thanksgiving. I am trying to counterbalance the falsehoods about the holiday with books that are truthful and give native voices a chance to be heard.

This is a wonderfully illustrated, child-friendly adaptation of the Mohawk Thanksgiving address. Some spiritual elements, but the thankfulness is mostly focused on the things around us every day.
