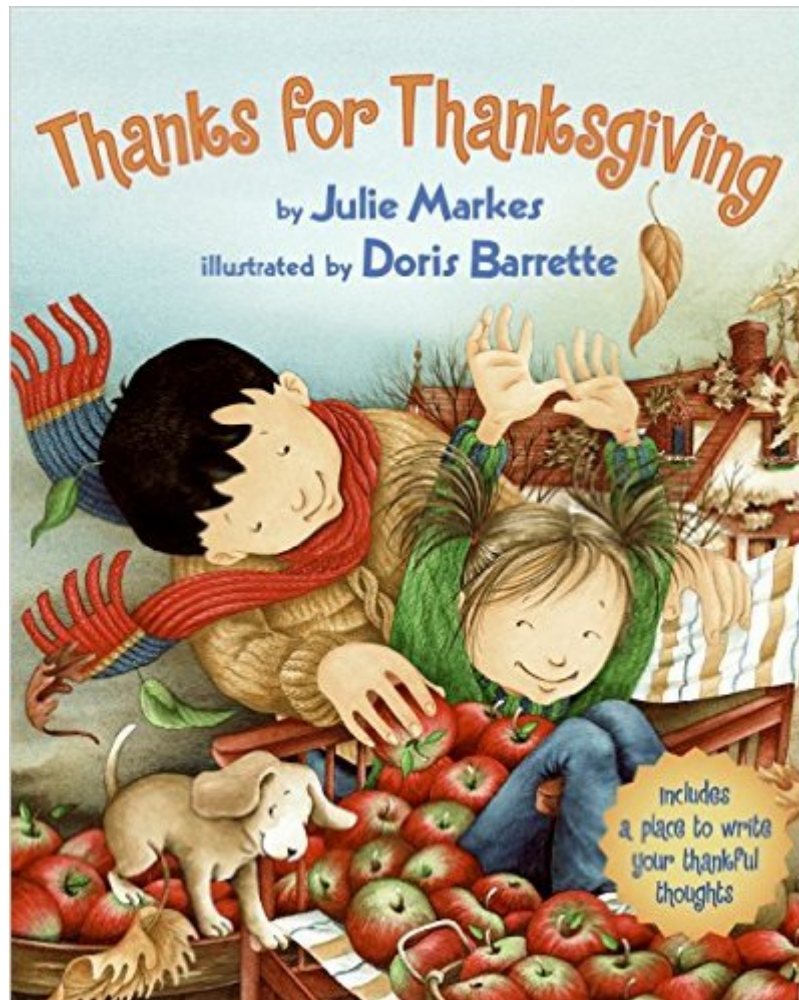


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# Thanks For Thanksgiving



## Synopsis

Everyone knows that Thanksgiving is a time to give thanksâ€”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! Julie Marques reminds kids and adults alike about the little details that make each day enjoyable, while Doris Barrette's beautiful and striking illustrations bring her thoughtful words to life.

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## Customer Reviews

From floating leaves to the family we love, THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING illustrates the grateful attitude in action through a child's eyes as he observes his family preparing for the big turkey Feast and plays through the many ordinary, special moments with his family members in the traditions that impart meaning to this all-important American holiday. Elegantly simple rhymes appear on every page meshed with marvelous watercolors that capture each theme. These are pictures worth more than a thousand words about turkey and pie, school and music, play dates with siblings, friends and pets, winter activities & bedtime routine with daddy and mommy, and finally passing that moonlit night to welcome together grandparents and relatives for a round table full of food - a delicious celebration of family life and a visual appreciation for Thanksgiving.

I went to the bookstore to look for a book for my toddler on thanksgiving. While I wasn't quite sure what I wanted when I first arrived, after looking at several books, I quickly figured out what I didn't want. First, I didn't want a book with any TV characters. Second, I didn't want a book that mentioned pilgrims and American Indians; that bit of history just doesn't ring true to me and a meaningful discussion about that topic is simply not age-appropriate for a two-year-old. Finally, I didn't want a book that was shallow. I was fortunate to find something that satisfied what I wanted: a meaningful discussion about being thankful that a young child can grasp. This book celebrates thanksgiving by showing appreciation for the big and small things that occur in a young child's life, from "playdates, swings, and slides" to "dancing, music, and art." It also celebrates this time of year, thanking for autumn and sled rides. And, it states clearly, that we should be most thankful for family. The illustrations are realistic, yet magical and captivating. If I were to search for a complaint it would be that the children in this book are all white. I suppose they are all from the same family and the family happens to be white, but wouldn't it have been nice if the author and/or illustrator showed several different families of color? Perhaps this is a missed opportunity. Still, I give the book five stars because the overall sentiment of this book is just right for toddlers and preschoolers. On the last page, there is a place to record your children's own thankful thoughts year to year. By first showing all the things one can be thankful for and then asking a child what he/she is thankful for captures the spirit of this holiday. The book, therefore, can be used as an opportunity to model, discuss, and share thanksgiving.

What I like most about this book is the rhythm - it reminds me of "Goodnight Moon" in its lovely flow of words. For example, "Thank you for play dates, for swings and for slides," with the next page continuing, "Thank you for hopscotch and piggyback rides." The things to be thankful for are simple and heartwarming. The illustrations are very animated - there's a lot going on in each picture. It's easy to spend time pointing out all the things that are happening on each page. I also like the low perspective, from the point of view of a child. As for its message, this should be a book that's read all year round!

This is such a simple way to talk with a young child about all the things they like and are thankful for. The illustrations are wonderful and full of life and the story is all told in rhyme so it is a joy to read aloud. My two year old and I really enjoyed reading this together.

We got several books for the kids to read around Thanksgiving, and I like this one the best out of all

of them. It doesn't tell the Thanksgiving story, rather, each page has a line or two about what the children in this family are thankful for. It's very simple, but the illustrations are fantastic! There are so many details, my children and I have spent a lot of time just looking at the pictures. This book has a very warm and cozy family feel about it, and that's what Thanksgiving is really all about!

I have no idea why my 10 month old loves this book so much, but he does. He will flip through the pages and look at the illustrations over and over and over again. It is absolutely one of his favorites. I love the simple text paired with the detailed illustrations. It gives us a lot to "talk" about on each page. My child loves pointing at different things, which I then name, or "finding" items that he already knows. ("Where's the pumpkin?" or "can you find an apple" for example.) I wish I could find more books by this illustrator!

It's a cute seasonal story. The illustrations are beautiful. There is plenty to discuss with young kids. On the last page, they have a page where they encourage you to take notes from each Thanksgiving so it makes the book a nice keepsake.

This book has the most charming and wonderful illustrations. I saw it was recommended on a Kindergarten website, and decided to add it to our homeschooling library. I am so glad I did! The pictures offer many opportunities for discussion, especially if your child has siblings. I would recommend this to add to your Thanksgiving library!

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