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# Multicultural Thanksgiving BOOKLIST

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#### At Our Table by Patrick Hulse

Grades K - 3

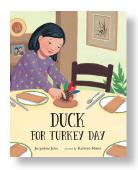


A fresh and inclusive portrayal of Thanksgiving that celebrates sharing, community, family, food, and respect for America's first inhabitants. Here is a lyrical, vibrant tribute to the diversity of America coming together as one rich tapestry of gratitude, elegantly penned.

## **Duck for Turkey Day** by Jacqueline Jules

(Also available by the title *No Turkey for Thanksgiving*)

Grades K - 3



It's almost Thanksgiving, and Tuyet is excited about the holiday and the vacation from school. There's just one problem: her Vietnamese American family is having duck for Thanksgiving dinner - not turkey! Nobody has duck for Thanksgiving - what will her teacher and the other kids think? To her surprise, Tuyet enjoys her yummy thanksgiving dinner anyhow - and an even bigger surprise is waiting for her at school on Monday. Dinners from roast beef to lamb to enchiladas adorned the Thanksgiving tables of her classmates, but they all had something in common - family! Kids from families with different traditions will enjoy this warm story about "the right way" to celebrate an American holiday.

2010 Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People 2012 Washington State Children's Book Award Nominee 2012-2013 Volunteer State (Tennessee) Book Award Master List

## Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story

by Greendeer, Danielle; Perry, Anthony; Bunten, Alexis Grades 3 – 6



Written and illustrated by four Indigenous creators, this beautiful picture book honors both the history and tradition that surrounds the story of the first Thanksgiving. Discover the first Thanksgiving through Wampanoag eyes, as the Native Americans teach the Pilgrims to grow the three sisters—corn, beans, and squash—for a successful harvest.

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#### Two-List Thanksgiving by Christine Whan

Grades 1 - 3



A Korean American Thanksgiving story. What does Thanksgiving dinner look like when both sides of the family come together? When it's time to shop for ingredients, a girl makes two lists--one for the local market and one for the Korean market! Carrots for japchae and turkey stuffing. Whipped cream for the pumpkin pie. Shrimp for pajeon, short ribs for galbi, and cinnamon for the yams. And don't forget the kimchi! Thanksgiving is going to be delicious! Thanksgiving Day is full of food and family, football and conversation, and of course, giving thanks. By the end of the meal, she has a newfound love for her family's two distinct cultures. Two-List Thanksgiving celebrates the beauty of blending traditions of all family backgrounds to create a truly multicultural holiday celebration.

## Harvest Days: Giving Thanks Around the World by Kate DePalma

(World of Celebrations)

Grades 1 – 6



People as far back as anyone's known have gathered to give thanks for food we have grown. Celebrate harvest festivals from 12 cultures around the globe! Immerse young readers in some of the most ancient traditions in the world from rice harvests in India to friendly food fights with tomatoes in Spain. This book showcases diverse global traditions and the shared joy of gathering nature's bounty. Features harvest festival from: South Korea, Poland, India, Bolivia, Ghana, Barbados, Morocco, Liberia, Iran, Spain.

"An enticing look at harvest rituals, foods, and festivities" - Kirkus Review

### Rivka's First Thanksgiving by Elsa Okon Rael

Grades 4-8



As recent Jewish immigrants from Russia, Rivka is having a tough time trying to explain the importance of Thanksgiving to her family and so turns to a group of Rabbis in the hopes that they will give their blessings and then change her father's mind.