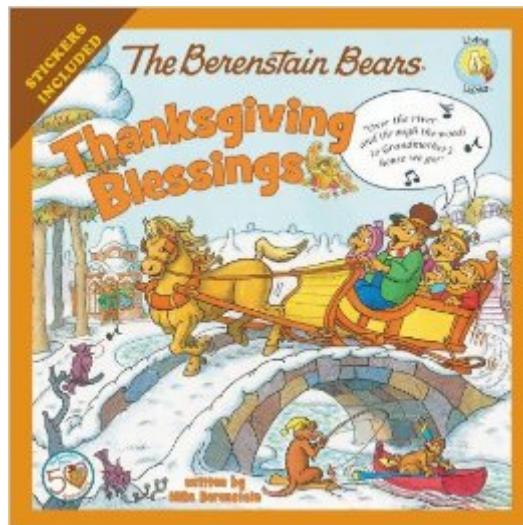


The book was found

The Berenstain Bears Thanksgiving Blessings (Berenstain Bears/Living Lights)



well as adventure and common sense.

I want to thank these writers for including God and family in their books. Children need to grow up in this atmosphere in order to have a good life and it just doesn't happen much these days. God needs to be a part of their childhood in order to have hope in adulthood.

Berenstain Bears are excellent as usual! A favorite for teaching about being thankful and how to adjust when things are not as you would expect.

What better way to teach the true meaning of Thanksgiving than through a fun children's book! This book is fun to read and yet educational. It's full of bright cute pictures and has a small sheet of stickers in the middle. I think this book could become a read-aloud tradition every Thanksgiving. "We should remember those first Pilgrim bears who came to Bear country long ago... They were seeking a land where they could worship God in freedom. At first, life was hard in the new land. But the Native Bears, who already lived there, gave them food and shared in a great feast. That was the first Thanksgiving." ~ A real nice way of putting it.

I was excited that there is a new BB Thanksgiving book because the others have been read until they have fallen apart. But it's not all that great. The pictures are the usual high quality and detailed; the included stickers are fun. But this BB story is missing a plot. It's good that they have the real history of Thanksgiving laid out, but there's nothing there I couldn't have gotten from some other story.

This book has been a hit with my 6-year-old and 3-year-old, especially the 6-year-old, as he can connect it to what he has learned about American history. The book doesn't have a real plot, but that's not a weakness -- it's essentially a lesson about our country's heritage and the many things we have to be thankful for (faith, freedom, family, friends, peace, plenty, etc.). It's a gentle, lovely, educational book. The only weak point is at the very end, which I see another reviewer also noticed. As they are getting ready to eat, Brother says it's a shame there aren't any Native Bears to share the feast with, and Gramps makes a really dismissive remark about it. Why? After the book's wonderful messages, there's no need to disregard the suffering and experience of Native "Bears." I guess it was supposed to be funny, but I don't want to teach my children to poke fun at someone else's expense in that way. I can only imagine how a Native American child reading the book with

his/her family would feel.

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