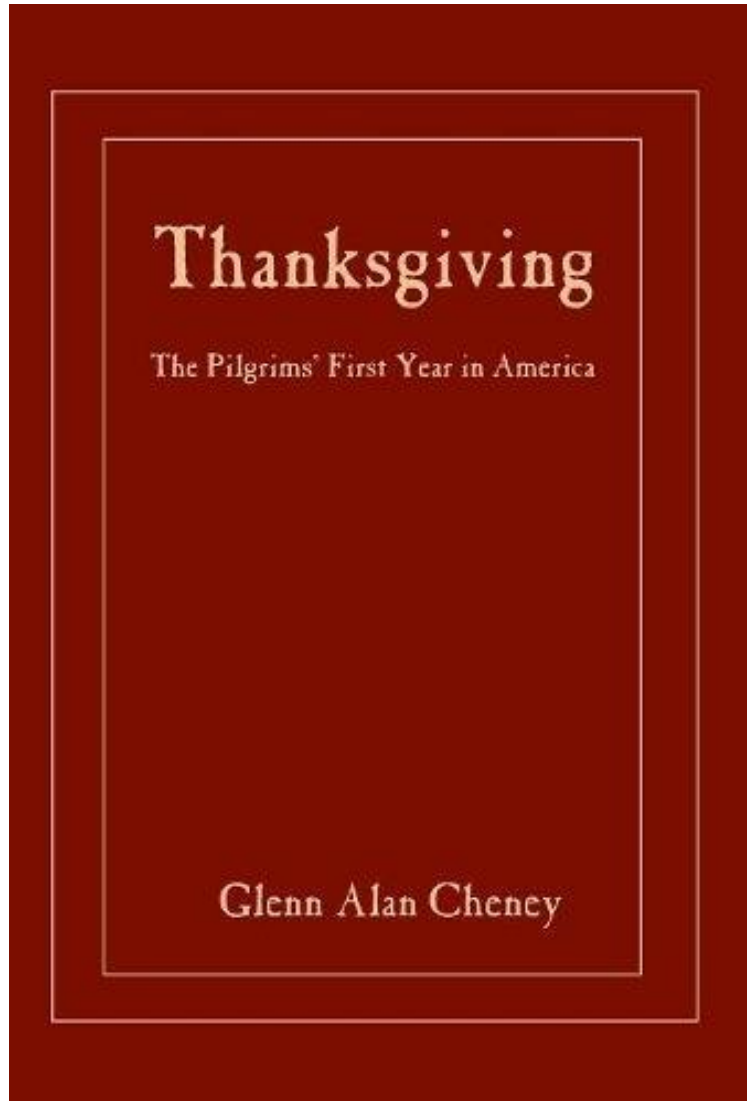


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right to stay. This is a great book. It's so great, I bought the softcover for my sister, and she doesn't read! It really brings home the bravery and incredible tenacity of this group of dreamers, and the struggles they faced to build a life in a strange new land. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read!!! By paula holleman I can tell if I'm going to like a book after reading the first 3 pages. This book captured my immediate attention. Glenn Cheney gives a truthful, thoughtful and extraordinary account of the Pilgrims and their voyage and life in the New World. He has a way of writing that allows the reader to experience the struggles, hardships, and hopes of the Pilgrims. His account of Thanksgiving is far different from the fictional version I learned in school. Glenn brings you into the past of historical facts and depicts the inhumane conditions the Pilgrims suffered, grieved and thrived in. It is an incredible journey, well written and researched. This book should be a mandatory read in all schools. Excellent read!!!! 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Overall, we all loved the book; grew from it; found it easy to read and enjoy. By karen Yesterday we had our book club discussion of this book. The 8 members all really enjoyed the book. 1 person was caught up and frustrated trying to remember all the dates and names---- (I don't think that was really a requirement.) All agreed it was well written and when reading the descriptions of the conditions on the Mayflower and on land, could literally visualize or mentally experience the cold, stench, lack of privacy and fear. The history of how and why the pilgrims decided to leave England and then the Netherlands was very interesting. God's providence was so evident in having an English speaking Indian on a beach area where the Mayflower was not supposed to land. Then to have landed at an area where people had already been living and allowing the pilgrims to find the remnants of their lives there was amazing. The emphasis on the relationship of the pilgrims and Indians was exceptional. Dependence on one another was so important!!! The realization that working for a community with no extra benefit for oneself decreased motivation and productivity was a great lesson for then and needs to be renewed for today..

Thanksgiving is not a book about a holiday. It's about something that a few dozen survivors did after a year of suffering, death, struggle, and courage. They bowed their heads to give thanks. The Pilgrims' journey began as a joint venture of business and religion, but soon it became a matter of survival. With 102 men, women, and children packed into a dim, wet space below the main deck, the Mayflower set out on a terrifying 66-day crossing of the Atlantic. They dropped anchor well north of where they'd intended, and just as the New England winter was setting in. With no choice but to spend the winter in the dank, frigid ship, they took ill. One by one, almost half of them died. The few individuals well enough to work rowed the dead into shore and buried them in graves left unmarked so the Indians wouldn't know how weak they were. Spring promised only a year of toil and difficulties as they attempted to settle new land in a place they called Plymouth. But then a miracle walked out of the woods...an Indian who had already crossed the Atlantic four times. He spoke English very well. He showed them how to catch the local fish and grow the local crops. He introduced them to the local people, and in an experience unique in colonial history, Europeans and Indians became friends and allies. And that autumn, the new and native Americans came together for a feast that lasted three days. Thanksgiving is a book of fact that all but breathes with the human drama of life, death, birth, hope, prayer, work, desperation, and thanks. Though these few dozen people were hardly the first Europeans to settle in North America, their values and beliefs grew into the American culture. We are what they were. Every American should read this book before bowing for grace on Thanksgiving Day.

Glenn Cheney vividly depicts the courage and faith of the Pilgrim settlers and the generosity and friendship offered by the Native Americans who welcomed them and helped them survive. The American culture of independence, hard work, and cooperation grew from the seeds planted at Plymouth. Every American should appreciate what happened there. --U.S. Representative Joe Courtney Glenn Cheney's, Thanksgiving brings together numerous aspects of the Mayflower story into a comfortable and logically organized text, faithfully retelling the story of the Pilgrims' first year at Plymouth, the history behind their voyage, and their interactions with Native Americans. --Caleb Johnson, author historian Thanksgiving should be read by people who are familiar with the Pilgrim story and those who are not because it fills in many of the little episodes that people hear but don't connect together. We will never know exactly what happened back then, but this book brings those episodes together in a scenario of how they may well have happened. ---Edward Delano Sullivan - Governor General - General Society of Mayflower Descendants About the Author Glenn Alan Cheney is the author of over 20 books and hundreds of articles, stories, op-ed essays, and other works. His recent titles include Journey on the Estrada Real: Encounters in the Mountains of Brazil and Journey to Chernobyl: Encounters in a Radioactive Zone. He lives in Connecticut.