

EPISODE **55**

Best Thanksgiving Books - Cultivating a Spirit of Gratitude

Guest: The RAR Team

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In This Episode

The whole RAR Team talks about their favorite Thanksgiving and gratitude books. Find out why picture books aren't only for your youngest kids and hear more about Sarah's work as a librarian!

The Listening Guide

Use this guide to skip to parts that most interest you, or listen to the entire podcast.

- 3:30 Thanksgiving and gratitude
- 5:00 The connection between picture books and poetry
- 7:20 Reading picture books with older kids
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- 31:00 Picture books through the year

Quotes and Questions

* You can always read a picture book.

Sarah says, “What I’ve been loving about picture book reading lately is that ... they are such a low commitment because even if you feel like you don’t have tons of time to read you can always take a few minutes to read a picture book.”

One of our favorite times to feast on picture books is just after we’ve finished reading a chapter book aloud. We are in the read-aloud groove, but don’t have a longer book waiting for us. Like Sarah says, picture books don’t take too much of a time commitment.

* Picture books with older kids.

Kara says, “All of these I read with my 9- and 12-year-old. So these are all 9-year-old and 12-year-old approved picture books.”

That’s a really powerful endorsement! Have you given up the joys of a good picture book because your kids are too big to sit in your lap? Try it—maybe while they’re eating and won’t just get up! You might be pleasantly surprised.

* Mirrors, windows and doors.

Kortney said, “Linda Sue Park, she said that some picture books are mirrors when we read them we see ourselves in them, we identify with the characters, but some picture books are windows and doors, they bring us to a new place.”

This might be a really good way to think about setting a wide feast in our reading habits. Are we including both mirrors and windows and doors?

Show Notes

Books from today's episode:

- Sharing the Bread: An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Story
- Sophie's Squash
- The Thanksgiving Door
- Thank You Sarah
- Over the River and Through the Wood (illustrated Matt Tavares)
- This is My Home, This is My School
- Over the River and Through the Woods (illustrated by Christopher Manson)
- I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Pie
- A Turkey for Thanksgiving
- Jack Prelutsky Thanksgiving poetry collection
- Too Many Pumpkins
- The Little Old Lady Who Was Not Afraid of Anything
- Too Many Turkeys
- Thank You, Thanksgiving
- Cranberry Thanksgiving
- Cranberry Halloween
- Cranberry Autumn
- Cranberry Christmas
- Cranberry Birthday
- Cranberry Summer
- Thanksgiving is Here
- Giving Thanks

- [The Little Brute Family](#)
- [All the World](#)
- [The Seven Silly Eaters](#)
- [Look and Be Grateful](#)
- [Thanking the Moon](#)
- [Last Stop on Market Street](#)
- [Bear Snores On](#)
- [Bear Says Thanks](#)
- [Bear Stays Up](#)
- [An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving](#)
- [Give Thanks to the Lord](#)

Other links from today's show:

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