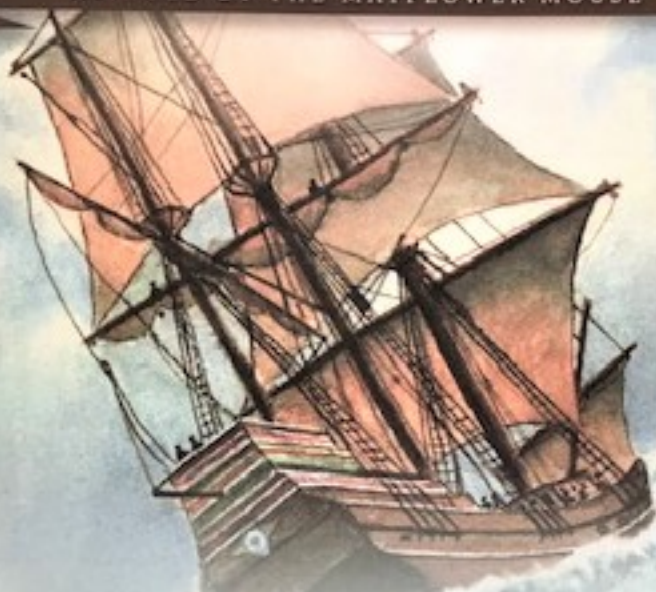


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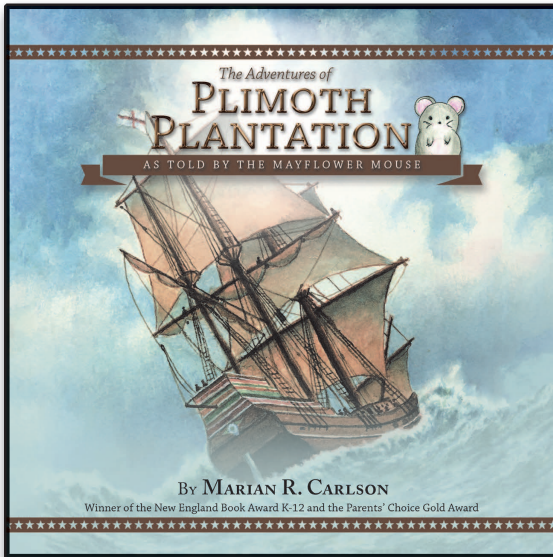


By **MARIAN R. CARLSON**

Winner of the New England Book Award K-12 and the Parents' Choice Gold Award

The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation

As Told by the Mayflower Mouse



This fresh retelling of the Pilgrims' adventures through the eyes of the Mayflower Mouse brings to life their inspiring story in honor of the 400th Anniversary!

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In Celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' Landing, 1620-2020!

Join the campfire and enjoy the 1620 diary of an eyewitness mouse describing the voyage of the *Mayflower*, the discovery missions on Cape Cod, working with the Wampanoag people, and settlement of their successful colony, America's Hometown. It took more than heroic qualities – the Pilgrims brought their deep values of faith and mission. Discover what happened to William Bradford's priceless journal during the American Revolution. The timeless story evokes an appreciation of unity in communities and the importance of working together for the common good. Our debt to the Pilgrims endures.

Highlights:

- Returnability
- Selected for inclusion in the iUniverse Rising Star program, which recognizes excellence in writing and overall potential
- www.schoolmasterpress.com
 - Schoolmaster Press is dedicated to advancing life-long learning through inspiring educational programs and books for all ages.
 - Visit for a signed copy of this and other titles by Marian Carlson
- Author events including library & school visits
- Multiple fairs, museum children's events, Plymouth 400 events, Protect Our Past events, book signing at White Birch Books, N. Conway, NH plus many more
- "There is no doubt that this delightful style and chapter approach will give young readers wonderful dreams and images to carry with them through life. Carlson captures the combination of anxiety, surprise, friendship, cooperation, and joy, all wrapped up in the persona of a stowaway mouse. And as she suggests to the reader at the end, the stage is set for them to follow suit with their own story that might encompass those same feelings. Beautifully done....the entire piece invites the reader into an enchanting view of history. Any parent, big sibling, or friend would enjoy reading it to a child. And I do hope that Carlson has other moments from history waiting to be penned. We all could benefit from her approach."

Don Stewart, Educator

About the Author

Marian "Hannah" Carlson has won the New England Book Award for K-12 and the Parents' Choice Gold Award for *John Adams: The Voice Heard 'Round the World*. The book was set to music by the Boston Landmarks Orchestra's original score and narrated by Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough on CD. Her other books include *American Genius: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*, *Great American Writers*, and *Yankee Doodle's Pen*.

She lives with her husband on Cape Cod, near the "turn around" of the *Mayflower*, and enjoys this historic region with her 3 children and 6 grandchildren. Her twelve-year-old granddaughter, Emma Wildfeuer, an avid art student, illustrated the vignettes for this book.



Student Writing Contest Celebrates Mayflower Anniversary

Four hundred years ago this week, the Mayflower was in the middle of the wave-tossed Atlantic, four weeks into its journey. The 130 passengers and crew were looking ahead to a new life in the New World. It would be another five weeks before they sighted land—the outer shore of Cape Cod.

To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's arrival, local author Hannah Carlson is sponsoring a writing contest for Cape Cod students. The essay contest asks student to convey, in 400 words or less, "Four Reasons I'm Thankful for America."

"Kids like to be involved in events, and the 400th Anniversary of the Pilgrims' landing is a chance for kids to think deeply about why they're grateful for our beautiful country," she said in an email. "Some families might have lived here for just a year, others for generations, but all can ponder

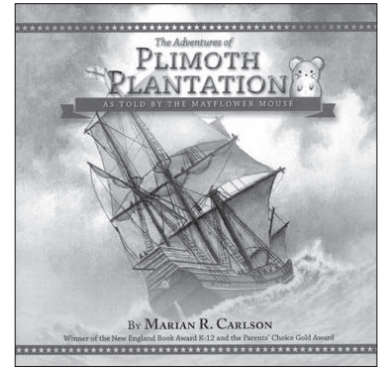
many reasons for gratitude which started with the first Thanksgiving in 1621."

Pilgrim leader William Bradford kept a journal that famously chronicled the settlers' adventures. He also wrote about his gratitude, something students – who are probably familiar with the cold, hunger and other dangers the settlers faced – could emulate, she said.

The contest is open to all Cape Cod students in public and private schools as well as those who are home schooled. Essays will be judged on thoughtfulness, writing skills and specific examples. Artwork is welcome. The deadline is Nov. 4 at 4 p.m. Winners will be announced on Nov. 9, the old-style date of the time the Mayflower headed south off Chatham but turned around due to dangerous shoals.

Awards will be made in grades 1 to 4, 5 to 8, and 9 to 12. In each grade group, first place will be awarded \$100 and second place \$50. Winning stories will be published in The Cape Cod Chronicle and at SchoolmasterPress.com. Each winner will also receive a signed copy of Carlson's book about the Mayflower anniversary, "The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation As Told By The Mayflower Mouse." The first 10 submissions will win a free electronic edition of the book. Tips on writing a journal can be found under the activities section at www.MayflowerMouse.com.

Entries can be sent to Protect Our Past, Box 606, North Chatham, MA, 02650 or emailed to carlson@SchoolmasterPress.com.



Author Hannah Carlson is sponsoring a student writing contest to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Mayflower's voyage, which she writes about in her new book, "The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation As Told By The Mayflower Mouse."

SAMPLE REVIEWS

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[5.0 out of 5 stars Engaging historical story for young readers - lovely illustrations!](#)

Reviewed in the United States on July 19, 2020

“An imaginative tale of the Pilgrim's arrival in Plymouth, told with historical references from William Bradford's journal and from the perspective of a mouse! Shows how the Pilgrims cooperated for the common good and how the Indigenous people aided their survival. Great for homeschoolers, parents and teachers who are teaching early American history to elementary age children. Beautiful illustrations range from historical art to a child's charming renditions.”

-Julie, parent and art historian

[5.0 out of 5 stars A boatload of wonderful history packed into one little book](#)

Reviewed in the United States on July 31, 2020

Carlson has packed this book with fabulous history, great details and original source material. It delights and informs readers of all ages. The illustrations, both historic and contemporary, round out the tale told by one observant and brave little mouse!

-Barbara Cahoon, Mayflower descendant

[5.0 out of 5 stars Real history with a charming twist for kids](#)

Reviewed in the United States on October 3, 2020

This is a lovely book that tells the story of the bravery of the founders of the Plimoth Plantation in Plymouth, Massachusetts. The story is told from a novel viewpoint, that of the Mayflower Mouse who went along for the ride from Europe to the New World. Was he searching for freedom, too? Kids will want to know! Very nice original illustrations included.

-Francis X. Meaney, grandparent

[5.0 out of 5 stars Refreshing look at actual history of the Pilgrims](#)

Reviewed in the United States on September 15, 2020

This is an great book teaching all of us the actual history of the Pilgrims and the Mayflower. It is written with historical references and is captivating reading, especially for the kids that its for. I liked the illustrations too! Great read!

- Warren, parent

A great 400th celebration of the Pilgrim Landing will be a historic occasion. We are a young and great country. How grateful we are to those brave and courageous families who travelled across the open seas On the Mayflower to settle in a country where they could express their freedom and religious beliefs. This is a beautiful story and history of our Beloved country that needs to be told to our young children of today.

So happy you have written books to do just that!

Thank you for your love of our country and for writing your books to bring this important truthful history to light, which is much needed in today's world.

Margery Morehardt, grandparent, historian

I love the premise of this book. Having the Pilgrims' voyage told through the perspective of a mouse works well and is more intriguing for young readers than a simple retelling from the Pilgrims' perspective. The voice also works well for reading aloud, which is important for children's/juvenile literature. My mother was a school librarian, and I can so easily hear her reading this book aloud to older classes.
- Editor, iUniverse

CONTEST * The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation ~ 3 Book Giveaway! →

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Author: Marian R. Carlson

Illustrator: Emma Wildfeuer

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ISBN: 978-1-6632-0060-0

“God be praised for this new discovery! I can't wait to see our new home. It sounds perfect,” Sam writes in his diary in Marian R. Carlson's children's book, *The Adventures of Plimoth Plantation*.

~ What ~

This oversized fifty-four-page paperback targets elementary to middle school-aged children and readers who like learning about historical eras. With no profanity or overtly scary scenes, it would best be read to beginner readers based on some complicated words. A few colorful illustrations and photographs cover the pages with a nicely sized font wording against a white background. The ending includes the mystery of William Bradford's manuscript, other books by the author, the author's note with acknowledgments, and biographies of the writer and illustrator.

~ Why ~

This fictional tale is about a little mouse named Sam who writes in his diary about going on The Mayflower to America. Beginning in September 1620 from Plimoth, England, the story not only covers the ship, its weight, and precious human cargo, but it also has details about Separatists, Master Christopher Jones, John Carver, Myles Standish, William Bradford, Chief Massasoit, Squanto, and others as the Pilgrims and crew make America their home. As Sam's relative reads the narrative, there are inserts of other diaries and stories about the topic.

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~ Why Not ~

While the book contains long paragraphs and three- to four-syllable words, it would have to be read out loud to new readers. Some may think its contents may be too advanced for young children and the pictures are simplistic. Others may not like the reference to God and prayer, yet these were vitally important and part of day-to-day life during the time.

~ Wish ~

I wish more creative books like this one were available that promoted historical events to be used as educational tools for teaching children. Including an index of the mentioned individuals would help if using the book for a resource.

~ Want ~

If you are looking for a fun and educational read about how America began, viewed through the eyes of a tiny mouse, this is engaging and entertaining while teaching about life as a Pilgrim.

Thanks to LAVIDGE and the author for this complimentary book that I am under no obligation to review

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