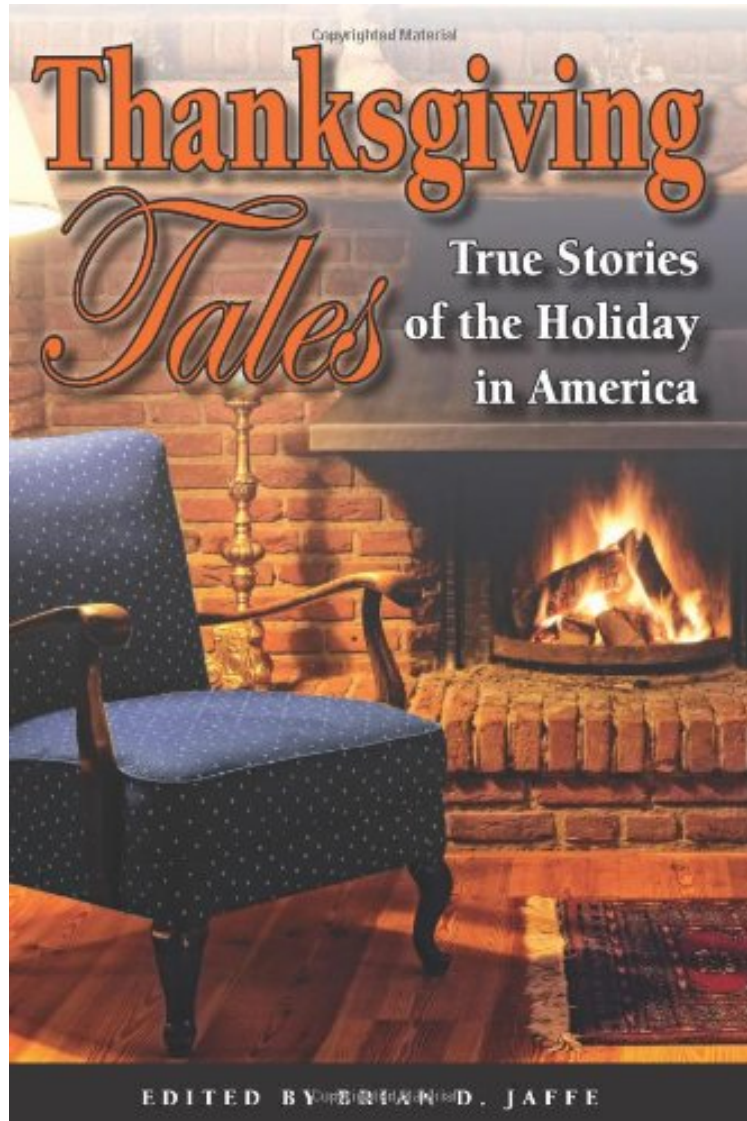


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From Brand: Sestin LLC : Thanksgiving Tales: True Stories of the Holiday in America before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Thanksgiving Tales: True Stories of the Holiday in America:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. ~~Memories~~By Boxer Dog Lover in Vermont...This collection of tales about Thanksgiving will make you both happy and sad. Everyone has their favorite memory of that wonderful day in the gathering of the American families. I thought that Jan Underwood's "It's Not Thanksgiving until Momma Cries" was superb. I laughed at the mouse that got trapped in the oven. And, the poem by Sheri Nelons was

wonderful. Each one of these is special for their own memory. I became nostalgic for those days that are gone forever but remain so vivid in my memory. Happy Thanksgiving! Most highly recommended. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Your Family is More Normal Than You Think By Melanie DeSimon If you are looking for a polished collection of literary gems you will be disappointed. But if you want to peek inside the lives and dining rooms of ordinary people and laugh and cry alongside them this book is for you. Hidden between the pages are some truly beautiful stories of love, loss and laughter. Other tales are so roughly constructed that you might be tempted to skip over them but even these expose deep emotion that prompted the attempt to share them. In the end, I came away with a greater appreciation for Thanksgiving, tradition, family and the tenacity required to do this thing every year in spite of all the ups and downs of life. Good read! 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable Read By A Davis I enjoyed the stories. I read them all on Thanksgiving, and they helped get me in the "Thanksgiving mood!" There were a good diversity of stories, representing both functional and dysfunctional families, rural and urban settings, and some ethnic diversity. Some were touching, and some made you want to cry. My only complaint is that I really love humorous stories, and there were not enough of those for my taste. I remember one being laugh out loud funny, and a couple with some humorous parts. Overall, though, a nice way to enter the holiday season.

Not every Thanksgiving in America is a folk-art painting. They are as varied as Americans themselves, and run the spectrum of emotion and experience - from as rural as watching Grandma slaughter the holiday bird by the barn, to the traditional with family football games in the yard, and to the modern with multicultural meals complete with eggrolls. In *Thanksgiving Tales: True Stories of the Holiday in America*, 48 writers from across the United States share their individual stories and memories. But, whether held in a country farmhouse, amid the frantic pace of New York City, or in a restaurant, there are a number of common elements. It is a holiday for everyone - regardless of whether your family came here via the Mayflower, Ellis Island, international airport, or any other way. It is a holiday steeped in traditions (whether faithfully followed, radically ignored, or adapted to individual circumstances), memories and images. These stories reveal how seemingly simple things - like the passing of a tradition to the next generation, sitting next to Grandpa, favorite foods and recipes, or certain sounds, sights, and smells - can have special meaning and leave warm and indelible memories. Some of the stories describe the chaos and mishaps of meal preparation, family arguments and first-time hosts-all crises then, but now looked upon with laughter. Other stories recount family traditions, meaningful moments, memorable guests and hosts, remembering those no longer with us, being alone, or out-and-out hating the holiday. *Thanksgiving Tales* is a reflection of Americans, as much as it is a look at the holiday. It is a testament to the importance of the holiday that Americans will go to great lengths for Thanksgiving - spending money to travel long distances or taking days to prepare meals, sometimes only to find themselves seated next to the weird cousin or sick all night from bacteria-laden food. Yet, it's done all over again the next year.

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