Mayflower 1620: A New Look At A Pilgrim Voyage
Synopsis

Plimoth Plantation and the National Geographic Society come together to tell the true story behind the legendary voyage of the Mayflower. A meticulously researched work, Mayflower 1620 offers children a compelling, fresh account of this much-told story. Vibrant photography of a rare reenactment using the Mayflower II leads readers imaginatively into the narrative. The vivid and informative text explores the story behind the exhibits at the living-history museum in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Primary sources record what the voyagers wore, what they ate, and telling details of their journey. First-person accounts reveal the hopes and dreams they carried. Readers share in the long hours at sea, and in the dangers faced after landfall. Extensive end notes, a map, a detailed chronology, and a bibliography round out the full story of the Mayflower. Readers experience a new look at this seminal historical event through the eyes of those who now regularly inhabit the world of the pilgrims—the actors who interpret the Pilgrim Voyage. This eye-opening book teaches children the value of closely reexamining everything we think we know.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Sorry to be a bit negative here, but I just got this and I'm a little disappointed. I bought it for the photos, hoping to see National Geographic quality photos of a restored replica ship and pilgrim village. Instead, the photos are mainly of the actors who are playing the parts. There are closeups of
people's faces with just a little rigging showing in the background, photos of "passengers" that show nothing else, etc. Not exactly the photographic walk-through of the ship I was hoping for. If you're getting this for interesting photos of the ship, I wouldn't. Now, if you happen to know one of the reenactors and you'd like an 8 x 10 glossy photo of him/her, this is your book. :) 

The collaborative effort of the Plimoth Plantation, authors Peter Arenstam, John Kemp, and Catherine O'Neill Grace, and photographers Sisse Brimberg and Cotton Coulson, Mayflower 1620: A New Look At A Pilgrim Voyage is a superb picture book retelling of history for young people, about the voyage of the Mayflower ship and the lives of the colonists who braved hardship for a new future. Gorgeous, full-color photographs capture reenactments of how life aboard the Mayflower was like, and the down-to-earth text presents the events of history in detail. An enthusiastically recommended and enthralling educational read, Mayflower 1620 is ideal for young readers seeking to broaden and improve their knowledge of American colonial history as well as their basic reading skills.

I am of that generation that grew up thinking the Pilgrims wore large hats with buckles on them and that the Indians at the first Thanksgiving wore feathered war bonnets and trade blankets. Although I am a lover of the illustrated children’s history books, there is nothing like high quality color photographs to bring history back to life. There is something so tangible and appealing about seeing the material culture of 1620. My only complaint is that the reenactors are maybe a little bit too clean. They would have looked so much more authentic with stringy hair and dirty clothes. Nevertheless, this is a great book and both parents and children should enjoy. Highly recommended.

Perfect addition to the Tour of Mayflower activity on Scholastic.com. My students are amazed at the rough conditions on the Mayflower. This book helps them see the sacrifice made by these people to come to America.

This was very popular resource as we studied the Thanksgiving story. Great pictures, high quality.

This book is awesome, but I purchased it for my preschool class and it has too many words. They did enjoy the pictures, and I'm sure an older child would love imagining the voyage on the Mayflower!
I thoroughly enjoyed this book. It was extremely accurate and I loved the pictures. All children should read it, also.

I bought this book for a lesson for my First graders and they loved it!! It arrived in perfect condition and so quickly!

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