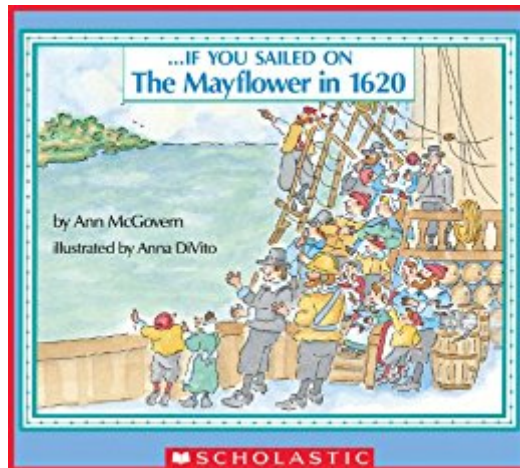


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# If You Sailed On The Mayflower (If You...)



## Synopsis

What if you sailed on the Mayflower? A different time...a different place...What if you were there? If you sailed on the Mayflower --What could you take with you? --How would you keep clean? --What would you do when you first got to shore? Get ready to go back in time to 1620 to discover what it was like to sail the Mayflower!

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## Customer Reviews

I got "If You Sailed on the Mayflower in 1620" for our Thanksgiving unit based on several glowing recommendations. I was not disappointed. Both my 5 yo and I had a hard stopping once we got started. I learned things about the Pilgrims I'd never known. And, the content is fascinating for children. It covered such curious topics as Did they bathe on the Mayflower?, What did they eat?, How were people who broke the law punished?, What did children do? It was written to entertain anyone over the age of 4. It's a question/answer book and exceptionally well done.

This book by Ann McGovern depicts the life that you would have had on the Mayflower. You get a sense and almost feel like you are there with the rest of the pilgrims in 1620. The detail is just great and is a book that all kids should read from a historical standpoint.

This book was originally written in 1969 and to me reads a bit like a fairytale. My children enjoyed it and it helped us discuss our early history but is best used with other more up to date sources of information. In particular it downplays the role of the Native Americans, refers to them as Indians and Indian braves, but never by tribe name. It mentions that the Pilgrims stole corn but makes no connection between the Native Americans attacking and the theft. In describing the first Thanksgiving it mentions the surprise of the Pilgrims when Massasoit arrived with 90 "Indian braves" but fails to discuss that there wouldn't have been enough food for that many people if the Wampanoags didn't contribute their own food to the feast. What the book does well is to describe the hardships that the pilgrims would have endured on the Mayflower as well as during the first winter in Plimoth. It provides a good description of what a day in the life of a Pilgrim looked like during those first months. The book was good in that it gave us an opportunity for discussion as we noticed inconsistencies between this book and other resources that we have explored. On a final note: "And there was popcorn too." This is a common myth but there is no evidence that popped corn was present in North America in the 1620's. Lovely thought but unlikely.

I am a teacher who was looking for a book for my students to use when we study Thanksgiving. Without a doubt, this story is one of the best that we use. It is a great introduction to reading non-fiction, and it provides a wealth of information for students, parents, and teachers. My students love the story. They can easily understand the Question-Answer format, and it is not overwhelming in its content. It's written in an 'easy reading' style that the students can understand. They are really interested in what the kids did during this time, especially what they did for fun. I recommend this book to any student who wants to know more about the Pilgrims and their arrival to America. I also recommend this to any adult who is looking for a wonderful non-fiction book for their favorite child(ren).

I purchased this book for my Grandchildren but this is not only a great book for 4-8 year olds but for anyone over 4. You might learn some things you didn't know. By the way, if you ever go to Plymouth you can go on the Mayflower II, and be sure to visit Plimoth Plantation (it's like going back in time to 1630).

This book does an amazing job of conveying the truth of traveling on the Mayflower. They don't sugar coat things and make it pretty for people. It has lots of facts, including a page with an inside

view of how the Mayflower would have looked and all the difficulties of traveling for so long with so many people on a crowded vessel. It's a really great book. We use it in our homeschool study of Thanksgiving. The whole series of "if you..." has been great. There are many of them about all types of different topics throughout history and we have only been able to get through a small amount of them so far, but they are all loaded with great factual information about history as far as I can tell. I plan to buy the whole series for our homeschool library. We are avid readers and I love how much these little books can teach.

Very interesting and engaging book. Bought it for cubscouts in 2nd grade to learn about the pilgrims and it definitely held their attention. It's more of a reference book than a short story (long and detailed with many facts). It's a good reference book for a young student or to glean sections out for story time with younger kids.

I love this. This book corrects the wrong story being taught in schools. My granddaughter came home with the wrong information. She said the teacher stole the Indians land and murdered them. Not true. The Indians under Chief Powhatten welcomed the Pilgrims and taught them to farm new crops. That is why the Indians were invited to what is now known as the first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims also help Powhatten fight Powhatten enemies. Those that came AFTER the Pilgrims did indeed steal land and murder many Indians - but not the Pilgrims.

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