

# Thanksgiving

THE HOLIDAY AT THE HEART  
OF THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE



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## *Thanksgiving: The Holiday at the Heart of the American Experience* By Melanie Kirkpatrick

Did you know that Thanksgiving football games began in 1873? On October 30 of that year, Princeton and Yale battled it out in Hoboken, New Jersey. From that day forward, Thanksgiving Day football became a regular feature of the holiday.

Did you know that the writer of *Mary Had a Little Lamb* is considered the godmother of Thanksgiving? Sarah Josepha Hale, editor of *Godey's Lady Book*, used the magazine as a platform for promoting the holiday she saw as uniquely American.

"The basic story of the First Thanksgiving is well known to every American. Pilgrims and Indians. Turkey and cranberries. Giving thanks. But few Americans know much more about the holiday's multifaceted history." (p. xv)

Want to learn more? Go to the Grace Library and check out this informative and sometimes entertaining book.