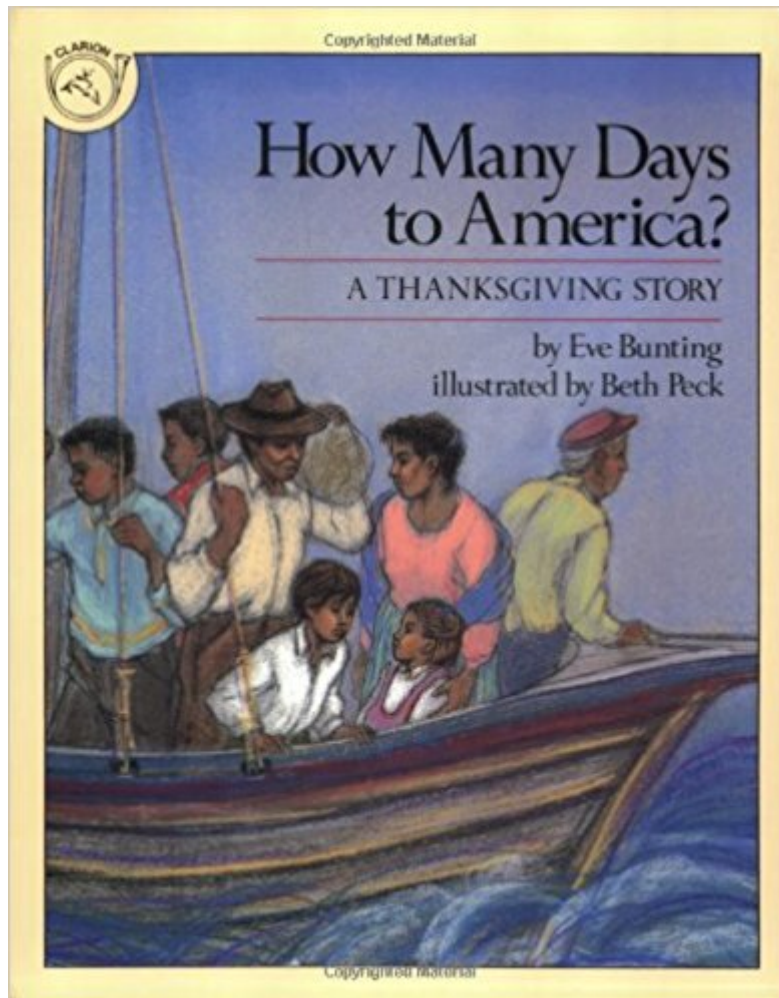




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# How Many Days To America?: A Thanksgiving Story



## Synopsis

After the police come, a family is forced to flee their Caribbean island and set sail for America in a small fishing boat.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

A family flees its native country in a small boat and lands in America on a particularly appropriate holiday; PW called this "a Thanksgiving story that knows no season or race, but is for everyone all year 'round." Ages 3-8. Copyright 1990 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Kindergarten-Grade 4-"It was nice in our village. Till the night in October when the soldiers came." Thus begins a modern-day exodus story as a Caribbean family joins others in a small boat on a dangerous journey. Eve Bunting's evocative text (HM, 1988) is read by a female narrator against gentle background music and occasional sound effects. From a child's-eye point of view, it tells the moving story of people who are willing to give up everything, risk everything, for freedom. The accompanying paperback book allows listeners to read along and view Beth Peck's beautiful two-page colored pencil illustrations. This is an unusual Thanksgiving book that can be used at any time of the year. It reminds us that we have modern-day pilgrims coming to our shores for much the

same reasons, and that living in a free land is something for which we can be truly thankful. Teresa Bateman, Brigadoon Elementary School, Federal Way, WA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

During our 2nd grade study of immigration, Ellis Island, and the Statue of Liberty, we read this book. The students were amazed to learn that some children had to travel by themselves, with no adult, to a new country. Most of these children did not speak English, either. I believe that all teachers will find this book to be the perfect read-aloud to help students understand immigration on a personal level.

Great book for any time of year.

Good

Great twists in this story! Wonderful to read to students!

Can you imagine taking a boat ride all across the ocean to the USA? This family in the book *How Many Days to America* faces a challenge on the journey to freedom. The challenge is the soldiers shooting at them. Will they get out of this mess and get to America? The family is a freedom-seeking family that needs to get to America. They need to escape from the soldiers. The narrator tells us she is in danger when it says "men shot at us from the cliffs". It is the soldiers shooting. This is a clue on her journey to America where they can be "free and safe". *How Many Days to America* is a book about a family that faces robbing pirates, whales, and soldiers on their boat journey to America. By Elijah

Great condition

Great Book for teachers or parents to read to children to reinforce the true meaning of Thanksgiving! Worth every penny!

"How Many Days to America?" is the spell binding, heart-breaking story of a family coming to America in search of a better life. Our main character, who isn't named, sees the journey through a child's eyes; not understand that his families choice can cost them dearly."How Many Days to

America?" is the perfect book to read around Thanksgiving. This book, while being a Thanksgiving story, touches more on the experiences of those who take extreme chances for a better life. The timing of the book in the fall further reinforces the values of family first, working hard, and keeping the faith. This book can easily be used to teach any skill. Students can infer why the characters in our story aren't welcome at the first place they read on their boat, along with predicting the ending and why they had to leave their home in the first place. The possibilities are endless with this book. The language is appropriate for 5th grade students. They will enjoy this book's focus on the human spirit, a families struggle, and their ultimate success. I highly recommend this book!

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