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Giving Thanks: Poems, Prayers, And Praise Songs Of Thanksgiving



Newbery Medal winner Katherine Paterson and cut-paper artist Pamela Dalton give fans of all ages even more to be thankful for with *Giving Thanks*, a special book about gratitude. Katherine Paterson's meditations on what it means to be truly grateful and Pamela Dalton's exquisite cut-paper illustrations are paired with a collection of over 50 graces, poems, and praise songs from a wide range of cultures, religions, and voices. The unique collaboration between these two extraordinary artists flowers in this important and stunningly beautiful reflection on the act of giving thanks.

Starred Review As they did in the beautiful *Brother Sun, Sister Moon* (2011), Newbery medalist Paterson and cut-paper artist extraordinaire Dalton combine their considerable talents to bring to young people the concept of giving thanks. Paterson offers several meditations on ways she experienced thanksgiving, gratitude, and love throughout her life. Following each are several pages of poems, hymns, and snippets of praise songs from various cultures and religions, allowing readers to experience emotions and practices through many voices. Dalton, who is a practitioner of the early-nineteenth-century American paper-cutting technique called scherenschnitte (ˈʃɛrənˌʃnɪtə ˈskɪzər ˈkʊts ˈæntɪˌkwəd ˈɪŋ ɪn ə ˈkɒfiː səljuːʃən, ˈaɪrəd, ɪlˈuːmɪˌneɪtəd wɪθ ˈwɔːtəkələ). She fashions wondrous garlands, lattices hiding birds and rabbits, individual

flowers and butterflies, and frames housing families reading books. The considerable thought to design— from substantial buff-colored pages to the placement of the art—is balanced by an equal appreciation for the works selected. Wonderful to have on hand for Thanksgiving, this is a book to be picked up throughout the year and savored and discussed. Grades 4-7. --Ilene Cooper

"A book to be picked up throughout the year and savored and discussed."--Booklist, starred review
"Wide-ranging and gorgeously executed. a joyfulness of spirit permeates the compilation."--Publishers Weekly, starred review
"Suffused with and inspiring gratitude and joy. Amen."--Kirkus Reviews, starred review
"Invites family sharing."---School Library Journal, starred review
"I want to hug the book's very neck for even existing."--Julie Danielson, Kirkus Reviews
"Ecumenical Thanksgiving miscellany - suited to readers of any age."--The New York Times

Any book by Katherine Patterson sends a "must read" through my heart. And, I am not disappointed by this compilation of poetry, song and prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude to God for love, life and peace. As a reader of literature I am reminded throughout this small book of themes of gratitude from writers of all faiths and ethnicities. The art which supports the texts is intriguing. It supports and amplifies the message.

This is a wonderful book with a theme I have been hunting for formonths. We need more books about giving thanks because many people on this planet are not as fortunate as we and have little to give thanks about!

They were received with ravs. The illustrations are amazing. The poems, prayers,and praise songs were delightful. A great hostess gift for Thanksgiving guests to bring and leave with their thanks!

I bought this for the illustrations which are exquisite comples paper cuttings by Pamela Dalton. They are quite amazing. The text is ok if rather mundane.

Excellent book with beautiful art. Every home should have a copy.

This is an awesome book. I bought one for a friend and one for myself.They arrived a few days earlier than expected! That was awesome.

Prayers and poems from all different cultures makes for a great addition to any family library. The scissor cut art is outstanding.

Beautiful poems, enjoyed reading them

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