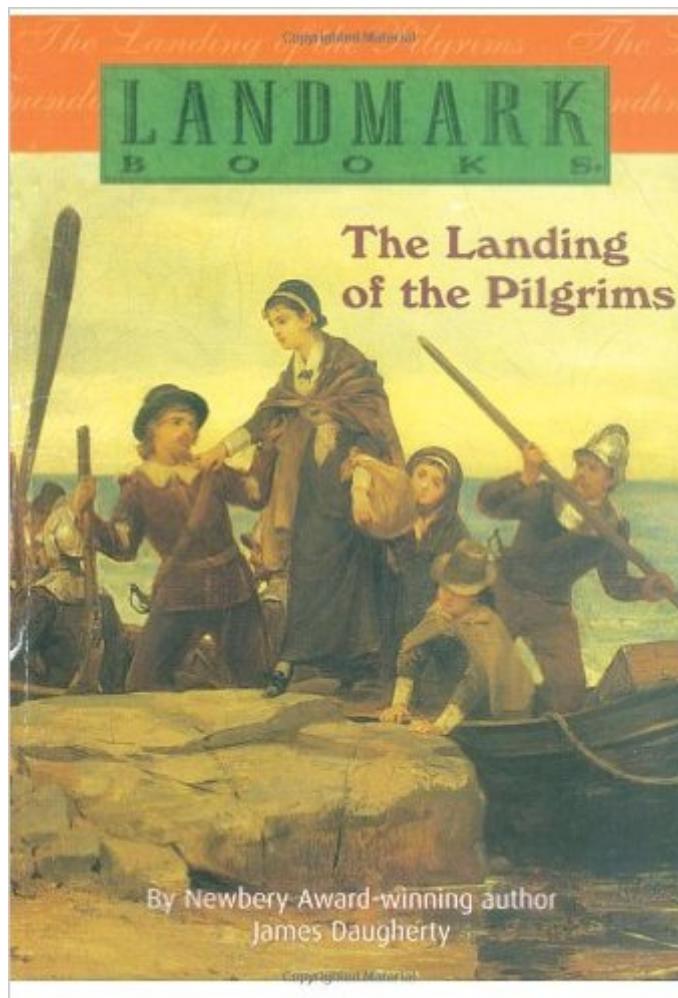


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The Landing Of The Pilgrims (Landmark Books)



Synopsis

In England in the early 1600s, everyone was forced to join the Church of England. Young William Bradford and his friends believed they had every right to belong to whichever church they wanted. In the name of religious freedom, they fled to Holland, then sailed to America to start a new life. But the winter was harsh, and before a year passed, half the settlers had died. Yet, through hard work and strong faith, a tough group of Pilgrims did survive. Their belief in freedom of religion became an American ideal that still lives on today. James Daugherty draws on the Pilgrims' own journals to give a fresh and moving account of their life and traditions, their quest for religious freedom, and the founding of one of our nation's most beloved holidays—Thanksgiving.

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Customer Reviews

A Response to The Landing of the PilgrimsLanding of the Pilgrims, is a book about the first settlers in the New World and their journey across the ocean in hope of religious freedom. It also tells the story of their good times, troubles, and hardships. The author, James Daugherty, vividly tells their story by giving evidence of truth through real documents and their journals. In my opinion, there is no better way to learn about them. This historical fiction book opens up in 1607 with the main character, William Bradford, as a boy, and goes through his life to the death. The reader learns of

Bradford's fellow believers and their journey to Holland, life there, and their long pilgrimage across the great Atlantic, to America. The reader is also shown the hard work and effort put in by these people so that we can have what we do today. I think this is a good, well-written book that conveys the elementary message of the reasons and purposes the Pilgrims had in coming to "New England". Daugherty makes the reader feel as if he were in Virginia over 350 years ago sharing the new knowledge and new experiences with Bradford and the early settlers. He does a great job constructing sentences and he really describes things very well. I think Daugherty did a good job with the details as well. He answered almost all the questions a reader could ask and he could answer about life of the early settlers. But I think he probably could have included more about what the pilgrims did for leisure and play. At one time he mentions that they worked six days a week and they worshipped most all of Sunday with just a little time for play. Perhaps they didn't do anything for fun during the week? If the latter is not the case than I wish he would have been more detailed in that area.

Who were the Pilgrims? This book takes your readers back to the Puritan days in England, their migration to Leyden, and their many attempts to strike out for the new world. What did the Pilgrims find in the New World? Not Jamestown Colony, their intended destination. No. They found a wilderness with echoes of the Native Americans who had suffered and died from a plague four or five years before the arrival of the Mayflower. They found no way to feed themselves, being undersupplied and arriving in the winter. They found some Native Americans who attacked them, others who traded with them, and still others who could communicate with them. Some of the Pilgrims actually survived the first winter -- 51 survivors. How did the Pilgrims establish themselves in Plymouth Colony? Watch as they built houses, storehouses, fortifications. Watch as they organize hunting, guard, and trading groups, learn to farm. Watch as they see new ships on the horizon -- resupply ships? Not at all -- ships that bring new, sick colonists to be healed and fed; ships that demand what the colony has produced in order to pay the merchants who financed their trip. What were the relationships between the Pilgrims and the Indians? Meet the chiefs and warriors of the neighboring tribes, learn about their internal conflicts and leadership issues, and learn how the Pilgrims formed alliances and partnerships with some and fought others, while staying true to their founding ideals. How did the Pilgrims become prosperous? Watch as the colonists finally(!) overthrow the "communal" idea of distributing food, and instead adopt the ownership idea of private property to feed themselves. It meant the end of the starving time and the beginning of the strength of America.

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