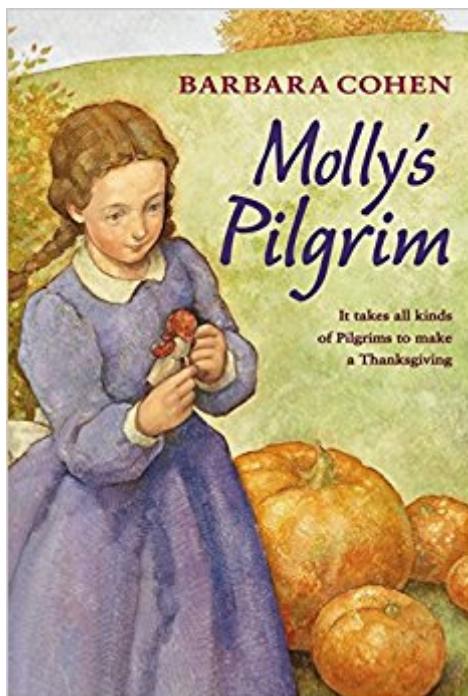


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# Molly's Pilgrim (Customized Book Bundles)



## **Synopsis**

A modern Thanksgiving classic about an immigrant girl who comes to identify with the story of the Pilgrims, as she seeks religious freedom and a home in a new land. As Molly nears her first Thanksgiving in the New World, she doesn't find much to be thankful for. Her classmates giggle at her Yiddish accent and make fun of her unfamiliarity with American ways. Molly's embarrassed when her mother helps with a class Thanksgiving project by making a little doll that looks more like a Russian refugee than a New England Pilgrim. But the tiny modern-day pilgrim just might help Molly to find a place for herself in America. The touching story tells how recent immigrant Molly leads her third-grade class to discover that it takes all kinds of pilgrims to make a Thanksgiving. Originally published in 1983, Molly's Pilgrim inspired the 1986 Academy Award-winning live-action short film.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 6 - 10 years

Grade Level: 2 - 5

## **Customer Reviews**

A Russian immigrant girl adjusts to the American celebrations of Thanksgiving and birthdays, respectively. Ages 5-8; 6-10. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Gr 1-3-Molly, a young Russian Jewish immigrant, feels that she doesn't belong and will never belong in America. Her third grade classmates make fun of her accent, her dress, her customs and mock her with a sing-song rhyme, "Jol-ly Mol-ly, Your eyes are awf'ly small. Jol-ly Mol-ly, Your nose is awf'ly tall." With the help of a loving mother and the understanding of a sensitive teacher, Molly earns class recognition and, finally, happiness. Her clothespin Pilgrim doll resembles her Russian mother more than a traditional Pilgrim, for her mother is indeed a pilgrim who came to America for religious freedom. Christina Moore's dramatic reading intensifies the emotion and evokes the pathos of this moving narrative. Young listeners will sympathize and empathize with Molly and will gain a greater appreciation for all Pilgrims in America. This story will encourage dialogue and lively discussions on numerous topics: American values, tolerance, religious freedom, Thanksgiving traditions, Jewish customs and holidays. It will captivate an attentive audience every month of the year. Patricia Mahoney Brown, Franklin Elementary School, Kenmore, NY Copyright 1998 Cahners Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

This is an excellent book that tells a story that feels authentic and is not just a vehicle for transmitting a message of tolerance. The super-realistic illustrations are beautifully rendered and kids, especially girls, will probably want to hear this story again and again. But the inexpensive paperback edition is too small to do the illustrations justice, plus the text is printed on cheap paper. Much better to stick with the full size hardcover ISBN 0688162797

Wonderful story about an immigrant girl named Molly dealing with fitting in to her new home in small town America (set some time in the first half of 20th century). When she is given an art assignment to make a pilgrim at home she asks her mom to help her, but then is embarrassed that her mother creates a doll dressed in traditional clothes of her home country. Her mother's choices, Molly's own struggle to deal with Classmates teasing and the teacher's understanding all come together to tell the story about what a true pilgrim is. Perfect for these times (2016-postelection) of anti-immigrant rhetoric that has lead to fear among immigrant children in our country.

Excellent book for guided reading and a historical fiction unit.

Love the story, I would like to have had a larger version to read to my class. There is one word "stupid" in the text which I had to omit when reading to my second grade students or they would have gone bonkers. Worked really well for introducing our ancestor reports especially around

Thanksgiving.

easy to read book with a good message -- it is awfully short, though (which I didn't realize when ordering), so my daughter read it in under 15 minutes. she liked it though.

My grand daughter read this book for her summer reading. She really enjoyed it.

Great story for all ages.

Just what I expected.

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