



# Action for Children Book List

Six Books for Children about Thanksgiving  
and Native American Culture

Our AFC Staff has gathered their favorite books for children ages 0-10 about Thanksgiving!

1. **“Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story” by Kevin Noble Maillard** - This picture book celebrates the significance of fry bread in Native American culture, exploring its role in family traditions, history, and community.
2. **“We Are Grateful Otsaliheliga” by Traci Sorell** - Through the Cherokee word "otsaliheliga," meaning "we are grateful," this book follows a year in the life of a Cherokee family, highlighting their expressions of gratitude across the seasons.
3. **“Sharing the Bread: An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Story” by Pat Zietlow Miller** - Set in the 19th century, this rhyming story depicts a family's collaborative effort to prepare a Thanksgiving meal, emphasizing themes of togetherness and gratitude.
4. **“Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun’s Thanksgiving Story” by Danielle Greendeer** - This narrative offers a Native American perspective on Thanksgiving, sharing the story of the harvest and the role of corn (Weeâchumun) in the first feast.
5. **“When We Were Alone” by David A. Robertson** - A young girl learns about her grandmother's experiences in a residential school and how she found ways to retain her Indigenous identity and culture.
6. **“When We Gather (Ostadahlisiha): A Cherokee Tribal Feast” by Andrea L. Rogers** - This picture book celebrates the Cherokee tradition of wild onion dinners, highlighting the importance of community and cultural heritage as a young girl and her family gather and prepare a springtime feast.



## About Action for Children:

*Action for Children is the local child care resource and referral agency for Central Ohio, and is committed to assuring quality early learning experiences for all children. Our services focus on transforming the lives of children by supporting the everyday heroes who most influence our children’s early growth; care givers, educators, parents, and guardians.*

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