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Review: Thanks for Thanksgiving

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Markes, Julie, *Thanks for Thanksgiving.* Illustrated by Doris Barrette. Scholastic, 2004, ISBN: 0439827299.

Description:

Rhyming text and color to the edges of the pages celebrate the time of the year that all hearts focus on giving thanks. Narrated with a child's voice, each page reflects fall colors and catalogs blessings from pets to a table laden with food. The final page encourages readers to list blessings year after year. Rounded shapes and warm colors evoke cozy family times with pets galore. Smiling faces grace each page.

Critique:

Happy clutter fills each page of this holiday of giving thanks. For young readers who are fortunate enough to have secure families, this title is simply a reminder of what the festivities mean to them. For the children who do not have such homes and families, the illustrations and text inform of what a gracious life could be and may one day be for them.

Related Subjects: Cooking, Family**,** Holidays, Pets

Character Themes: Caring, Family love, Joyfulness, Sharing