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# Thanks for Thanksgiving

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Markes, Julie. *Thanks for Thanksgiving*. Illustrated by Doris Barrette. HarperCollins, 2004.  
ISBN 006051096X. \$12.99. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Marsha D. Broadway

Reading Level: Preschool, Primary

Rating: Excellent

Genre: Holiday poetry;

Subject: Thanksgiving Day--Juvenile fiction; Gratitude--Juvenile fiction; Stories in rhyme--  
Juvenile fiction; Book--Reviews;

In iambic verse, Markes enumerates simple joys of everyday life that bring happiness and contentment to children and their families.

Thanks for Thanksgiving for turkey and pie.  
Thank you for fall and gold leaves floating by.

From music to art, from play dates to slides, from piggyback rides to cuddles, the rhyme and illustrations produce a cozy appreciation for family life and suggest to the readers the simple things for which they might be grateful.

Bright, whimsical watercolors in a warm fall palette capture the pleasures of childhood and the love of family. A page at the end of the text encourages children to "write their thankful thoughts." This joyful little book would provide families and school classes opportunities to discuss gratitude and how to express it. Families may want to use it as a Thanksgiving Day tradition.