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An old-fashioned Thanksgiving

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Alcott, Louisa May. *An Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving*. Illustrated by Bernardin, James. HarperCollins, 2005. ISBN 0060004517. \$16.89. 32 pp.

Reviewer: Gabi Kupitz

Reading Level: Primary

Rating: Outstanding

Genre: Historical fiction; Holiday stories;

Subject: Family life--Juvenile fiction; Thanksgiving Day--Juvenile fiction; New England--Juvenile fiction; Books--Reviews

Two sisters in a large New England family roll up their sleeves and get to work to make a Thanksgiving dinner when their parents are called away to attend to an ailing grandmother. Culinary mishaps occur, but the children manage to put together a delicious dinner that warms the immediate family as well as arriving aunts, uncles, cousins--an even Grandma. The full-color illustrations capture the abbreviated Alcott text. A feel-good holiday story that transports the reader to another time, yet the situation and go-to attitude of the children is timeless. Includes "Louisa May Alcott's Apple Slump" recipe.