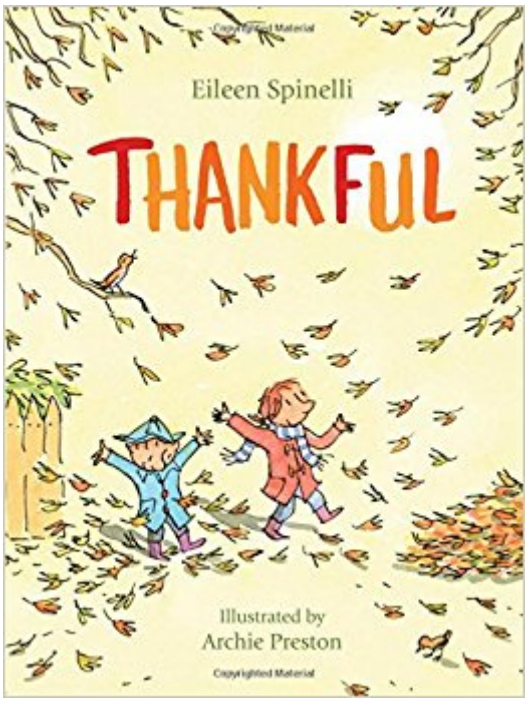
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Synopsis

Thankful, by bestselling and award-winning childrenÃ¢â ¬â„¢s author Eileen Spinelli, combines charming rhymes and whimsical illustrations to convey the importance of being thankful for everyday blessings. Like the gardener thankful for every green sprout, and the fireman, for putting the fire out, readers are encouraged to be thankful for the many blessings they find in their lives. Spinelli exhibits her endearing storytelling with this engaging poem, reminding children how blessed and special they are. Meant to be read aloud, this heartwarming picture book will be a treasured keepsake for parents and children alike.

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details on the pages, as does the vast amount of white space. This book creates an opportunity for parents and children to talk about for whom and what they are thankful. VERDICT A must-have for library collections; great for one-on-one reading or for storytimes.Ã¢â ¬â •Megan McGinnis, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY

Thankful, Eileen Spinelli's rhyming picture book, illustrated by Archie Preston introduces youngsters age four to eight to a 'lovable pair of siblings.' Their story and pictures demonstrate an important spirit of appreciation and gratitude. Memorable couplets and colorful illustrations of gardeners, firemen, dancers and more illustrate their reasons to be grateful, such as the example in the opening rhyme. 'The waitress is thankful for comfortable shoes.' 'The local reporter for interesting news.' This timeless message of gratitude and appreciation. (The Midwest Book Review)PreS-Gr 1Ã¢â ¬â œIn this charming picture book, two siblings look at people around them and imagine the things they are grateful for. Ã¢â ¬Å“The waitress is thankful/for comfortable shoes./The local reporter, for interesting news./The gardenerÃ¢â ¬â„¢s/thankful for/every green/sprout./The fireman,/for putting the fire out.Ã¢â ¬Â• Additionally, an artist is thankful for color and light and a mayor is thankful for every vote. The same two children role-play the various professions throughout. Spinelli celebrates gratitude in simple rhyming couplets. The text is straightforward but helps support the whimsical illustrations that flow onto the following pages. Soft pastel images outlined in black highlight the details on the pages, as does the vast amount of white space. This book creates an opportunity for parents and children to talk about for whom and what they are thankful. VERDICT A must-have for library collections; great for one-on-one reading or for storytimes.Ã¢â ¬â œMegan McGinnis, Sachem Public Library, Holbrook, NY (School Library Journal)Spinelli lists many things for which people are thankful. The pictures tell a pleasing counterpoint to this deceptively simple rhyme. It begins 'The waitress is thankful for comfortable shoes. / The local reporter, for interesting news.' The pictures show a little girl playing waitress to her brother, who playacts the reporter. The news gets interesting when the girl trips over the (omnipresent) cat. As the poem continues, the Caucasian children and their parents embody all the different roles and occupations it mentions. The poet is thankful for rhyme and the artist, for light and color, although the girl dancer is not particularly pleased with her brother's painterly rendition of her visual art. The cozy hotel for the traveler is a tent for the siblings in the backyard, and the grateful chef is their father in the kitchen. Even the pastor (the only character mentioned who is not a family member) is grateful, as he is presented with a posy from the girl, for 'God's loving word.' The line is squiggly and energetic, with pastel color and figures that float over white space or have

whole rooms or gardens to roam in. Both children, grateful for morning stories, appear in a double-page spread surrounded by books and stuffed toys as their mother reads to them---an image that begs to be a poster. Low-key and gentle; a book to be thankful for. (Picture book. 4-7) (Kirkus)

Overall, I love the message of this book. Perfect for Thanksgiving season, but can definitely be read year round. However, I didn't realize this was a Christian book with bible references. We are not religious, nor are we anti-religion, but I just wanted to mention it since it is something people might want to know before buying. I try to enlighten my kids about all world religions and belief systems. There is so much to learn, so this book just adds to the repertoire of literature that expands their world view.

Sweet little book for young kids. Has pretty pictures and a great way to talk about simple things to be thankful for.

Sweet story of all the things we can be thankful for and how we're all connected. I bought this to go on our Thanksgiving mantel, but it's perfect for any time of year too.

nice childrens' story about being thankful for all you see

Beautiful book and lovely illustrations but didn't capture my 3-year-old's interest.

The children in my Sunday School class enjoyed the book.

Good book for kids

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