

SMD-SC Virtual Book Club 2026

A PILGRIM
MAID:
A STORY OF
PLYMOUTH
COLONY IN 1620

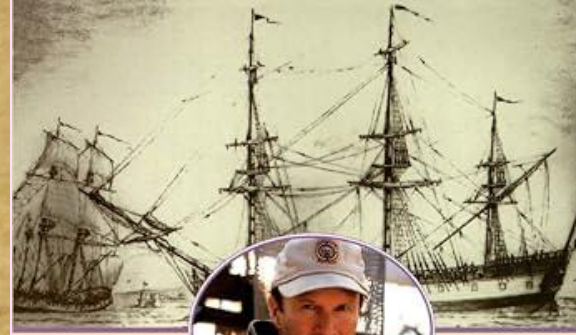
Marion Ames Taggart

Saints & Strangers

Lives of the Pilgrim Fathers and Their Families



George F. Willison



EXPEDITION WHYDAH

THE STORY OF THE WORLD'S FIRST
EXCAVATION OF A PIRATE TREASURE SHIP
and the
MAN WHO FOUND HER

BARRY CLIFFORD
with Paul Perry

"Pirates, treasure, shipwreck, Cape Cod: it's the recipe for perfect summer reading, and it's all true." —*Wall Street Journal*

Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims' First Year in America

Glenn Alan Cheney

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***A Pilgrim Maid: A Story of Plymouth Colony in 1620*, by Marion Ames Taggart, Published In 1925**

Experience life in Plymouth Colony through the eyes of a young girl in Marion Ames Taggart's "A Pilgrim Maid: A Story of Plymouth Colony in 1620." This historical fiction invites readers to step back in time to the earliest days of colonial America and encounter the daily lives of the Pilgrims. Delve into their religious life and the challenges they faced as they built a new community in Massachusetts.

This carefully prepared edition offers a glimpse into the past, presenting a story of resilience, faith, and community, capturing a pivotal moment in American history. "A Pilgrim Maid" provides a unique perspective on the experiences of girls and women in the 17th century, offering a timeless portrayal of life in early Plymouth. A compelling read for anyone interested in historical fiction, colonial America, and the enduring spirit of the Pilgrims.

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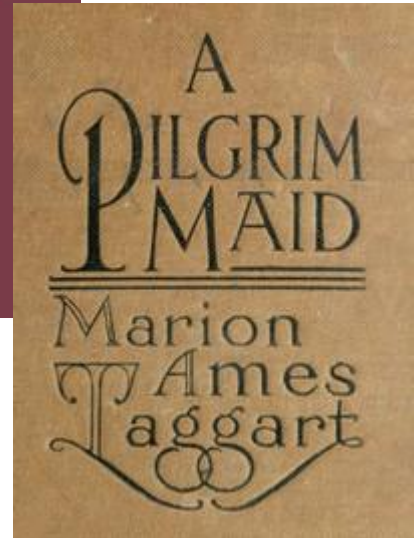
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***Saints and Strangers, Lives of the Pilgrim Fathers and Their Families,* by George F. Willison, Published 1945**

With this book George Willison has brought back to life men and women who were among the most stalwart of American ancestors. He has destroyed a myth that too long engendered the impression that the Pilgrims, while commendably pious and much to be admired, were withal a drab, stern folk - dedicated to prudery. For that injustice *Saints and Strangers* makes generous reparation. The reader will find himself living among lusty English men and women who were well aware of good food, good drink, and pleasurable living. They were an adventurous, hard-headed group, united in their campaign for freedom of worship. With them the reader will go through their term of exile in Holland, their long and troubled voyage from Old Europe to new America, and their hazardous period of settling on a strange bleak coast. It was in and around Scrooby, in almost the center of Queen Elizabeth's England, that the movement began which a century later sent the Mayflower westward with its load of weavers, smiths, carpenters, printers, tailors, and such - with not a drop of blue blood among them. It was a long way, a roundabout way, a troubled way from Scooby Water to Plymouth Rock. With the keen, humorous, analytic eye of the first-rate modern scholar and the chaste and limitless style of the first-rate modern writing man, Mr. Milliston has produced a realistic picture of these men and women who so often have been inaccurately portrayed.

Available at Thriftbooks, Betterworld, AbeBooks, etc.

Available for free internet Archive.org:

<https://archive.org/details/saintsstrangersb00will#:~:text=Graphic%20Violence-.Saints%20and%20strangers%2C%20being%20the%20lives%20of%20the%20Pilgrim%20fathers,487%2D494>

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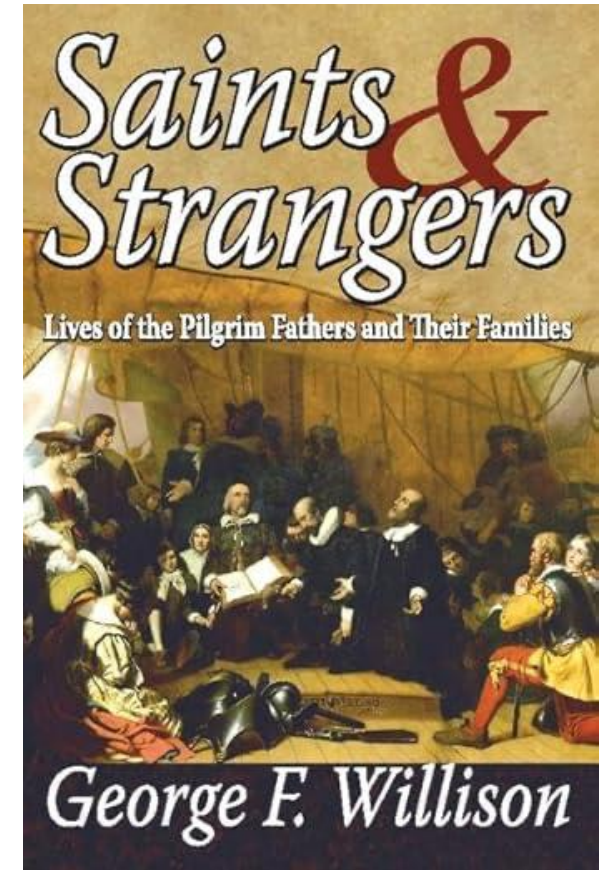
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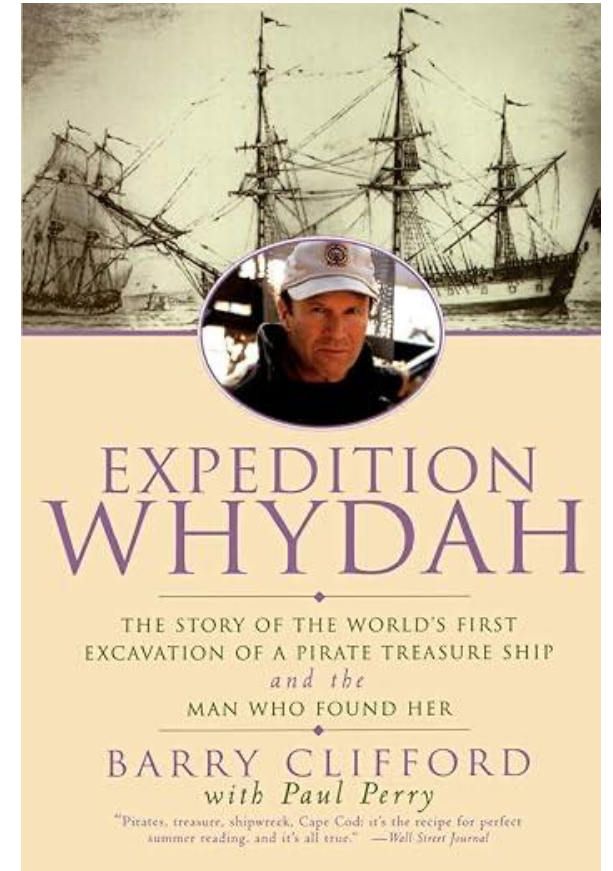


Expedition Whydah, The Story Of The World's First Excavation Of A Pirate Treasure Ship and the Man Who Found Her, by Barry Clifford.

A Captivating Account of the Golden Age of Piracy, the Search for Sunken Treasure, and the Business of Underwater Exploration

Bored by his successful life and obsessed with a boyhood dream of lost pirate treasure, Barry Clifford began a quest for legendary pirate Black Sam Bellamy's ship *Whydah*, which had supposedly wrecked off the coast of Cape Cod more than two centuries ago. Ignoring claims that he was a fool and a dreamer, Clifford pressed on, until he unbelievable found the *Whydah*...and then the real story begins in a spellbinding story that will capture your imagination.

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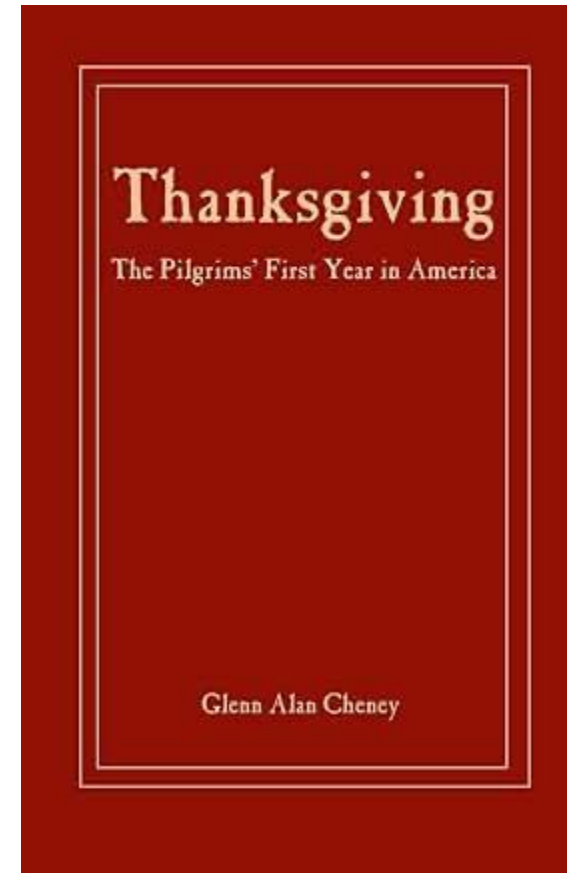
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Thanksgiving, The Pilgrims' First Year in America, by Glenn Alan Cheney

Thanksgiving is not a book about a holiday. It s about something that a few dozen survivors did after a year of suffering, death, struggle, and courage. They bowed their heads to give thanks. The Pilgrims journey began as a joint venture of business and religion, but soon it became a matter of survival. With 102 men, women, and children packed into a dim, wet space below the main deck, the Mayflower set out on a terrifying 66-day crossing of the Atlantic. They dropped anchor well north of where they d intended, and just as the New England winter was setting in. With no choice but to spend the winter in the dank, frigid ship, they took ill. One by one, almost half of them died. The few individuals well enough to work rowed the dead into shore and buried them in graves left unmarked so the Indians wouldn t know how weak they were. Spring promised only a year of toil and difficulties as they attempted to settle new land in a place they called Plymouth. But then a miracle walked out of the woods...an Indian who had already crossed the Atlantic four times. He spoke English very well. He showed them how to catch the local fish and grow the local crops. He introduced them to the local people, and in an experience unique in colonial history, Europeans and Indians became friends and allies. And that autumn, the new and native Americans came together for a feast that lasted three days. Thanksgiving is a book of fact that all but breathes with the human drama of life, death, birth, hope, prayer, work, desperation, and thanks. Though these few dozen people were hardly the first Europeans to settle in North America, their values and beliefs grew into the American culture. We are what they were. Every American should read this book before bowing for grace on Thanksgiving Day.

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