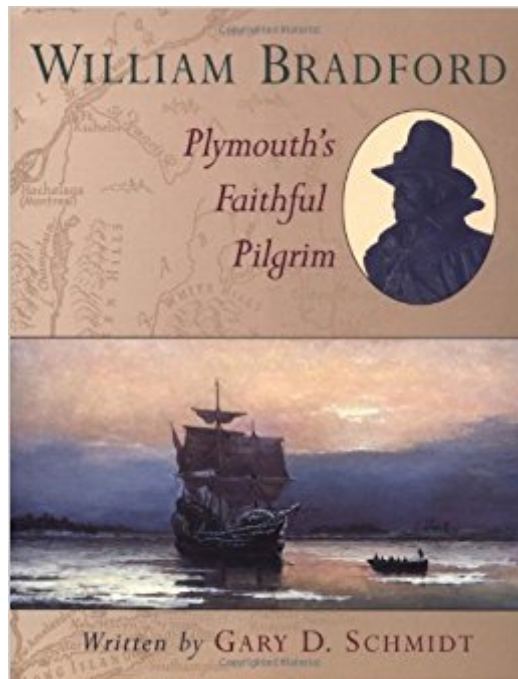




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Grade 6-10 This well-written biography of the Pilgrim leader will be a welcome addition to history collections. Very little has been written about him for a young audience; none of it is recent. Schmidt tells the story well, frequently quoting from the accounts of Bradford himself, as well as others. The archaic language in those citations requires a little effort, but shouldn't prove problematic. The author clearly presents Bradfords religious views and shows how those beliefs affected his life and actions and those of the Pilgrims. The care with which Schmidt approaches this aspect of his subject results in an objective presentation that informs without proselytizing. There are occasional lapses in chronology (on one page it is Monday, Dec. 21 as the Pilgrims go ashore; three pages later, it is Wednesday, Dec. 20 as they decide to stay where they have landed) but the story is otherwise clear. Black-and-white photographs (with reenactment photos so labeled), reproductions of prints and journals, and some simple maps are all well placed within the text. A brief bibliographic essay and some suggestions for further reading (mostly adult titles) complete the work. Most libraries will

want to have this volume available for readers and researchers alike. Elaine Fort Weischedel, Turner Free Library, Randolph, MA Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

paper 0-8028-5148-8 Paying tribute to both the political skills and the deep spirituality of Plymouth Colony's guiding light, Schmidt (Sin Eater, 1996) paints a warm and cohesive picture of William Bradford's role in that colony's foundation and growth. Orphaned since childhood, Bradford joined the Puritan movement as a teenager, and gave up a fairly prosperous life to accompany local Separatists in their move to the Netherlands. Readers will get a clear sense of the courage it took to make that break, to defy both monarch and established church, and to later board a barely seaworthy ship for a dangerous voyage to an unknown land. Under Bradford's wise stewardship Plymouth went from a struggling settlement to a flourishing town, surviving deadly winters, suspicious local natives, successive waves of poorly supplied immigrants, fire, rival colonies competing for land and trade, even an earthquake. The author sifts Bradford's writings for clues to his character--noting such ambiguities as his near-silence at his first wife's sudden death--and points out Plymouth's enduring legacy to this country. (illustrations, not seen, notes, bibliography) (Biography. 11-15) -- Copyright ©1998, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Both led a group of people away from oppression. Both were motivated by love for God and providing Him a people for His name. Both crossed a turbulent sea into a New World of trials and hostilities and both were amazingly successful while following God standards. Both provided a detailed record of their ups and downs. Author Gary Schmidt relies primarily on William Bradford's journal - "Of Plymouth Plantation" for most of the material in this colorful account but draws from other sources too. A clear and concise book suitable for any who wish for a gracious amount of history without being bogged down with lesser important details. A wise and respectful ode to a humble, highly educated, God pleasing leader, who wasn't afraid to get his hands as dirty as those he governed; the kind that certainly aren't around today. William Bradford was very concerned with following the Bible according to their understanding and sadly this book never cites or quotes anything from the very source that gave reason for their starting a new society of people. A lesser informed reader is left wondering why Bradford and the Pilgrims did so much of what they did, what were the religious issues that they had with the old country, why they separated themselves from the church and why were they so determined to leave for such a new and unexplored frontier? Yes, what was it in the Bible that moved them so? But the actual historical events are presented in an

attention holding manner more than many books I've read on the Pilgrims, and for that I would encourage anyone wishing to be more enlightened on the "Thanksgiving Pilgrims" to consider this book anyway.

In all reality, most all of us have learned about the settlers landing and settlement at Plymouth, but never have I seen so much history and facts about the area and the settlers experiences. The various Indian nations and settlements in the area, the fact that they actually found an Indian that could speak English and all the others interesting facts are mind challenging. The maps, etc. are great illustrations of all the communities in and around the area. Was great reading and well worth the introduction to the real life in the times.

We really enjoyed reading this book this year. We used this as part of our history curriculum for the 2014-2015 year and learned a great deal about the Pilgrims and Bradford.

Supposedly written for students, but I found it engaging and extremely helpful.

This book is largely based on William Bradford's own writings. It is easy to read and brief, yet seems pretty comprehensive - taking his story from childhood in England to Holland and through governorship of Plymouth and to his death. I thought it was thoroughly enjoyable and instructive.

A record of miracles orchestrated by the God of the Pilgrims and lived out daily by this strong leader chosen to protect and guide Plymouth colony. This young adult book weaves a compelling story out of Bradford's own words.

I gave this book to my father in law a few years ago because Bradford is our family name. He enjoyed reading it and put it on the shelf with more of his favorite books.

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