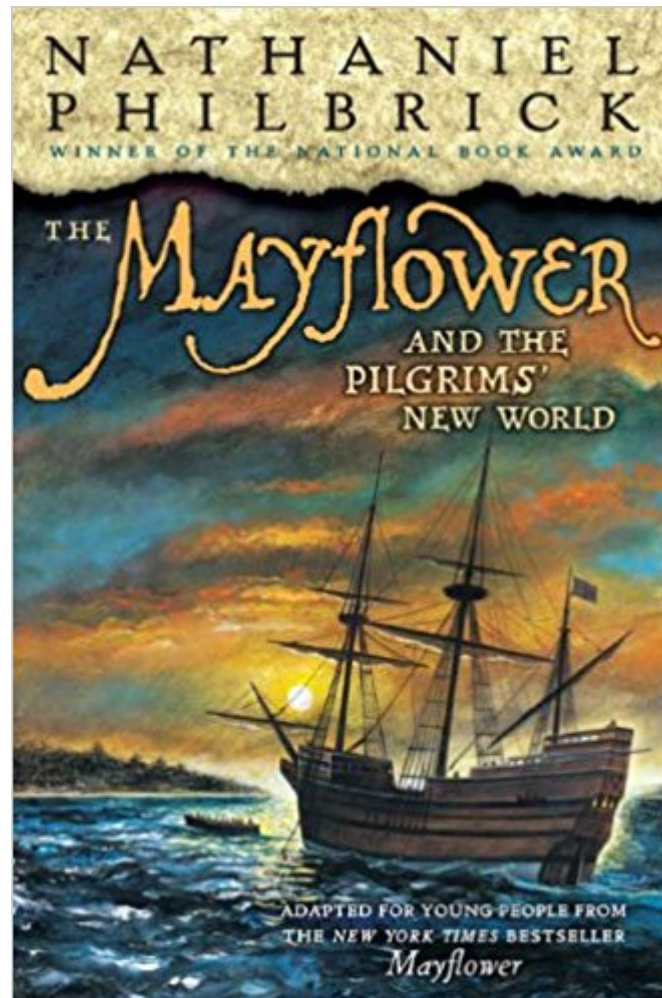




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Synopsis

In stunning prose, Nathaniel Philbrick evokes the drama of the voyage of the Mayflower and the eerie emptiness of coastal Massachusetts that greeted the Pilgrims. He tells how the settlers were able to gain the friendship of many powerful Native American leaders, including the charismatic Massasoit, and how they worked together to maintain peace. But the promise of the First Thanksgiving was broken with the next generation of leaders. Fifty-six years after the Mayflower's landing, a horrifying conflict, known today as King Philip's war, nearly wiped out the colonists and Natives alike, and forever altered the new country. The Mayflower and the Pilgrims' New World is the perfect introduction for young readers to this epic story, at once tragic and heroic. Adapted specially for middle-grade readers, this book features a wealth of supplemental materials such as new maps and photographs, a time line, and a list of characters for added comprehension and accessibility.

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•Abridged and adapted from *Mayflower: A Story of Courage, Community, and War* (Penguin, 2007), this volume highlights both the Pilgrims' determination to find and settle a home where they could worship freely and the perilous journey that it took to make that happen. In accessible prose, the author shatters the American myth of the landing at Plymouth Rock and the first Thanksgiving, instead describing how the Pilgrims first landed on Cape Cod, finding only sandy soil and seemingly hostile, terrifying natives. They eventually moved on to the shores of Plymouth Bay, encountering a more hospitable environment for settlement. Using William Bradford's Of

Plimoth Plantation as a primary source of information, Philbrick brings to life many of the major figures from history, including Miles Standish, Benjamin Church, Squanto, and William Bradford himself. The various maps, reproductions of historical documents, photographs of significant locations, and illustrations all come together with the text to help separate fact from legend and create a realistic, readable portrayal of the Pilgrims and their first 50 years in America. General readers and students of American history will find plenty to interest them, as many of the encounters with the Native Americans are of dubious intent and usually quite bloody, though Philbrick is careful not to lay blame on any one group or person. An excellent addition to history collections. -- Jody Kopple, Shady Hill School, Cambridge, MA Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

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I did not like this book. I did not realize it was for "Youth" when I ordered it. It was poorly written and very choppy. Too much of the book was spent on the "wars" with the indigenous people years after the Mayflower landed and not enough on the early struggles and culture of the settlers and the indigenous people. For a book targeted toward "youth" it was a little too gory.

The editing is terrible. The lack of standard capitalization (i.e. first word of a sentence, formal name of person) and numerous common punctuation errors make reading difficult and unenjoyable. An advanced high school student would do a better editing job if you cannot afford a professional. The content seems informative.

The Kindle version of this book is highway robbery! It cost more than the paperback version and has terrible editing. I'm not talking about an error here and there; the majority of the pages totally ignore capitalization, even in proper name. Many words are misspelled, completely changing the sentence's meaning. Unless you like to read 2nd grade grammar, do not buy the Kindle version.

I bought it for my grandson who is writing a paper on the book. I read it too, although I had read his Mayflower book years ago. We also went to Plymouth to fortify what he had read. He said he has written the paper and thinks it is pretty good. He is 15!

Since he is in my line and he came over on the Mayflower it is extremely interesting. My direct line off the boat is William White. My mother started all this before she passed 3 years ago. As I read more and more about William White I don't know if she has the correct one. I guess there is one from Leiden and one from London. How do you split them up? Do you know a good book or any authority on this line? That means that our William was not married to Susannah Fuller. Any help out there? Sorry I have been busy and not been able to get through all the books I have bought as I broke a bone in my spine so I was under the weather until I had surgery and had cement put in the disc to glue it back together. I have gone through all the books and highlight things, but that is about all.

Great story, about the Puritans in New England and the Indian wars. I learned a lot!

The book turned out to be a very engaging read for me. I have a Mayflower ancestor, and now have a much richer understanding of the experience of the pilgrims (both of their courage and of the devastation of the Native people). I was interested to learn that the Pilgrims admired Massasoit, the key sachem or leader with whom they had initial contact, and of their cooperative relationship. The situation degenerated in later years, and warfare and cruelty took over. This version was for young readers (ordered by mistake) but I still found it very worthwhile, and would recommend it for younger readers as well as adults who may want the shorter version.

This book is incredible and full of so much detail that is interesting to read; albeit slowly. Too much to take in with fast reading. If you have to read this book for an assignment, give yourself plenty of time. There are no spark notes or anything on this factual book. There are also two versions of this novel! Beware of possible versions out there with missing pages in the middle. Maybe it was a fluke with me, but my new soft-bound copy purchased through , it was missing almost 75 pages in the middle and the binding did not reveal or indicate such. I actually emailed the publisher in order to see if there was a production run problem and told them about my book, but I never heard back from them.

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