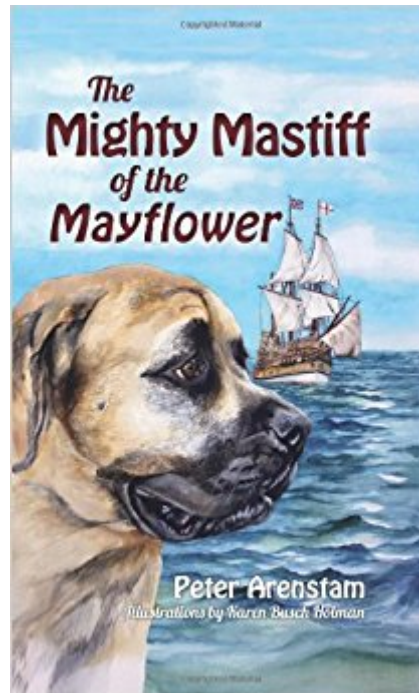


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# The Mighty Mastiff Of The Mayflower



## Synopsis

In the fall of 1620, Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower sailed across the ocean from Plymouth, England, to start a new life in what became Plymouth, Massachusetts. They brought along lots of supplies and animals too, including a mighty mastiff. Based on the real dog that braved the Atlantic with the first settlers comes the story of Grace, who bonds with a young boy along the adventurous journey. The Mighty Mastiff of the Mayflower presents a fresh and furry view of one of the most famous American stories, as author Peter Arenstam and illustrator Karen Busch Holman tell of Grace's struggles with new surroundings and the home she left behind.

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## Customer Reviews

Peter Arenstam was born on a farm in western Massachusetts but grew up on the coast in historic Plymouth. He first earned his captain's license at the age of eighteen. A graduate of Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and a professional boat builder, Peter currently works as the manager of the maritime artisans' department of Plimoth Plantation, Inc., where he oversees the repair, restoration and sailing of the reproduction ship Mayflower II. His children's books are popular with young readers throughout New England. He is currently enrolled in an MFA program at Simmons College in Boston and still lives with his family on the coast, where this story takes place.

I bought the book to read to my grandsons, ages 7 and 9 and both very good readers on their own, during their vacation at my house in Plymouth. The first day I took them on a tour of Mayflower II so they'd have a better idea of the space we'd be reading about. Each night I planned to read another chapter to them. It wasn't long before they were asking grandma to keep reading an extra chapter before stopping, and grandma was eager to comply.. The author, the actual captain of Mayflower II, gave us the amazing story in gripping detail that challenged but wasn't too much for the 7 year old and kept the 9 year old's interest. I especially loved the author's take on the Pilgrim's arrival in Plymouth harbor. Of course, no seaman worth his salt would head TOWARD a huge rock! Thank you Peter for an excellent read, and a great experience for me to share with my grandsons.

Great read to get a feel for what it was like being on the Mayflower. We homeschool and were studying the Mayflower and pilgrims voyage around Thanksgiving. We found out about the book while watching Scholastic's videos of Plimoth and the author was on there. My son is 4th grade and usually reads books on his own but we read this one together. It could be complicated at times for a younger one to read based on the language used as it is geared to that particular time period. I loved the book! It was very descriptive and made me feel as though I was on the boat!

This sweet book is nicely illustrated and historically reasonable. I am thrilled with the story and my kids have enjoyed me reading the book. As a mastiff owner I very much enjoyed the book.

My daughter used this book for school. She love it!

This is a wonderful way to confirm the heart of the Mastiff. I have bred this amazing breed for over forty years. Some became Service Dogs, some just house companions, & some helped Special Ed. Children be calm and learn to read. The book & author gives you a true feeling of how wonderful they truly are. Thank you J. Williams

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