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*Thankful*, by bestselling and award-winning children'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.

## Thankful Details

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### **Jill Espinoza says**

I loved the illustrations in this book, without the illustrations the book would be very confusing. This book is about being thankful for what you have. I love this because we take so much for granted and a lot of the time we forget to be thankful for what we do have because there are people in this world without a roof over their head or no food on the table. After reading this book, children will hopefully be more thankful for what they have been blessed with.

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### **Samantha says**

Rhyming text presents many small things to be thankful for. Humor is worked into the ink and watercolor artwork that reminds me of Quentin Blake in the best way.

Nice title for sharing during Thanksgiving season or everyday. PreK-2.

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### **Sara Grochowski says**

I love that Spinelli focuses on small, every day things that people are thankful for. Archie Preston's illustrations are light and playful; a fantastic fit for the story. Full disclosure: This book is published by Zonderkidz, an imprint of Zondervan, so there is one page that reads: "The pastor is thankful for God's loving world."

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### **Cara Byrne says**

What are people with different careers thankful for? This book answers the question as a brother and sister explore different jobs (a doctor, chef, artist, clown, beekeeper, etc.) and are thankful for different gifts. The illustrations remind me of those of Quentin Blake. A gift for my daughter's first Thanksgiving.

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### **Jana says**

With sweet, childlike illustrations and simple rhyming text, this beautiful picture book celebrates all of the everyday blessings around us. While this seems like an obvious book to share with young readers during the holiday season, I really think this is a terrific book to have on the shelf to revisit year round.

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### **Peacegal says**

THANKFUL makes for a more thoughtful story to share during a season when so much media is focused on Thanksgiving gluttony. A community full of people share the little things they are thankful for, from a

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healthy garden to spotting a new type of bird.

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### **Kathryn says**

This is well written, very simple, easy for all to understand - just be grateful for all things around you. Some of my favorite lines are:

The gardener's thankful for every green sprout.

The crafter is thankful for glitter and glue.

The pastor is thankful for God's loving word.

It's wonderful.

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### **Julie says**

I saw this on a prepub list somewhere and added it to my own "to read" list - the cover just looked so charming and sweet. This is illustrator Archie Preston's first book, and he does a great job of matching his pictures to rhymes, rhythms, and repeating themes throughout. His subtle colors and shading are also quite impressive. It's a beautiful book and a noteworthy collaboration between Mr. Preston and children's author Eileen Spinelli.

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### **Nora St Laurent says**

I had read and enjoyed another book by this author titled, "Nora's Ark," which made me want to read another book by them. This book is illustrated by Archie Preston who captures readers' attention and brings the story to life in a unique way.

This book is fun to read with little ones as they enjoy the illustrations and message inside. The author talks about all that we have to be thankful for. The pictures show two children role playing different professions as they look at each and see what they might be thankful for.

This author helps children and parents think about all the different people that make up their community and look at family members in a new light. There is much to be thankful for. This book not only creates an opportunity for parents and children to talk about the subject of what to be thankful for but it also helps them look at all the people in their world and community in a different way. It helps the reader see the lives they touch and those they are grateful for.

This is a beautifully illustrated story that is fun to look at and read. I can see this being a family favorite!

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### **Melki says**

This is a sweet book about not taking anything for granted, with lovely, simple illustrations by Archie Preston.

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### **Ashley says**

Simple and effective.

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### **Emmaline MacBeath says**

**SUMMARY:** A brother and sister act out different professions and the things each one is thankful for. The story is told in rhyme.

**ILLUSTRATIONS:** There is a lot of action in the illustrations. The children look like they are having a great time making you want to join in the fun.

**SUMMARY:** I love this book for many reasons. First off, it gives a positive message of being thankful in even the smallest things such as a waitress being thankful for comfortable shoes and children being thankful for morning story time. I love the positive feeling of the story throughout the book and I especially love how well the brother and sister get along (not always a reality, but we can dream!). The rhyming flows well and this book is a short read for short attention spans. This is not the usual "Thankful" type of book for the Thanksgiving season, but I definitely recommend it as a reminder to be thankful in all things.

**AGE RECOMMENDATION:** Advertised for ages 4-8, but I think it is more suitable for ages 3-7.

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### **Mar says**

This was adorable, and I really liked the art style.

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### **Bailey says**

This is such a unique and beautifully illustrated book on thankfulness. Note: It does reinforce gendered career stereotypes. For those who aren't Christian, be aware that it mentions a pastor's love for God's word.

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### **Vera Godley says**

It behooves parents to instill in their children at a very young age the grace of being thankful. Not just thankful for their food by saying a blessing, or grace, at mealtime; but by being thankful for the enormous blessings as well as the seemingly trite or mundane. Eileen Spinelli has with limited rhyming text taken the child through their world and shown how to be thankful.

"The poet is thankful for words that rhyme.  
The children for morning story time.  
The artist is thankful for color and light.  
The clown, for her costume silly and bright."

The simple illustrations in soft tones and tiny images are light, airy, and fun. As ways to be thankful are being read to the young child, it will generate their lively imagination to find and express other things and blessings for which they can be thankful. Hey! Don't forget to be thankful for the doorknobs!

So as you step outside today, imagine a little child holding your hand and you hear the birds singing. Speak a word of thankfulness for the lovely bird-song - and you'll instill a heart of thankfulness in the child.

Thankful is a lovely book to grace the home, school, church, or public library.

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