

Be Thankful to Sarah Hale, the Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving



In the tapestry of American history, the Thanksgiving holiday holds a special place, a time for family gatherings, delicious feasts, and heartfelt

gratitude. Yet, few know the remarkable story of Sarah Josepha Hale, the woman whose tireless efforts brought this beloved celebration into being.



Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving

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Sarah's Humble Beginnings

Born on October 24, 1788, in Newport, New Hampshire, Sarah Josepha Buell was the eldest of nine children raised in a modest home. Early on, she exhibited an unyielding determination and a thirst for knowledge. Despite limited formal education, Sarah voraciously read and honed her writing skills, penning poetry and short stories that showcased her vivid imagination and love for her country.

A Literary Champion

In 1828, Sarah married David Hale, the editor of the prestigious "Ladies' Magazine." This publication provided a platform for Sarah to share her passion for women's rights and education, advocating for the advancement of society's "better half."

Sarah's prolific writing career spanned decades, leaving an indelible mark on American literature. She authored over 50 books, including novels,

cookbooks, and historical works, exploring themes of patriotism, morality, and the role of women in society.

The Thanksgiving Crusade

Sarah Hale's most enduring legacy lies in her unwavering advocacy for Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Inspired by her childhood memories of festive family gatherings, she believed that a day dedicated to gratitude and unity would strengthen the bonds that held the nation together.

In 1846, Sarah penned a heartfelt letter to President James Polk, urging him to set aside Thanksgiving as an annual celebration. She argued that in a rapidly changing world, such a holiday would provide a touchstone for national reflection and remembrance.

Overcoming Obstacles

Sarah's proposal was met with resistance from some quarters who questioned the need for a new national holiday. Undeterred, she continued her campaign, writing countless articles and lobbying influential figures.

Through her unwavering determination and the support of a growing number of Americans, Sarah's dream slowly began to take shape. In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln issued the first official Thanksgiving proclamation, declaring the last Thursday in November as a day of national thanks.

A Lasting Legacy

Sarah Josepha Hale's unwavering belief in the power of gratitude and unity left an imprint on American culture that continues to resonate today.

Thanksgiving remains a cherished holiday, bringing families and communities together in celebration of the blessings they share.

In recognition of her pivotal role, Sarah Hale was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1973. Her legacy as the "Mother of Thanksgiving" serves as a testament to the transformative power of one person's vision and unwavering determination.

"Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving"

Now, you can delve into the extraordinary life and legacy of Sarah Josepha Hale in the captivating new book, "Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving."

This meticulously researched work offers a comprehensive account of Sarah's humble beginnings, her literary triumphs, and her tireless campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. Through vivid storytelling and extensive archival research, the book brings Sarah's indomitable spirit and unwavering patriotism to life.

In this book, you will discover:

- * The challenges Sarah faced as a woman navigating the male-dominated literary world of the 19th century
- * The strategies she employed to promote Thanksgiving and overcome resistance
- * The profound impact of Sarah's advocacy on American culture and society

Filled with fascinating anecdotes, captivating historical insights, and stunning illustrations, "Thank You, Sarah" is a captivating read that will shed new light on this remarkable woman and her enduring legacy.

Sarah Josepha Hale's contributions to American history and culture are immeasurable. As we gather around our Thanksgiving tables, let us raise a glass in gratitude to this extraordinary woman who made this beloved holiday a cherished tradition for generations to come.

Embrace the spirit of Thanksgiving and delve into the inspiring story of Sarah Josepha Hale with "Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving." Free Download your copy today and discover the transformative power of gratitude, unity, and the unwavering spirit of one remarkable woman.



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