Cranberry Thanksgiving (Cranberryport)
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**Book Information**

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**Customer Reviews**

It's an exceptional book that can give rise to a family tradition. The story of "Cranberry Thanksgiving" centers around Grandmother's Famous Cranberry Bread, and the recipe for the bread is on the back cover of the book. My mom and I read the book and made the bread for the first time when I was 4 years old, and 32 years later the tradition is still going strong. I still enjoy going to the bookshelf in the weeks before Thanksgiving to find this book and bake the bread. The book's story is engaging, the illustrations are lovely, and the characters are memorable - who could forget wild Mr. Whiskers or snooty Mr. Horace? There's even a moral for those who like morals - don't judge a book by its cover.

I remember my father buying this book for me sometime in the early '70s. I loved Mr. Whiskers from
the very beginning. It was one of my first lessons that there is more to a person than meets the eye. And I was fascinated by the "secret" recipe - I still make it for holiday parties, and everyone loves it! I'm looking forward to holiday time and sharing it once again with my nephew!

When I was in the third grade, my teacher Mrs. Higgenbotham read us this book, and then we made the cranberry bread in class - I thought that it was the greatest thing back then, even though everyone hated the cranberries! I am so excited to have found this book again and cannot wait to share it with my stepsister who is in the 3rd grade this year - I'm sure she'll hate the cranberries as well, but I'm also sure she'll love the book.

Who cares if the silver spoons don't match, or if the red hall carpet is worn and mended! Thanksgiving is here and it's time for grandmother's famous cranberry bread! Can you almost smell it? It is a secret recipe, hidden in the...well, I'll let you find out for yourself when you read the story. Mhm..... Maggie and her grandmother live at the edge of a cranberry bog. Maggie has invited Mr. Whiskers over for Thanksgiving dinner and grandmother is not too pleased at the thought of him in the house! After all, he smells like seaweed! But each year she tells Maggie, "invite someone poor or lonely", so Maggie invites Mr. Whiskers. Mr. Whiskers actually ends up saving the day! The pictures in this book are very warm and charming, and the story holds the interest of my squirmmy 2 year old, as well as my older children. We read it often and have even baked the cranberry bread from the recipe included in the book. It's very, very good. A delightful story for Thanksgiving or any time.

I purchased this book in the 1970's, my children enjoyed both the book and the recipe, which I prepared for their classes. Now my grandsons enjoy the book and love to have the cake made for their classes.

My mom bought this book for me when I was a child in the 70's, now I have my own daughter in 1998 and can't wait to share this with her. I love the pictures and how scary Mr. Whiskers always was to me!

This book is very charming indeed! Maggie is a delightful young girl that knows looks aren't everything and befriended a man not based on his looks but based on his need for a friend. And when things start to fall apart at the Thanksgiving dinner she holds everyone together. I read this
book to my children and we all loved it and are grateful to know there are others like it. It is a great book that brings about the true spirit of thanksgiving with a little lesson thrown in, and the basis of the book...the secret Cranberry Bread recipe...is a delightful way to tie-in these fun and whimsical characters. And, to my delight, the recipe is included at the back of the book! Great for parents to read and great for children to read!

This is a fabulous book for families to have on their bookshelves. We've been looking for a copy of this book for years that wasn't outrageously prices because the book was out of print, so we are very happy that they re-released it and more families have a chance to own a copy of the book.

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