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The Pilgrims did wear buckles on their shoes, had no shirts with ruffled collars, and may not have feasted on turkey (wild or otherwise) at a harvest feast held in 1621. The town added a parade to increase tourism, disproving the notion that Thanksgiving is a holiday that has not been commercialized. The two most interesting features of the book have to do with Native American history, in the late nineteenth century and again about a century after that. Thanksgiving remains controversial up to the present day, as Mayflower descendants, Native Americans, and commercial exploiters compete for the American public's opinion of the holiday's contemporary significance and its future status. This is an intelligent and illuminating introduction to a beloved holiday and a fascinating cultural history of America and Americana. Thanksgiving evolved from there to become a distinctly American holiday as Americans made and remade the holiday throughout American history. From turkey and pumpkin pie to football, Baker demonstrates the changing nature of the American holiday from the 1600s to the present day.