

## *Suggestions for Additional Reading*

A brief overview of the history and ideas of the puritan movement, of which the pilgrims were a part, can be found in Francis J. Bremer's *Puritanism: A Very Short Introduction* (2009). The best recent study of the pilgrims' origins from the formation of the congregation in Scrooby to the first months in New England is Jeremy D. Bangs's *Strangers and Pilgrims, Travellers and Sojourners: Leiden and the Foundations of Plymouth Plantation* (2009). Rebecca Fraser's *The Mayflower: The Families, the Voyage, and the Founding of America* (2017) is a very readable retelling of the story with a focus on Edward Winslow. Two older books are also of value: Nathaniel Philbrick's *Mayflower: A Study of Courage, Community, and War* (2006), which has much to say about the evolution of the pilgrims' relations with the region's natives; and Nick Bunker, *Making Haste from Babylon: The Mayflower Pilgrims and Their World: A New History* (2010), is particularly useful on the economics of the venture. Lisa Brooks's award-winning *Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip's War* (2018) focuses on the later seventeenth century but has important insights into the nature of Wampanoag society.

The New England Historic Genealogical Society and the Colonial Society of Massachusetts have combined under the aegis of New England Beginnings to produce a new edition of William Bradford's *Of Plimoth Plantation*. An online edition will rigorously follow the original text, while a print edition will incorporate minor modernizations of spelling and punctuation to make it more accessible to general readers. This edition, scheduled to appear in early 2020, will be newly annotated and will restore to their original locations materials that previous editions had moved to appendixes. Until this new edition is available, the standard edition is Samuel Eliot Morison's *Of Plymouth Plantation: 1620–1647* (1952).

Aside from Bradford's monumental work, the key primary sources for the study of early Plymouth are *Mourt's Relation*, a collection of contributions by colonists George Morton, Robert Cushman, Bradford, and Edward Winslow, published in London in 1622; Edward Winslow's *Good Newes from New England* (1624); Winslow's *Hypocrisie Unmasked* (1646); and Nathaniel Morton's *New-England's Memorial* (1669). A hostile contemporary account by an avowed enemy of the colony is Thomas Morton's *New English Canaan* (1637). *Mourt's Relation* is available in a modern printing with an introduction by Dwight B. Heath; unedited modern printings of *Hypocrisie Unmasked* and *New England's Memorial* are also available; Kelly Wisecup has edited a scholarly edition of *Good News from New England* that includes additional documents; a modern edition of *New English Canaan* has been edited by Jack Dempsey. Selections from a number of these works are contained in Nathaniel Philbrick and Thomas Philbrick's edition *The Mayflower Papers: Selected Writings of Colonial New England* (2007). Robert Cushman, one of the deacons of the Plymouth congregation, wrote *The Cry of a Stone: A Treatise Showing What Is Right Matter, Form, and Government of the Visible Church of Christ*, which was not published until 1642, years after his death. A modern edition transcribed and annotated by James W. Baker and edited by Michael R. Paulick, was published in 2016.

The four hundredth anniversary of the arrival of the *Mayflower* will see a large number of new studies of the subject. These include: David Silverman, *This Land Is Their Land: The Wampanoag Indians, Plymouth Colony, and the Troubled History of Thanksgiving* (2019); Francis J. Bremer, *One Small Candle: The Story of the Plymouth Puritans and the Beginning of English New England* (2020); Jeremy D. Bangs, *New Light on the Old Colony* (2020); John Turner, *They Knew They Were Pilgrims: Plymouth Colony and the Contest for American Liberty*

(2020); and Peter C. Mancall, *The Trials of Thomas Morton: An Anglican Lawyer, His Puritan Foes, and the Battle for a New England* (2019).

Information on the publication of new books (including the new Bradford edition), further suggestions for reading about the colonists, and news of other events related to the cultures that shaped New England can be found on the website of New England Beginnings: [www.newenglandbeginnings.org](http://www.newenglandbeginnings.org).