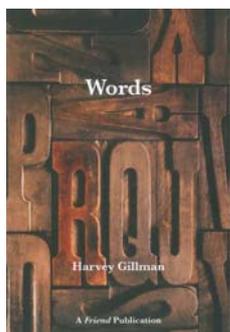


Books of the Month

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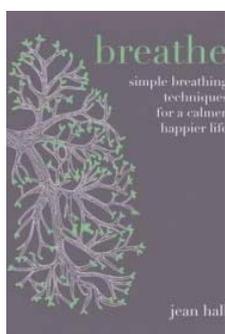
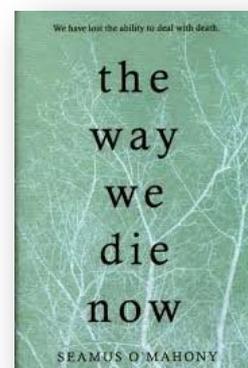


WORDS **Harvey Gillman £5**

Can we still use religious vocabulary creatively and imaginatively in a world caught between religious literalism and secular indifference? In this collection of articles by Harvey Gillman, originally written for the independent weekly Quaker magazine the Friend, he reflects on religious language and words such as worship, ministry, church, prayer, spirit, elder, mysticism and testimony. – From the blurb.

THE WAY WE DIE NOW **Seamus O'Mahony £14.99**

Death cannot be sanitised, work-shopped or managed. In death, there is only affliction. When our times comes, let us say our goodbyes and die as creatures. If we choose to turn to the wall, to withdraw from our families and the world, then there is no shame in that. Let us not hesitate to be brave. *An important contribution to a discussion in which many of us are unwilling to take part.* – Jane Asher

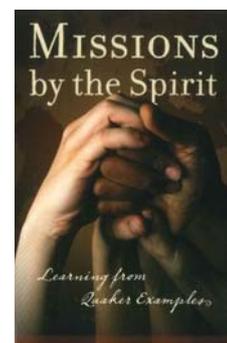


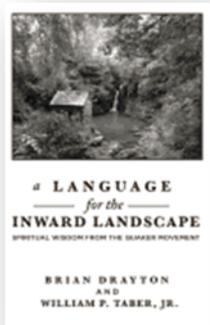
BREATHE – Simple Breathing Techniques for a Calmer, Happier Life **Jean Hall £7.99**

It's a common to feel stressed and trapped by the demands of your daily life. By harnessing the power of your breath, you can dramatically change those feelings. Drawing on breathing techniques from the practices of mindfulness, yoga and meditation, *Breathe* helps you to: increase energy levels; improve your sleep; instil a sense of calm; and reduce stress.

MISSIONS BY THE SPIRIT – Learning from Quaker Examples **Ron Stansell £14.99**

Missions by the Spirit captures Quaker dynamics in global outreach. *Stansell* shows that Quakers have carried out some aspects of missions differently than other evangelicals. Consciously and unconsciously, twentieth-century Friends were influenced by traditions and beliefs about the Holy Spirit, interpersonal relationships of peace and harmony, convictions that the human conditions involves both physical and spiritual needs, and the belief that a passionately holy life full of integrity was required of them as missionaries. The bold witness of early Friends include biblical teaching about the equality of all human beings, the work of God in the hearts of people everywhere, loyalty to Scripture, the centrality of Christ, the possibility of culture being transformed, and the personal guidance of the Holy Spirit.





A LANGUAGE FOR THE INWARD LANDSCAPE – Spiritual wisdom from the Quaker Movement

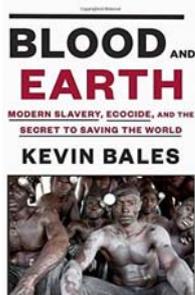
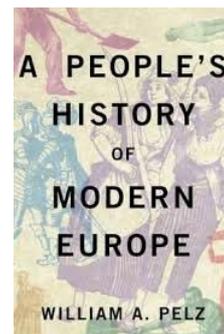
Brian Drayton & William P Taber Jr £18.99

Brian Drayton performed a service of love, cultivating seeds from Bill Taber's unpublished papers into a fruitful text. Past and present merge as the book labors to open historical treasures and candidly discusses the challenges traditional language may pose for contemporary readers. *A Language for the Inward Landscape* is a fresh presentation of the riches of a Quaker spirituality, organised by key concepts. It is both a theological thesaurus that prepares readers to encounter Quaker writings with benefit and a reflection of its own concerning qualities and possibilities of the inward life. – **Michael Birkel**

A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF MODERN EUROPE

William A Pelz £18.00

Europe provided the perfect conditions for waves of revolt from below – the radical Reformation, the political revolutions of the eighteenth century, and the rise of the organised working class. The twentieth century saw the turbulent rise and fall of the Russian Soviets, popular resistance throughout the Cold War, and the student and worker protests of 1968. Rather than being mere onlookers of the actions of the great men who stride the historical stage, *William A Pelz* shows how ordinary men and women are themselves the drivers of social change.



BLOOD AND EARTH – Modern Slavery, Ecocide, and the Secret to Saving the World

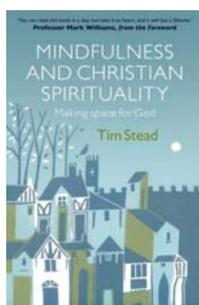
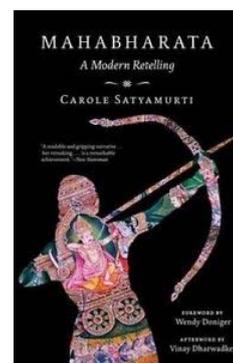
Kevin Bales £20

A leading expert on modern-day slavery, Kevin Bales has travelled to some of the world's most dangerous places documenting and battling human trafficking. In the course of his reporting, Bales began to notice a pattern emerging: Where slavery existed, so did massive, unchecked environmental destruction. *This is a remarkable book, demonstrating once more the deep links between the ongoing degradation of the planet and the ongoing degradation of its most vulnerable people. It's a bracing reminder that a mentality that allows throwaway people also allows a throwaway earth.* – **Bill McKibben.**

MAHABHARATA – A Modern Retelling

Carole Satyamurti £12.99

Carole Satyamurti's new version of the Mahabharata moves swiftly and powerfully through nearly 900 pages of supple and muscular verse. She has found a voice that's capable of a wide variety of expression, and a line – basically classical English blank verse with a jazz-like freedom to swing – that propels the reader effortlessly onward through the cosmic, earthly, terrifyingly, erotic, sublime events of this extraordinary work. I shall keep it beside my desk together with Christopher Logue's Iliad and Ted Hughes' Ovid; I think I shall never get tired of it. – **Philip Pullman.**



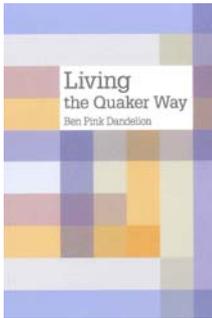
MINDFULNESS AND CHRISTIAN SPIRITUALITY – Making space for God

Tim Stead £9.99

A fantastic new nature activity book from Nina Chakrabarti, exploring the exciting natural world around us. This is your very own nature scrapbook, packed with fascinating facts and brilliant activities. Doodle, draw and colour in leaves, butterflies, plants and much more. How many different types of snowflakes are there, and how are leaves formed? Find out how to make your own leaf prints, twig sculptures and minibeast hotels. With her beautiful, distinctive illustrations, explore the weird and wonderful things you can find all around you - whether you're out in a park, in your back garden or sitting in your living room at home!

Free publications

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LIVING THE QUAKER WAY

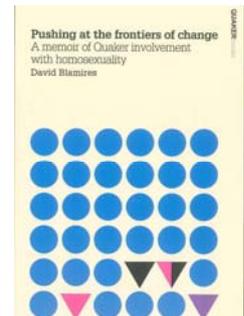
Ben Pink Dandelion

Living the Quaker Way is a companion volume to *Celebrating the Quaker Way*, which affirmed the wonderful riches of the Quaker tradition. This book contains explanation. It explores why we do the things we do in the way that we do them. Written as part of the author's ongoing ministry, it draws on his experience of Quakerism and includes extracts from Friends talking on these topics. It is a book about us and for us, based on the Quaker way in Britain.

PUSHING AT THE FRONTIERS OF CHANGE – A Memoir of Quaker Involvement with Homosexuality

David Blamires

In 2009, Quakers in Britain decided to seek a change in the law to see same-sex marriage as equal to opposite-sex marriage. It was a joyful and profound moment in Quaker's history, but one that took decades to reach. In this fascinating book, *David Blamires* charts that history, from the publication of *Towards a Quaker view of sex* in 1963 and the response it provoked, to the challenges in the lead-up to 2009.



REFLECTIONS FROM SILENCE

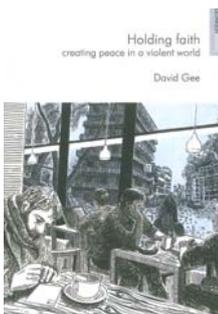
Richard D Hathaway

We come into this quiet place to worship. We tap into the water that runs deep. What happens when we enter a Quaker meeting? There is silence, certainly, and sometimes from that, spoken ministry; a moment of reflection, inspiration; a movement of the spirit. Collected here is some of the ministry of Richard Hathaway, a member of New York Yearly Meeting. Each segment is unique – an anecdote, a memory, a line of poetry that suddenly comes to mind, a response to the surrounds of the underlying current of Quaker meeting, to be open to feeling, light, and expression.

THE UNEQUAL WORLD WE INHABIT – Quaker Responses to Terrorism and Fundamentalism

Paul Lacey

Are all terrorists religious fundamentalists? How can pacifists respond to devastating violence? These and other challenging questions are at the heart of *Paul Lacey's* text as he explores Quaker responses to both terror and fundamentalism.



HOLDING FAITH – Creating Peace in a Violent World

David Gee

What does committing to peace mean in a violent world? How might this commitment shape our relationships with one another, ourselves and the Earth? *David Gee* argues for a contemporary, practical faith that enlivens our humanity and stands with life's dignity in the face of its violation. A powerful and sometimes challenging exploration, *Holding faith* shows how this *humane passion played out in the world* can enrich the way we live and begin to turn our societies around.

