



# Book Newsings Spring 2014



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**Book Newsings** is a periodic newsletter listing new titles available at QuakerBooks of Friends General Conference. It also includes books that have recently dropped in price and topical titles relevant to current concerns of Friends. Authors are FGC staff Graham Garner, Chel Avery, and/or Jerimy Pederson, except when otherwise specified. If you would like to see what other newsletters come from FGC, and sign up for the ones you want, [go here](#).

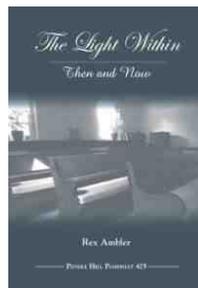
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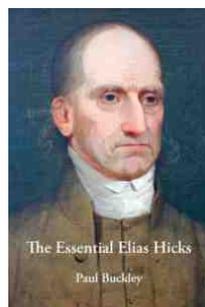
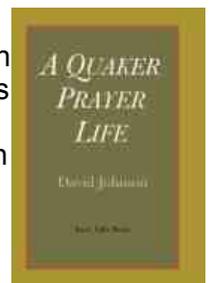
Dear Friend,

Hard work on our new website and digging out from lots of snow (it just keeps coming!)—those are our excuses for why you haven't heard from QuakerBooks recently. Please hang in there with us. It's been a long, cold winter, but we are looking forward to all kinds of excitement soon when we launch our new easy-to-use [quakerbooks.org](#).



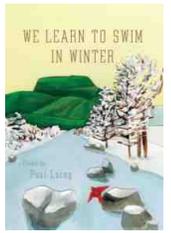
Meanwhile, we are currently featuring titles by Rex Ambler on our home page. Graham says his publications are so popular we should change our name to RexAmblerBooks of FGC. Ambler's latest publication is the Pendle Hill pamphlet [The Light Within: Then and Now](#). What did early Friends mean when they talked about the Light, what do we mean today, and how can we be enriched by recovering some of the early Quaker experiences?

Along similar lines, we have a new booklet by David Johnson, [A Quaker Prayer Life](#), which also draws on that first generation of Quakers' practice of assiduous obedience to the promptings of the Inward Light, their choice to seek the Divine Presence moment by moment and to be strengthened outwardly through inward discipline.



Moving forward in time from the earliest Friends, but still reaching back to our roots, Paul Buckley brings us [The Essential Elias Hicks](#). The author, who edited the extensive [Journal of Elias Hicks](#), has given us a more distilled, accessible portrait of this farmer-mystic-minister-environmentalist-abolitionist-husband-father, who was once the best known Quaker in the United States. Much of our lore about Hicks is based on the stories told about him by his friends and opponents at a time when his name was associated with a dramatic division of sympathies in the Quaker world. This book aims to reveal what the real Hicks understood about what it means to be a Quaker.

Finally, if you are looking for something contemporary, consider the small book of poems from Quaker educator Paul Lacey, [We Learn To Swim in Winter](#). Fifty well-crafted, occasionally humorous poems address aging, weather, literature, travel, witness, and between the lines, so much more!

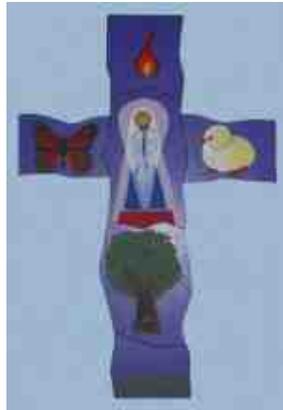


We hope one of these titles will enrich your remaining days of winter. Here is something to look forward to, from the staff of QuakerBooks of FGC.



### *An Easter Story for Friends* (free)

[An Easter Story for Friends](#) is a new Faith & Play story available as a free pdf download from FGC's website. This story will be included in the next set of [Faith & Play](#) stories currently in the works, but meanwhile Friends who use this religious education format (for educators trained in the Godly Play methods), are offered this Easter gift about the power of God's love. [We don't have the accompanying materials yet, but expect to very soon, and they will be [available](#) at QuakerBooks.]



### Remembering Rebecca Henderson

Beloved Friend Rebecca Henderson, who died recently, has left us an unusual memoir of her childhood world, the Norwegian-American Quaker farming community of Paullina, Iowa. Written from the perspective of young Ingrid Heimberg, who is visiting on her vacation from Scattergood School, [Ingrid's Tales](#) offers glimpses of Quaker practice, life, and thought in 1959 Iowa as Rebecca remembered them. Ingrid is the only fictional character in this memoir, published in 2012, and it is a lovely tribute to the community from which Rebecca sprang.



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