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New at QuakerBooks is a monthly newsletter listing new titles available at QuakerBooks of Friends General Conference. It also includes titles that have recently dropped in price, and topical titles relevant to current concerns of Friends. The author, Graham Garner, serves on the staff of QuakerBooks and is responsible for selecting all stock carried by the bookstore. He has worked in book shops, both in the US and the UK, since the age of nine. If you would like to receive additional newsletters from FGC, [sign up here](#).

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Seasonal Gift Ideas

from Graham Garner with help from Janaki Spickard-Keeler

Dear Friend,

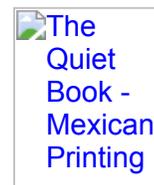
As much as I loathe the commercialization of the holiday season, I feel I should mention a few books that make great gifts (or a good distraction from shopping).



Last month's new books are already popular, including Mary Oliver's [A Thousand Mornings](#) and [Dog Songs](#), and Tracy Chevalier's acclaimed novel [The Last Runaway](#). Then we have a plethora of Quaker-related novels, either by topic or author, though I'm afraid I have not had a chance to read any of them yet. [Yesu](#), [All God's Children](#), [The Lemon Grove](#), [The Sister of Mary Dyer](#), [Speaking of Murder](#)... See more fiction [here](#).



For children, we have just received copies of another printing of [The Quiet Book](#). There's no dust jacket on this edition, but it's just \$5! Great new young adult books this year include [Crow](#) and [The Snake Fence](#). In books for younger children, my colleague Erin's two-year-old daughter Juniper recommends [Everywhere Babies](#). See more of our vast selection [here](#).



I very much enjoyed the comic book [Radical Jesus](#), a retelling of the gospel showing how radical Jesus really was, followed by stories of Christians past and present living out this radicalism. Plenty of Quakers, Woolman, Mott, and Dorothy Day and many other real radicals grace these pages. I will note that as it is written and published by Mennonites, there is more of an emphasis on baptism than Quaker readers might

expect!

When John Shelby Spong retired from the ministry, I thought he also retired from writing, but he has two new books in paperback, [The Fourth Gospel](#) and [Re-Claiming the Bible for a Non-Religious World](#).

And for the serious Quaker reader: the new [Essential Elias Hicks](#); the great (and cheap) [Beautiful Soul of John Woolman](#); the new paperback edition of the life of Benezet, [Let This Voice Be Heard](#); the very sad tale of how Quaker ideals faded in Pennsylvania, [Peaceable Kingdom Lost](#) - just remaindered so at a good price; and Phil Gulley's [Living the Quaker Way](#) is also a winner.



In its fading months, please do continue to check out our website's [New Books](#) section for other possibilities - and be prepared for the brand new website due in spring 2014. We wish you a very happy holiday, and happy reading!

Cheerio,
Graham

Staff Pick: Quakers by Peter Furtado

I won't apologize for mentioning this little tome again. [Quakers](#) by Peter Furtado is such a wonderful little introductory book, and very well priced! Part history, part Quaker theology, and part examples of the Quaker testimonies in action, the book is well written by a sympathetic and knowledgeable historian. See the publisher's blurb for the best brief summation of Quakerism I have seen.



- This month's staff pick by Graham Garner

Important Information on Billing Meetings

For some time, it has been our practice at QuakerBooks to require prepayment for individual orders, but we have invoiced monthly and yearly meetings, if they have requested it. Our program committee has considered the large amount of staff time that goes into maintaining these accounts, and has asked us to introduce a \$5 additional charge for billing. In truth, \$5 will not cover all our costs, but we hope it will help serve as an incentive for meetings to prepay their orders. We know that a number of meetings do not have credit cards, but we also have experience of many instances where individuals pay on behalf of their meetings, then request reimbursement from their meeting treasurer. We hope such solutions will work for all our customers.

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