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## New at QuakerBooks

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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 U.S. and the U.K., since the age of nine. If you would like to receive additional newsletters from FGC, [sign up here](#).

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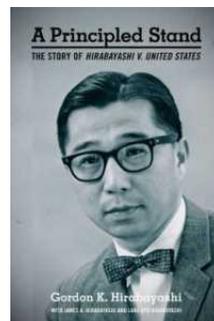
### New titles for June

Dear Friend,

June is a month of abundance for new Quaker books. Authors and publishers know that the week-long [FGC Gathering](#) coming up in a few weeks will bring over 1100 Quakers into close proximity with each other and with our bookstore, and many of them will be stocking up on reading matter.

My hands are very full receiving these new titles, putting them into our catalog, and packing for the trip to the Gathering, so will offer just a quick peak at what's in store.

One new book that I haven't seen yet but very much look forward to is by Laura Melvin, a retired judge from Florida. She resigned from a career that included imposing two death sentences and many other difficult cases to pursue a spiritual and physical journey exploring what justice really means. Her travels across the United States led her to Quakerism and to ponder deeply on the broken American justice system. We can take preorders of her book to ship in early July. It's called [A Human View of Justice and Public Secrets](#).



[A Principled Stand: The Story of Hirabayashi v. United States](#) is the case of a Japanese American who defied the internment of this group of U.S. citizens during World War II, a cause of concern to many Friends. Gordon Hirabayashi was imprisoned but continued to challenge his conviction until 1987, when the Supreme Court vacated its own earlier decision to uphold that conviction. This is Gordon's personal account of his perspectives on the experience, compiled by his family from the correspondence and other writings of this longtime staff of the AFSC.

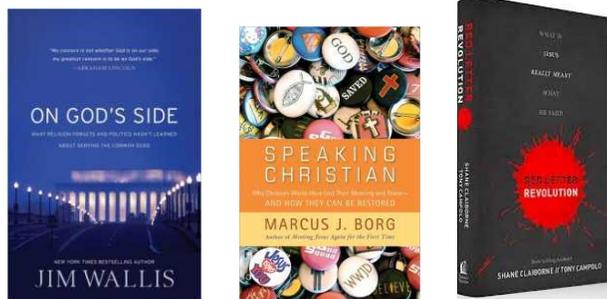
New from respected Christian thinkers: Jim Wallis returns from his thoughtful election-year sabbatical from politics with [On God's Side: What Religion Forgets and Politics Hasn't Learned about Serving the Common Good](#); Shane Claiborne and Tony Campolo ask "what if Jesus really meant what he said?" in the provocative [Red Letter Revolution](#); and newly in paperback is Marcus Borg's [Speaking Christian](#) on the challenges of using religious language.

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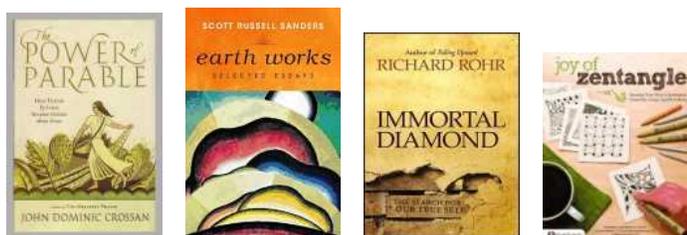
And just a name check for a few other new books:

[\*The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction about Jesus\*](#) by John Dominic Crossan

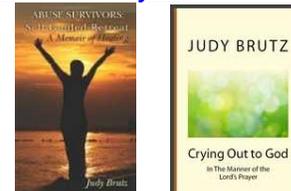
[\*Earth Works: Selected Essays\*](#) by (Quaker) Scott Russell Sanders

[\*Immortal Diamond: The Sense of True Self\*](#) by reflective Catholic Richard Rohr

[\*Joy of Zentangle: Drawing Your Way to Increased Creativity, Focus, and Well-Being\*](#) by Gathering workshop leader Suzanne McNeill and Sandy Steen Bartholomew and Marie Browning



We have now have two books for abuse survivors by Friend Judy Brutz, [\*Abuse Survivors: Self-Guided Retreat: A Memoir of Healing\*](#) (2012) and the just-published [\*Crying Out to God in the Manner of the Lord's Prayer\*](#).



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## Author events and book discussions at the Gathering Store

If you will be at the FGC Gathering in Colorado, please drop in on some of the afternoon events hosted by QuakerBooks. They will include author presentations by Vincent Harding, John Calvi, Janet Olshewsky,

## Underdiscovered!

This month's nomination for best underdiscovered treasure goes to [The Essence of George Fox's Journal](#) a medium-sized book that captures Fox's best writing in slightly modernized English—ideal for any Friends who have yet to read some of Quakerism's foundational texts.

**Until June 20, we are marking this book down 15% (\$10.20 instead of \$12.).**



Laura Melvin, Brent Bill, and more, as well as some other discussions about books we love. The authors of [Sparkling Still](#) will discuss what they learned about the gifts and challenges of group writing.

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