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New in November

from Graham Garner

Dear Friend,

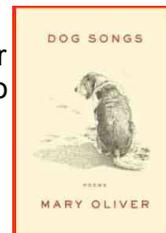
Greetings! If you shop for your meeting, please read all the way to the bottom of this letter. In addition to describing new books, I want to tell you about our new approach to providing the little leaflets that meetings make available for visitors.

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.](#)

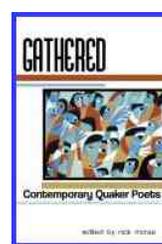
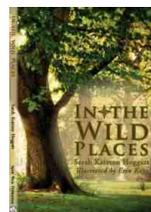
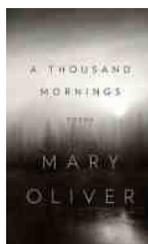


First, some new arrivals. One is a romantic novel. I haven't had a chance to read it yet, but it's by a Quaker with a Quaker theme. [All God's Children](#), by Anna Schmidt, is the story of a pacifist Quaker caught in Berlin at the outbreak of WWII. It is apparently the first of a series, since the subtitle is, "The Peacemakers Book 1." Sounds fascinating!

Mary Oliver, it seems to me, is the favorite poet of most Friends. She has a new hardback collection titled [Dog Songs](#) about her canine friends through the years and what they have revealed to her about life and love. And new in paperback comes her previous book, [A Thousand Mornings](#), poetry inspired by the marshland and coastline of her beloved home in Massachusetts.



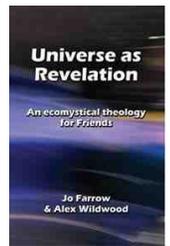
Quaker poets are featured in two more new books. [In the Wild Places](#) comes from Sarah Katreen Hoggatt, a young adult friend in the northwest, and [Gathered: Contemporary Quaker Poets](#) collects samples of the poetry of 46 Quakers from a broad geographical and theological spectrum.



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And last—because the parcel arrived just as I was writing this—I want to mention the new book [Universe as Revelation : An Ecomystical Theology for Friends](#) by British Quakers Jo Farrow and Alex Wildwood. Ben Pink Dandelion writes of it: "Combining spiritual insight and environmental activism they challenge us to think again about the nature of God and our relation to creation."



OK, here's the news about flyers that meetings and other Quaker organizations hand out as outreach or introduction to meeting life. We have replaced our complicated pricing system with all its different discounts for different sizes of orders with standardized prices. We hope the simplified system will be easier for customers as well as for staff. Most leaflets are now 40 cents, and our newcomer cards are 25 cents.

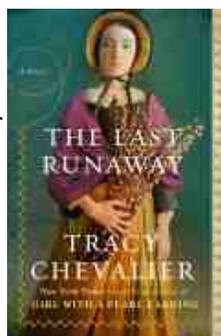
If you haven't seen the newcomer cards, we urge you to take a look. They were created by FGC's Quaker Quest program, and we love their simplicity, conveying much meaning in few words. Currently available are [You Are Welcome Here! Quaker Testimonies](#), and [Quakers and Prayer](#). Watch this space to learn about new ones arriving soon!

Cheerio,
Graham

Discount for [The Last Runaway](#) -- now in paperback

We have previously featured this novel by Tracy Chevalier (author of *The Girl with a Pearl Earring*). It features a young Quaker woman who immigrates to Ohio from England in 1850 and finds herself

precariously placed in a Quaker community that has mixed attitudes about the Underground Railroad. This title was the subject of a popular book discussion at this summer's FGC Gathering in Greeley, Colorado. If you haven't read it, we are celebrating its paperback appearance with a 10% discount through the remainder of this month.



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 so request. Our oversight 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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