



## What's New in our Meeting Library?

A report on books purchased in 2024-2025.

by Sharon Hulihan, Meeting Librarian

### *How the Books were Selected*

A few books were specifically requested by Meeting members. Others were selected during Friends General Conference, recommendations from Friends, Friends Journal booklists and reviewing the [quakerbooks.org](http://quakerbooks.org) website.

### *How the Books are Organized*

The books are arranged on the shelf by **theme** and each theme has a different color tape on the spine of the book signifying the theme. Some books will have more than one theme/colored tape.

The list of themes, and key to the abbreviations and corresponding tape color can be found on the Library Committee homepage and on the book shelf. The book themes are included with the books to assist you in locating them on the shelf. Once you find the tape color section on the shelf, note the books are not in any particular order. If you cannot find the book, it may already be checked out.

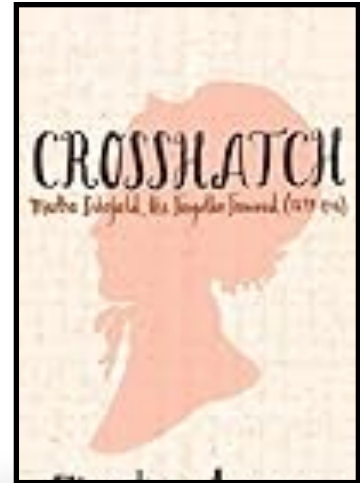
## 2025 Book List

1. **Crosshatch: Martha Schofield, the Forgotten Feminist (1839-1916)** by Christina Lorocco (Bio/Memoir)
2. **Ethical Business Relationships** by Lee B. Thomas, Jr. (Integrity)
3. **The Gatherings: Reimagining Indigenous - Settler Relations** by Shirley N. Hager and Mawopiyane (Quaker History & Social Justice)
4. **Godless for God's Sake: Nontheism in Contemporary Quakerism by 27 Quaker Nontheists** by 27 Quaker Nontheists (Quaker History & Religion).
5. **Human Nature: Nine Ways to Feel about our Changing Planet** by Kate Marvel (Environmentalism)
6. **A Language for the Inward Landscape** by Brian Drayton and William P. Taber, Jr. (Quakerism, Spirituality)
7. **The Light Eaters: How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Offers a New Understanding of Life on Earth** by Zoe Schlanger (Environmentalism)
8. **Living Resistance: An Indigenous Vision for Seeking Wholeness Every Day** by Kaitlin B. Curtice (Spirituality & Social Justice)
9. **Living the Quaker Life: A practical Guide to the Lifestyle, Faith and Practice of the Religious Society of Friends for Beginners and Practitioners.** by Elias Whitman (LARGE PRINT) (Quakerism)
10. **Quakers Business and Industry** by Stephen W. Angell & Pink Dandelion. (Quaker History)
11. Quaker Quicks: **Exploring Isaac Penington** by Ruth Tod (Bio/Memoir)
12. Quaker Quicks: **Lectio Divina: Revelation and Prophecy** by Barbara Birch (Spirituality)
13. Quaker Quicks: **Quakers and Chocolate** by Helen Holt (Bio/Mem, Quaker History)
14. **Scattergood** by H.M. Bouwman (Children's Book, Historical Fiction)
15. **Sit in the Sun: And other Lessons in the Spiritual Wisdom of Cats** by Jon M. Sweeney (Spirituality)
16. **Slow Living: Four Essential principles to Find Balance, Reduce Stress, Embrace Simplicity and Rediscover a Life of Meaning in the Modern World** by Cora Meadows. (S-Simplicity)

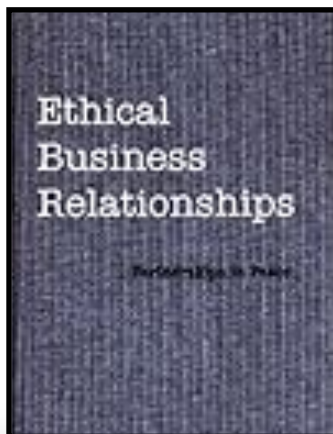
## **Crosshatch: Martha Schofield, the Forgotten Feminist (1839-1916)**

by Christina Lorocco

Several years ago, the author, Christina Lorocco was a First Day Speaker and announced she was writing a book about Martha Schofield, the daughter of NMM members Oliver & Mary Schofield, who were also extraordinary people. Mary was an approved Quaker Minister, Oliver was a farmer and a stop on the Underground Railroad, dressing up runaway slaves in his wife's Quaker bonnets and cloaks, whisking them onto the next stop in a horse and buggy. Daughter Martha witnessed their house (off Swamp Road) being ransacked by bounty hunters hoping to capture slaves. She grew up under the weight of this social injustice and devoted her life as a women's rights advocate and abolitionist who founded a school for freed slaves in Aiken, South Carolina that is still in existence today. This book examines Martha's letters and diaries to reveal her passions, struggles and concerns and then the author shares her own life experiences to reflect how history and the life of one person can profoundly shape our lives today.



written by Sharon Hulihan.



## **Ethical Business Relationships: Partners in Peace**

by Lee B. Thomas, Jr

Ethical Business Relationships examines a range of topics relevant to successfully managing a business enterprise in today's complex, difficult environment. As businesses come to play a significant role in shaping the global landscape, business decisions raise important social, financial and moral questions for each of us as individuals and for society as a whole. Here, author Lee Thomas suggests that we need to establish and uphold a set of ethical values to drive the way we manage our businesses, and outlines the important role the business community should play in improving economic and social conditions both locally and globally. To encourage careful thought, he includes specific, critical examples from his own career at several large, successful companies to clearly highlight the importance and benefit of doing business the "right way".

# The Gatherings

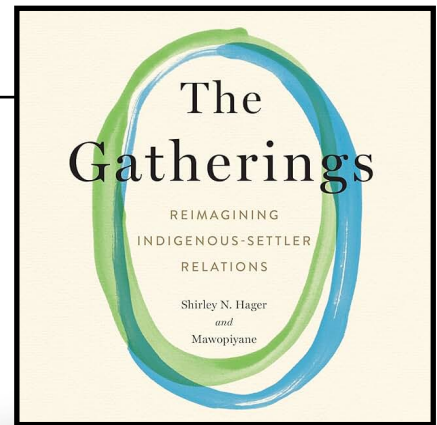
by Shirley N. Hager & Mawopiyane

In a world that requires knowledge and wisdom to address developing crises around us, *The Gatherings* shows how Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples can come together to create meaningful and lasting relationships.

Thirty years ago, in Wabanaki territory—a region encompassing the state of Maine and the Canadian Maritimes—a group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals came together to explore some of the most pressing questions at the heart of Truth and Healing efforts in the United States and Canada. Meeting over several years in long-weekend gatherings, in a Wabanaki-led traditional Council format, assumptions were challenged, perspectives upended, and stereotypes shattered. Alliances and friendships were formed that endure to this day.

*The Gatherings* tells the moving story of these meetings in the words of both Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants. Reuniting to reflect on how their lives were changed by their experiences and how they continue to be impacted by them, the participants share the valuable lessons they learned.

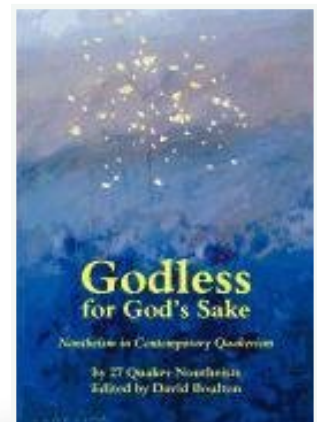
The many voices represented in *The Gatherings* offer insights and strategies that can inform change at the individual, group, and systems levels. These voices affirm that authentic relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples—with their attendant anxieties, guilt, anger, embarrassments, and, with time, even laughter and mutual affection—are key to our shared futures here in North America. Now, more than ever, it is critical that we come together to reimagine Indigenous-settler relations.



# Godless for God's Sake

27 Quakers from 13 Yearly Meetings in four countries tell how they combine committed membership of the Religious Society of Friends with rejection of traditional belief in a transcendent, personal and supernatural God.

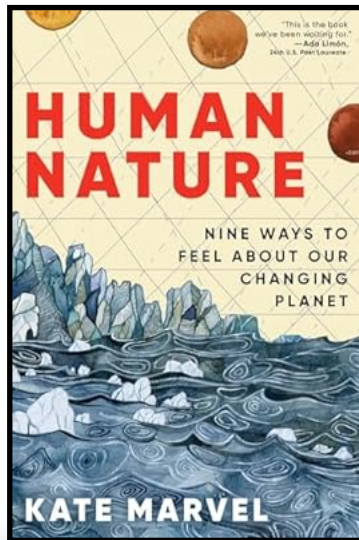
For some of these 'nontheist' Friends, God is no more (but no less) than a symbol of the wholly human values of 'mercy, pity, peace and love'. For others, the idea of God and 'God-language' has become an archaism and a stumbling-block. Readers who seek a faith or world-view free of supernaturalism whether they are Friends, members of other traditions or drop-outs from old-time religion, will find themselves in the company of a varied group whose search for an authentic 21st century understanding of religion and spirituality has led them to declare themselves 'Godless - for God's Sake'. Hopeful, heartbreaking, and surprisingly funny, *Human Nature* is a vital, wondrous exploration of how it feels to live in a changing world.



# Human Nature

## Nine Ways to Feel About our Changing Planet

by Kate Marvel



A captivating exploration of climate change that uses nine different emotions to better understand the science, history, and future of our evolving planet.

Human Nature is a deeply felt inquiry into our rapidly changing Earth. In each chapter, Marvel uses a different emotion to explore the science and stories behind climate change. As expected, there is anger, fear, and grief—but also wonder, hope, and love.

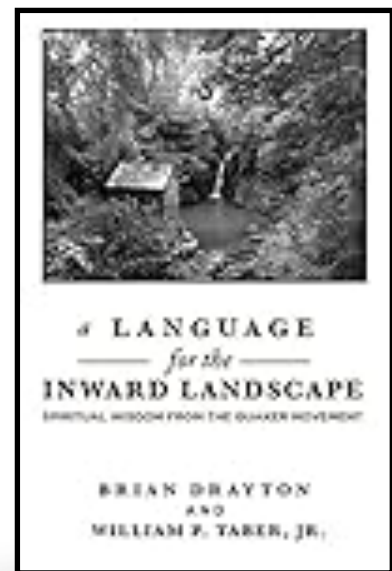
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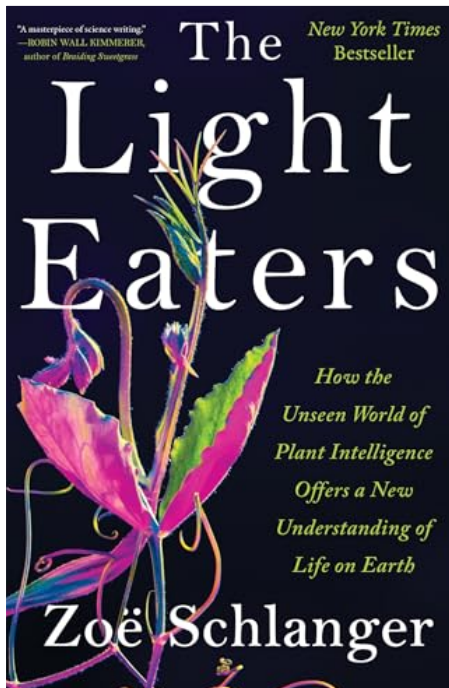
## A Language for the Inward Landscape

by Brian Drayton and William P. Taber, Jr.

As Quakers expressed and reflected upon their experience of life under the guidance of the spirit of Christ, they developed a rich vocabulary to describe those experiences. This vocabulary played an important role in Quaker spiritual formation and community life from the beginning of the movement in 1650, and continues today as modern seekers wrestle with describing their experiences.

When Bill Taber died in 2005, he left behind notes on a project: "A language for the inward landscape." Key phrases provide important insights into the nature of inward experience over time and can help people explore their spiritual experience with an enriched vocabulary. Brian Drayton compiled these notes and expanded them.





## The Light Eaters

How the Unseen World of Plant Intelligence Understanding of Life on Earth

by Zoe Schlanger

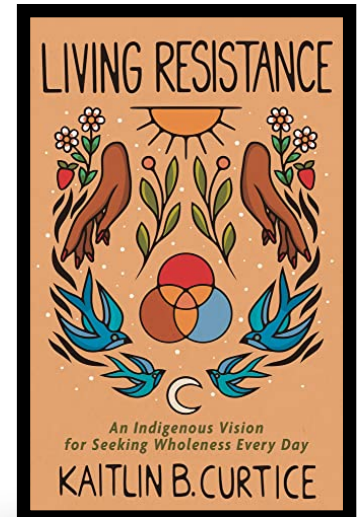
The Light Eaters is a deep immersion into the drama of green life and the complexity of this wild and awe-inspiring world that challenges our very understanding of agency, consciousness, and intelligence.

## Living Resistance

by Kaitlin B. Curtice

In an era in which "resistance" has become tokenized, popular Indigenous author Kaitlin Curtice reclaims it as a basic human calling. Resistance is for every human who longs to see their neighbors' holistic flourishing. We each have a role to play in the world right where we are, and our everyday acts of resistance hold us all together.

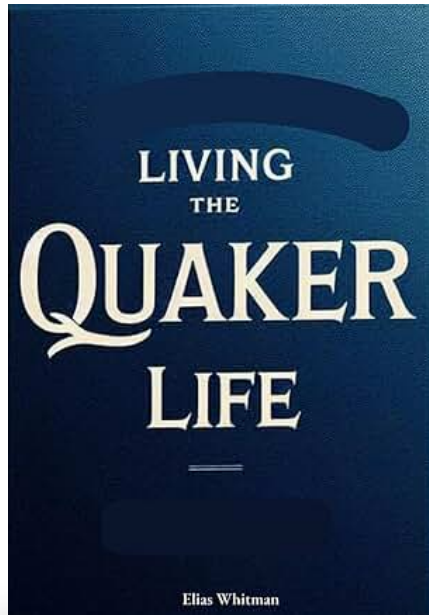
Curtice shows that we can learn to practice embodied ways of belonging and connection to ourselves and one another through everyday practices, such as getting more in touch with our bodies, resting, and remembering our ancestors. She explores four "realms of resistance"—the personal, the communal, the ancestral, and the integral—and shows how these realms overlap and why all are needed for our liberation. Listeners will be empowered to seek wholeness in whatever spheres of influence they inhabit.



# Living the Quaker Life

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by Elias Whitman



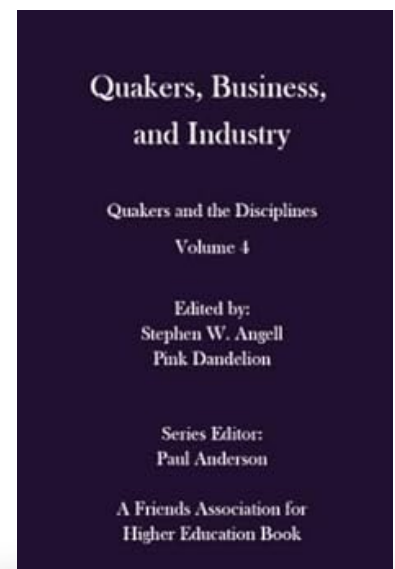
This LARGE PRINT book is a practical guide to the lifestyle, faith and practice of the Religious Society of Friends for beginners and practitioners. It is a brief but comprehensive overview. Chapter titles include: Quaker Beliefs & Principles, Quaker Worship & Practices, Quakerism in Daily Life, Quaker History & Global Presence and Practical Guide for Newcomers such as How to Join a Quaker Meeting, Participating in Meeting for Business.

# Quakers Business and Industry

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Edited by Stephen W. Angell and Pink Dandelion

This book focuses on the much vaunted reputation of Quakers in business and industry. It interrogates some of the myths about Quaker success and their reasons for engaging in commerce, offers case studies of key areas of business, and highlights some of the pioneers of industry. This volume also helps theorise key Quaker understandings of wealth-creation and explores some of the shifting patterns and possibilities that have emerged in the last century and a half.

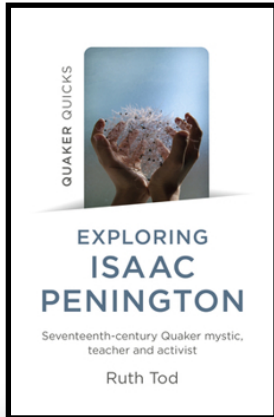




## ***A brief word about Quaker Quicks***

These are short paperbacks designed for outreach and religious education. They offer introductory insights into various aspects of Quaker faith, practices, and history. Newtown Meeting currently has 25 Quaker Quicks, including these three additions.

### Quaker Quicks



## Exploring Isaac Pennington Seventeenth-century Quaker mystic, teacher and activist

by Ruth Todd

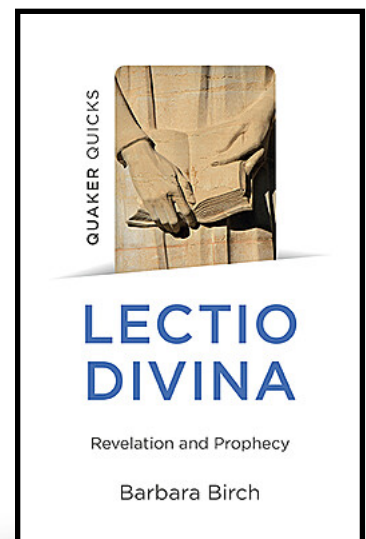
“Ruth Todd offers us a fascinating window onto the life and spirituality of Isaac Pennington. She demonstrates that, despite the hundreds of years that separate us from him, Pennington’s writings remain a vital source of inspiration and challenge for Friends today.”  
Stuart Masters, Programme Coordinator at Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre.

### Quaker Quicks

## Lectio Divina: Revelation and Prophecy

by Barbara Birch

Lectio Divina is an ancient form of devotional reading, prayer, and contemplation which deepens and broadens spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and faith. The practice is an embodied way to live the testimonies daily and gain confidence to share vocal ministry in Meeting for Worship.

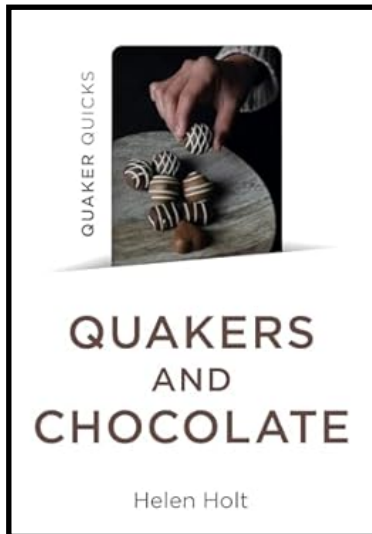


Quaker Quicks

## Quakers and Chocolate

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by Helen Holt



Cadbury's Dairy Milk, Rowntree's Kit Kat, and Fry's Turkish Delight are all well-known chocolate treats. The three 'cocoa families' who indulged our chocolate cravings for over a century were all Quakers, and this affected both how they amassed their fortunes and how they spent them. George and Richard Cadbury in Birmingham, and Joseph Rowntree in York, all strove to improve the lives of those living in Victorian slums. They built factories and towns in the countryside, provided recreation and medical facilities, and gave away significant proportions of their wealth to establish charitable trusts. Some of their descendants carried on the family businesses, but others made significant contributions elsewhere. Richard's daughter Beatrice campaigned vigorously against capitalism and for peace, and Joseph's son John Wilhelm was instrumental in bringing Quakerism in line with the latest discoveries in science. *Quakers and Chocolate* provides a brief history of chocolate, focusing on the convictions and actions of some members of the Quaker families who did so much to make chocolate part of everyday life.

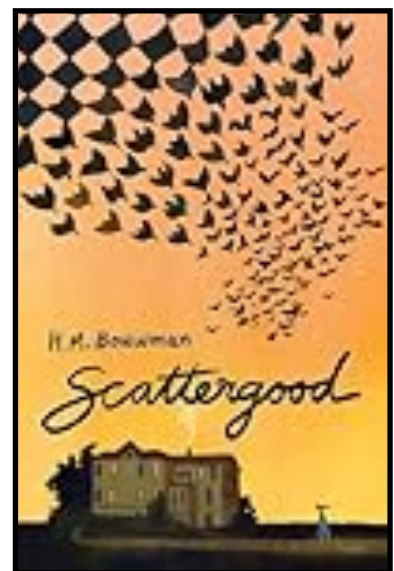
## Scattergood

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by Kaitlin B. Curtice

Growing up a farm girl, Peggy's life has never been particularly exciting. But a lot changes in 1941. A historical coming-of-age novel that feels as alive and present as today, *Scattergood* offers even readers familiar with World War II a fascinating new glimpse of history, far from the battlefields of Europe and the shores of New York City. H.M. Bouwman presents a raw and unapologetic snapshot of a girl battling her own shortcomings and the random nature of life.

(This is our only young adult selection this year- SH).

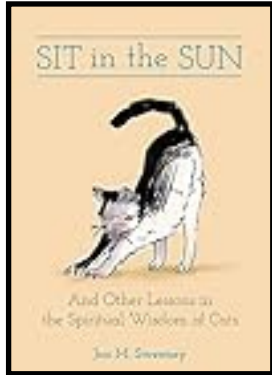


# Sit in the Sun:

## And other lessons in the Spiritual Wisdom of Cats

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by Jon Sweeney



As a spiritual pilgrim for more than half a century, Jon Sweeney has practiced with teachers of many religious traditions. He's gone looking for wisdom, beauty, and truth wherever it can be found. But recently he's found himself learning closer to home—from the teacher-cats he lives with.

What he discovered is that our greatest spiritual teachers are at our feet. Literally. They are the cats we love and treasure. Nearly 60 million cats live in US households today. These feline teachers have much to offer us about living in the present, loving unconditionally, approaching life with a sense of playfulness, and trusting others, all the while being independent spirits.

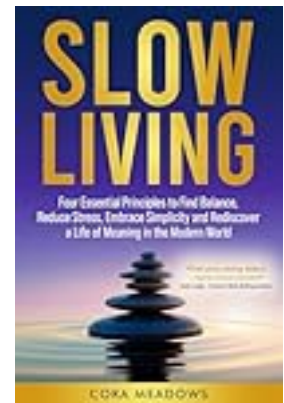
## Slow Living

Four Essential Principles to Find Balance, Reduce Stress, Embrace Simplicity and Rediscover a Life of Meaning in the Modern World

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by Cora Meadows

Imagine a life where your actions resonate with your values, where tranquility replaces urgency and joy abounds in simplicity. The possibilities are within reach. Learn about:



- The 4 timeless principles of Slow Living for reconnecting with what truly matters.
- Practical strategies at every step of the way to guide you through the process and integrate slow living into all areas of your life.
- The secrets to effective decluttering, creating spaces of peace and clarity.
- Time management reimagined: integrating slow living into your busy life with ease.
- Insightful ways to nurture authentic relationships, paving the way for genuine connection.
- The role of sustainable living in embracing a slower, more fulfilled existence.
- A practical guide to unplugging from digital distractions without missing out.
- The art of saying no gracefully, focusing on priorities without guilt.
- Practical ways to reconnect and improve your bonds as a family