

Select Bibliography

Books and Periodicals, with Sources

The following selection of classic and recent Quaker publications is intended to serve as a starting point for individuals and meetings who are in search of writings on Friends beliefs, practices, and history. More extensive bibliographies can be found in the *Historical Dictionary of the Friends (Quakers)* and both volumes of Patricia Loring's *Listening Spirituality*, all listed below under "general". It may be helpful to note that older publications may be reprinted by a variety of sources.

Useful addresses for obtaining Quaker literature include:

QuakerBooks of FGC, Pendle Hill, 338 Plush Mill Road, Wallingford, PA 19086 or www.quakerbooks.org.

This is the successor to Friends Book Store, which served Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, later became Quaker Books of Friends General Conference, and subsequently merged with the Pendle Hill Bookstore in April of 2015.

Barclay Press, 211 N. Meridian St., #101, Newberg, OR 97132 or www.barclaypress.com/bookstore. A West Coast source for a number of titles that are of interest to Friends.

Vintage Quaker Books, 181 Hayden Rowe St., Hopkinton, MA 01748 or www.vintagequakerbooks.com. Vintage is a source for out-of-print Quakeriana.

General

Abbott, Margery Post; Mary Ellen Chijioke; Pink Dandelion; John William Oliver Jr. *Historical Dictionary of the Friends (Quakers)*. The Scarecrow Press, Inc., 2003. A comprehensive volume useful for quick reference or as a beginning for further study; includes an extensive bibliography.

Barclay, Robert. *Barclay's Apology in Modern English*, Dean Freiday, editor, Barclay Press, 2009. Updates Barclay's seventeenth-century English and usefully annotates his references to people and ideas.

Barclay, Robert. *Apology for the True Christian Divinity*. Quaker Heritage Press, 2002. The original text in its seventeenth-century language. The *Apology* is described as "in many respects one of the most impressive theological writings of the [seventeenth] century." in the *Dictionary of National Biography's* article on Barclay.

Brinton, Howard. *Friends for 350 Years* revised and updated by Margaret Hope Bacon, Pendle Hill Publications, 2002. Originally issued by Harper & Brothers in 1952 as *Friends for 300 Years*. An influential collection of historical and interpretive essays on the essentials of Quakerism.

Brinton, Howard. *A Guide to Quaker Practice*, Pendle Hill Pamphlet #20, 1955. Reissued with a new forward by Jared Taber in 1993. A succinct presentation of Quaker practice.

Durham, Geoffrey. *The Spirit of the Quakers*. Yale University Press, 2010. A lucid anthology of the faith and experience of members of the Religious Society of Friends, balancing extended extracts from three journals with comments from contemporary Friends.

Loring, Patricia. *Listening Spirituality. Volume 1: Personal Spiritual Practices among Friends*. Openings Press, 1997.

Loring, Patricia. *Listening Spirituality. Volume 2: Corporate Spiritual Practice among Friends*. Openings Press, 1999. The two volumes show a way to spiritual formation rooted in Quaker experience. They are clearly written and suggest numerous resources for exploration.

Pink Dandelion, Ben. *Celebrating the Quaker Way*. Britain Yearly Meeting 2009. A brief essay that delineates the sustaining traditions of Friends.

Pink Dandelion, Ben. *An Introduction to Quakerism*. Cambridge University Press, 2007. A comprehensive survey of the theology, thought, history, and present-day practices of the several branches of Friends.

Pink Dandelion, Ben. *The Quakers: A Very Short Introduction*. Oxford University Press, 2008. Part of the Oxford series of short introductions, it serves well as a quick survey for inquirers.

Disciplines

Britain Yearly Meeting. *Quaker Faith and Practice: The Book of Christian Discipline of the Yearly Meeting of The Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) in Britain*, 2009.

Intermountain Yearly Meeting. *Faith and Practice of Intermountain Yearly Meeting*, 2009.

Pacific Yearly Meeting. *Faith and Practice of Pacific Yearly Meeting, a Guide to Quaker Discipline in the Experience of Pacific Yearly Meeting*, 2001.

Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. *Faith and Practice of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting: A Book of Christian Discipline for Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends*, 2002.

History

Bacon, Margaret Hope. *Mothers of Feminism: The Story of Quaker Women in America*. Harper & Row, 1986. One of the best available treatments.

Bacon, Margaret Hope. *The Quiet Rebels: The Story of the Quakers in America*. Basic Books, 1969; revised edition, Pendle Hill Publications, 1999. An engaging history of Quakers written for the general reader.

Barbour, Hugh and Arthur Roberts (eds.). *Early Quaker Writings*. Pendle Hill Publications, 1973. A diverse collection of the shorter works of Fox, Barclay, and Pennington as well as selections from a wide range of lesser-known early Friends. Includes an extensive biographic index.

Beebe, Ralph K. *A Garden of the Lord: a History of Oregon Yearly Meeting of Friends Church*. Barclay Press, 1968. A narrative history of what is now Northwest Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Braithwaite, William. *The Beginnings of Quakerism*, Macmillan, 1912. Second edition, revised by Henry J. Cadbury, 1955.

Braithwaite, William. *The Second Period of Quakerism*, Macmillan, 1919, second edition prepared by Henry J. Cadbury, Cambridge University Press, 1961. The two Braithwaite volumes are a thorough survey of the formative years of Friends.

Hamm, Thomas D. *The Quakers in America*, Columbia University Press, 2003. According to the author's preface, this scholarly study attempts to "describe and explain contemporary American Quakerism in its considerable diversity".

Jones, Rufus. *The Later Periods of Quakerism*. Two volumes, Macmillan, 1921. Contains a useful and striking narrative of the Quietist period of Friends.

Jones, Rufus. *Quakers in the American Colonies*, Macmillan, 1911. An account of the far-reaching influence of Friends in the colonial period and the decline that followed the American Revolution.

Larson, Rebecca. *Daughters of the Light: Quaker Women Preaching and Prophesying in the Colonies and Abroad, 1700-1775*. University of North Carolina Press, 2000. The story of eighteenth-century women ministers and how they changed the perception of women's roles in society.

Journals, Letters, and Biography

Bacon, Margaret Hope (ed.). *Wilt Thou Go on My Errand? Three 18th Century Journals of Quaker Women Ministers*, Pendle Hill Publications, 1994. The journals of Susanna Morris, Elizabeth Hudson, and Ann Moore recounting their spiritual awakening and travels in the ministry.

Brinton, Howard:

Brinton, Howard H. *Quaker Journals: Varieties of Religious Experience Among Friends*. Pendle Hill Publications, 1972. Based on Brinton's reading of 300 journals or spiritual biographies and drawing out themes that connected them together.

Manousos, Anthony. *Howard and Anna Brinton: Re-inventors of Quakerism in the Twentieth Century: An Interpretive Biography*. QuakerBridge Media of Friends General Conference, 2013. The Brintons were a formative influence during the early years of what became the independent yearly meetings in the western United States.

Fell, Margaret:

Fell, Margaret. *A Sincere and Constant Love: An Introduction to The Writings of Margaret Fell*. T. H. S. Wallace (ed.). Friends United Press, second edition, 2009. A collection of her letters and core doctrinal writings.

Fell, Margaret. *Undaunted Zeal: The Letters of Margaret Fell*. Elsa F. Glines (ed.). Friends United Press, 2003. This is the first appearance of the letters from this pivotal figure in the beginning of Quakerism.

Kunze, Bonnelyn Young. *Margaret Fell and the Rise of Quakerism*. Stanford University Press, 1994. The author shows that in keeping with Margaret Fell's status and personality, she was a co-leader with George Fox in the first fifty years of Quakerism.

Ferris, David. *Resistance and Obedience to God: Memoirs of David Ferris (1707-1779)*. Martha Paxson (ed.). Friends General Conference, 2001. A paradigmatic life of an eighteenth-century Friend that witnesses to the struggle between his own desires and his attempts to be obedient to the still small voice within.

Fox, George:

Fox, George. *The Journal of George Fox*. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1997. John L Nickalls (ed.). This is a complete edition that expresses the story in Fox's own words in preference to Thomas Ellwood's more polished first edition.

Fox, George. *The Power of The Lord Is Over All: The Pastoral Letters of George Fox*. Canby Jones (ed.). Friends United Press, 1989. Drawing from the 3,000 some letters Fox wrote, this collection of letters provides examples of the corporate spiritual nurture work of George Fox.

Ingle, H. Larry. *First Among Friends: George Fox & the Creation of Quakerism*. Oxford University Press, 1994. This volume brings George Fox vividly to life and shows the important part he played in establishing the Religious Society of Friends.

Fry, Elizabeth:

Fry, Elizabeth. *Elizabeth Fry - A Quaker Life: Selected Letters and Writings*. Gil Skidmore (ed.), AltaMira, 2005. Brings together material from her letters, journals, and published writings.

Whitney, Janet. *Elizabeth Fry: Quaker Heroine*. Little Brown, 1936. A portrait of the influential advocate of prison reform and Public Friend.

Mott, Lucretia: Bacon, Margaret Hope. *Valiant Friend: The Life of Lucretia Mott*, Walker & Company, 1980. A sympathetic biography of an anti-slavery leader and effective advocate for women's rights.

Penington, Mary: *Experience in the Life of Mary Penington (Written by Herself)*. Norman Penney, (ed.). Friends Historical Society, 1992. A narrative of her spiritual journey to becoming a convinced Friend.

Penn, William: Peare, Catherine Owens. *William Penn*, Lippincott, 1957. A readable account of his life.

Woolman, John:

Woolman, John. *Journal and Major Essays of John Woolman*, Phillips P. Moulton (ed.). Oxford, 1971. This is the modern scholarly edition of the *Journal*.

Plank, Geoffrey. *John Woolman's Path to the Peaceable Kingdom: A Quaker in the British Empire*. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2012. This biography brings forward Woolman's fidelity to Quaker discipline, his thoughts on work, commercial activity, and his understanding of the process of inspiration.

Slaughter, Thomas P. *The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman, Apostle of Abolition*. Hill and Wang, 2008. A moving biography of a vigorous opponent of slavery.

Worship and Devotion

Anon. *A Guide to True Peace or the Excellency of Inward and Spiritual Prayer*, 1813, frequently reprinted since. The 1946 Pendle Hill edition notes that this small book, compiled by two Friends from the writings of Fenelon, Guyon, and Molinos, has been widely used as a devotional book by members of the Religious Society of Friends.

Cronk, Sandra. *Dark Night Journey: Inward Re-patterning Toward a Life Centered in God*. Pendle Hill, 2001. This book is written for travelers on the dark night journey and those who are their spiritual friends and nurturers during that journey.

Gorman, George. *The Amazing Fact of Quaker Worship*, Britain Yearly Meeting 2008. A lucid and thoughtful examination of Friends meeting for worship.

Kelly, Thomas. *The Eternal Promise: A Sequel to A Testament of Devotion*. Friends United Press, 1991.

Kelly, Thomas. *A Testament of Devotion*, Harper Collins, 1996. These essays suggest how we might find quiet and stillness in modern life.

Lacout, Pierre. *God is Silence*. Quaker Home Service, 1970. A modern spiritual classic.

Penn, William. *No Cross, No Crown*. Ronald Selleck (ed.). Friends United Press, 1981. William Penn addresses questions such as worship and inner character in the life of discipleship, a modern English version.

Penn, William. *Some Fruits of Solitude: Wise Sayings on the Conduct of Human Life, in Today's English*. Eric Taylor (ed.). Herald Press, 2002. A collection of maxims on the life of inner devotion.

Steere, Douglas. *Dimensions of Prayer: Cultivating a Relationship with God*. Upper Room, 1997. A helpful essay for those who pray or wish to pray.

Steere, Douglas (ed.). *Quaker Spirituality: Selected Writings*. Paulist Press, 1984. Selections from George Fox, Isaac Penington, John Woolman, Caroline Stephen, Rufus Jones, and Thomas Kelly. Good bibliography.

Bibles & Bible Study

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV). Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA. This is the version used throughout this NPYM *Faith and Practice*. It is a translation that adopted inclusive gender language.

Birkel, Michael. *Engaging Scripture: Reading the Bible With Early Friends*. Friends United Press, 2005. Introduces a meditative way to read the Bible, based on his study of early Quaker writings.

Gwyn, Douglas. *Conversation with Christ: Quaker Meditations on the Gospel of John*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2011. The Gospel of John is sometimes described as the Quaker

Gospel because it speaks to a here-and-now experience of eternal reality in Christ, which is explored in this book through meditations on themes in the gospel.

Greenleaf-Murer, Esther. *Quaker Bible Index: An Index to Scripture References in the Works of Fox, Barclay, Penn, Woolman and Others*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2001. CD-ROM Disk. This is a tool for identifying Scripture passages of importance to early Friends and locating representative uses of them.

Religious Education

Clement, Daphne. *Group Spiritual Nurture: The Wisdom of Spiritual Listening*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 2004. An introduction to a method of spiritual nurture and a guide for those interested in creating spiritual nurture groups.

Crompton, Margaret. *Nurturing Children's Spiritual Well-Being*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 2012. Includes practical advice along with stories that reveal children's innate spirituality.

Friends General Conference Youth Ministries Program. *Build It! A Toolkit for Nurturing Intergenerational Spiritual Community*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2011. A collection of best practices for nurturing intergenerational spiritual community.

Hadley, Abby. *We're Going to Meeting for Worship*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2006. An accessible book, with inclusive illustrations, that helps prepare children to attend Meeting for Worship.

Lakey, George. *Facilitating Group Learning: Strategies for Success with Diverse Adult Learners*. Jossey-Bass, 2010. Practical strategies combined with psychological and spiritual insights for those who teach adults.

Palmer, Parker. *Meeting for Learning*, Friends Council on Education, 2007 reprint. A seminal essay on group learning.

Snyder, Mary. *Opening Doors to Quaker Religious Education*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 1999. Practical ideas based on current developmental and educational theories.

Peace and Social Concerns

Brown, Peter G. and Geoffrey Garver. *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy*. Berrett-Koehler, 2009. Explores revisioning the economy in line with ecology, ethics, and governance for the well-being of the Earth's commonwealth of life.

Cornell, Andrew. *Oppose and Propose: Lessons from the Movement for a New Society*. AK Press, 2011. The Movement pioneered the tactics, strategies and lifestyles for a New Society in the 1970's and 80's.

Cronk, Sandra. *Peace Be with You: A Study of the Spiritual Basis of the Friends Peace Testimony*. Friends Tract Association, 1984. A brief essay on Friends peace testimony.

Hoover, Sharon (ed.). *Quakers and the Search for Peace*. Friends Journal, 2010. A collection of essays drawn from *Friends Journal* on Quaker engagement with peace.

Leuze, Robert (ed.). *Each of us Inevitable*. FLGBTQC, 2003. A compendium of addresses and essays on being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or an ally.

McDaniel, Donna and Vanessa Julye. *Fit for Freedom, Not for Friendship: Quakers, African Americans, and the Myth of Racial Justice*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2009. A history of Friends entanglement with slavery and the subsequent reluctance to accept African Americans as co-religionists.

Pym, Jim. *Listening to the Light: How to Bring Quaker Simplicity and Integrity into our Lives*. Rider, 1999. Offers encouragement to incorporate Friends testimonies into one's own daily life.

Whitmire, Catherine. *Plain Living: A Quaker Path to Simplicity*. Sorin, 2001. An anthology of responses to the challenge of living a spiritually centered and simple life.

Other Publications of Interest

Abbott, Margery Post. *To be Broken and Tender: A Quaker Theology for Today*. Western Friend/Friends Bulletin Corporation, 2010. A personal narrative combined with reflection on Quaker history and theology, wrestling with questions about belief, language, and social issues.

Boulton, David. *Godless for God's Sake: Nontheism in Contemporary Quakerism*. Dale Historical Monographs, 2006. A collection of essays reflecting a range of belief including agnosticism, atheism, humanism, naturalism and non-realism.

Fager, Chuck. *Without Apology: A Manifesto of Liberal Quaker Theology*. Kimo Press, 1996. A spirited defense of liberal Quakerism.

Friends General Conference. *Worship in Song: A Friends Hymnal*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 1996. This hymnal reflects the diversity of the Religious Society of Friends.

Haines, Deborah. *When You're the Only Friend in Town: Starting a New Friends Meeting*. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 2005. A succinct booklet covering the basics of starting a worship group or meeting.

Hickey, Damon. *Unforeseen Joy: Serving a Friends Meeting as Recording Clerk*. North Carolina Yearly Meeting, 1987. A useful handbook for those beginning to serve as a recording clerk.

Loring, Patricia. *Spiritual Discernment: The Context and Goal of Clearness Committees*. Pendle Hill Pamphlet, 1992. An essay on the use of clearness committees as an instrument of discernment within the tradition of Quaker spirituality and practice.

Morgan, Earnest. *Dealing Creatively with Death: A Manual of Death Education and Simple Burial*, 14th Edition. Barclay House, 2001. A frequently updated guide to facing end of life challenges.

Navias, Mathilda. *Quaker Process for Friends on the Benches*. Friends Publishing Corporation, 2012. Good Quaker process helps us unite in finding God's path forward and in building community.

Sheeran, Michael J. *Beyond Majority Rule: Voteless Decisions in the Religious Society of Friends*. Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, 1983. A helpful study of Friends decision making, written by a Jesuit priest.

Smith, Warren. *One Explorer's Glossary of Quaker Terms*. Mae Smith-Bixby (ed.) revised by Deborah Haines. Quaker Press of Friends General Conference, 1992. A guide to "Quakerese."

North Pacific Yearly Meeting Publications

Outreach and Visitation Committee. *Can You Tell Me Where the Meeting Is? A Small Workbook of Quaker Advancement*. Available at the NPYM website.

Outreach Committee. *Handbook for Worship Groups*. 1982.

Outreach Committee. *Survival Sourcebook: The Care and Maintenance of Small Meetings and Worship Groups*. Second edition, 1990. Available at the Lake Erie Yearly Meeting website: <http://leym.org/?s=survival+sourcebook>

Outreach Committee. *Thoughts for Visitors and Visited in North Pacific Yearly Meeting*. 1982. Available at the NPYM website.

Some Quaker Periodicals

Western Friend, 833 SE Main Street, Mailbox #138, Portland, OR 97214 or westernfriend.org. The official publication of Pacific, North Pacific, and Intermountain Yearly Meetings of the Religious Society of Friends.

Friends Journal, 1216 Arch Street, 2A, Philadelphia, PA 19107-2835 or www.friendsjournal.org. The publication of record for many unprogrammed Friends.

Pendle Hill Pamphlets, Pendle Hill Publications, Wallingford, PA 19086 or www.pendlehill.org. Quaker faith and practice, the inward journey, social concerns, religion and psychology, literature, art, and biography have all been subjects in this series, which issues five pamphlets a year.

Friends World News, Friends World Committee for Consultation, 1506 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 or www.fwccamericas.org. The purpose of the Friends World Committee for Consultation is to encourage fellowship among all the branches of the Religious Society of Friends.

Quaker History, Friends Historical Association, Haverford College, 370 Lancaster Avenue, Haverford, PA 19041 or www.haverford.edu/library/fha/welcome. Publishes articles on Quaker contributions to issues such as social justice, education, and literature.

Quaker Religious Thought, Box 6042, George Fox University, 414 N. Meridian Street, Newberg, OR 97132. A journal with an academic cast sponsored by the Quaker Theological Discussion Group.

Quaker Theology, P.O. Box 1344, Fayetteville, NC 28302. or www.quaker.org/quest. Describes itself as a progressive journal and forum for discussion and study; includes helpful book reviews.