

Books of the Month

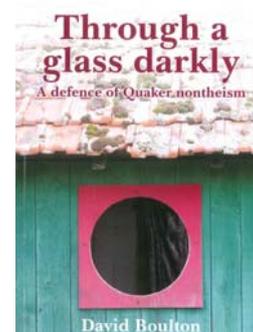
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THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY – A defence of Quaker nontheism

David Boulton £7.00

'How can one write about any of these matters (nontheism in the Society of Friends) without mentioning David Boulton? It would be like trying to write the history of ancient Egypt without reference to the pyramids?' So wrote Derek Guiton in his book *A Man that Looks on Glass* – but his words were not intended as flattery. Guiton argued that the Society is 'poised at the edge of the abyss', and a principal cause of the crisis is David Boulton's subversive advocacy of religion as a wholly human creation. In *Through a Glass Darkly* David Boulton responds to each of Guiton's criticisms, robustly defending the Society's inclusivity and openness to religious diversity. 'If Friends are indeed in crisis, he writes, 'it is because our Society's inclusivity is being challenged by those who want some of us out, not those who are working to keep us all in.'



GRIEF IS THE THING WITH FEATHERS

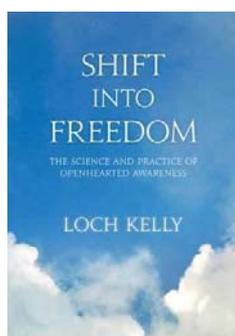
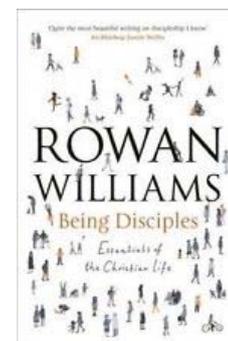
Max Porter £7.99

Once upon a time there was a crow who wanted nothing more than to care for a pair of motherless children... In a London flat, two young boys face the unbearable sadness of their mother's sudden death. Their father, a Ted Hughes scholar and scruffy romantic, imagines a future of well-meaning visitors and emptiness. In this moment of despair they are visited by Crow – antagonist, trickster, healer, babysitter. This sentimental bird is drawn to the grieving family and threatens to stay until they no longer need him. This extraordinary debut, full of unexpected humour and emotional truth, marks the arrival of a thrilling and significant new talent.

BEING DISCIPLES – Essentials of the Christian Life

Rowan Williams £8.99

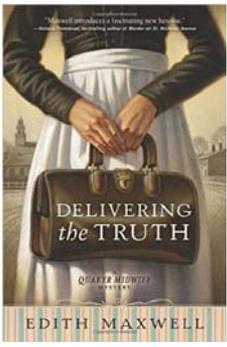
This fresh and inspiring look at the meaning of discipleship covers the essentials of the Christian life, including: faith, hope and love; forgiveness; holiness; social action; life in the Spirit. Written by one of our greatest living theologians, this book will help you to see more clearly, love more dearly and follow more nearly the way of Jesus Christ. Highly accessible, for people of all ages and backgrounds. Designed for use by individuals or groups, with questions for reflection or discussion at the end of each chapter. An ideal gift for anyone near the start of their spiritual journey or wanting to be refreshed and reinvigorated in the Christian life.



SHIFT INTO FREEDOM – The science and practice of open-hearted awareness

Loch Kelly £12.99

Practices that Kelly calls 'glimpses' take readers through the basics of mindful meditation and then through techniques some other teachers reserve for advanced study, including the process of unhooking local awareness from thought, waking up to transcendence, waking in to embodiment, and waking out to interconnectedness. Those who feel that other mindfulness texts are esoteric, foreign, or flaky will find Kelly's exercises easy to understand, his research easy to respect, and his methods blissfully lacking in both the aggressiveness common in the self-improvement genre and the focus on the author's personal experience common in new age takes.



DELIVERING THE TRUTH – A Quaker Midwife Mystery

Edith Maxwell £10.99

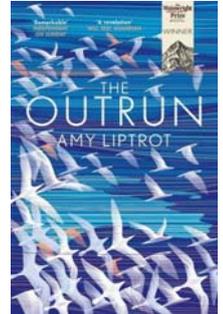
For Quaker midwife Rose Carroll, life in Amesbury, Massachusetts, provides equal measures of joy and tribulation. She delights in attending to the needs of mothers and newborns even as she mourns the recent death of her sister. Likewise, Rose enjoys the giddy feelings that come from being courted by a handsome doctor, but a suspicious fire and two murders leave her fearing for the well-being of her loved ones.

Driven by her desire for safety and justice, Rose Carroll begins asking questions related to the crimes. Consulting with her friends and neighbours—including the famous Quaker poet John Greenleaf Whittier—Rose draws on her strengths as a counsellor and problem solver in trying to bring the perpetrators to light.

THE OTRUN

Amy Liptrot £8.99

At the age of thirty, Amy Liptrot finds herself washed up back home on Orkney. Standing unstable on the island, she tries to come to terms with the addiction that has swallowed the last decade of her life. As she spends her mornings swimming in the bracingly cold sea, her days tracking Orkney's wildlife, and her nights searching the sky for the Merry Dancers, Amy discovers how the wild can restore life and renew hope. *A lyrical, brave memoir. It's Liptrot's aptitude for marrying her inner-space with wild outer-spaces that makes her such a compelling writer... I enjoyed this book enormously.* – **Will Self, Guardian**



A CHILD OF BOOKS

Oliver Jeffers & Sam Winston £12.99



I am a Child of Books. I come from a world of stories, and upon my imagination, I float. In this inspiring, lyrical tale about the rewards of reading and sharing stories, a little girl sails her raft "across a sea of words" to arrive at the house of a small boy. There she invites him to come away with her on an adventure. Guided by his new friend, the boy unlocks his imagination and a lifetime of magic lies ahead of him. But who will be next? Elegant illustrations by Oliver Jeffers are accompanied by Sam Winston's astonishing typographical landscapes, beautifully shaped from excerpts of children's classics including *Treasure Island*, *Little Women* and *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, creating a gorgeous gift book perfect for readers of all ages, and this year's must-have Christmas gift.

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