Books of the Month July & August 2017





A BRIGHT ACOUSTIC Philip Gross £9.95

In these restlessly exploratory poems and sequences, the space between things is never empty, but alive with messages. Utterly physical even when it is at its most enquiring, Quaker poet Philip Gross's latest collection contemplates space and sound. Even silence reveals itself as multiple and individual – a theme Philip explored in his conversation at the Hay Festival this year about Quakerism and poetry. With each book in his ambitious series since *The Water Table*, winner of the T.S. Eliot Prize, Gross has taken a new step in mapping where we live, in between language and the world. *A Bright Acoustic* looks at and way beyond the human, to a generously environmental view of the self in its relationships, while at the same time playful and

GREEN IS NOT A COLOUR: Environmental issues every generation needs to know

Devan Valenti & Simon Atlas £20

Our unsustainable methods of consumption have reached an all-time high and our planet has suffered a great deal as a result. Population growth and increased demand are leading us into an uncertain future. It is clear that meaningful transformation is needed. It was the unintended consequences of innovation that led us into this situation. But as it stands, innovation will be the primary key to leading us out of it. This new resource aims to galvanise individuals and communities to be creative about how we can save the planet.





DISCERNMENT AND INNER KNOWING: making decisions for the best Joycelin Dawes £6.99

This ground-breaking study, grown through an Eva Koch scholarship, explores spiritual and secular discernment by comparing Quaker practice and Theory U, which is a way of thinking about the process of moving from rational thought towards an opening out in our understanding that bears many similarities as well as differences to Quaker practice. Joycelin Dawes maps the process of Quaker discernment, seeking to clarify it through 'mutual irradiation' with Theory U. This fascinating, meticulously researched book is an essential addition to the library of any Meeting or Friend doing discernment work.

THIS IS HOW WE DO IT: One day in the life of seven kids from around the world

Matt Lamothe £11.99

Follow the lives in words and pictures of seven real kids from Italy, Japan, Iran, India, Peru, Uganda and Russia for a single day. From the time each child wakes up until the time they fall asleep, the details of their days may differ. In Japan, Kei plays freeze-tag; in Italy, Romeo has rock-throwing contests and in Russia, Oleg plays hockey. How they play may vary, but the parallel rhythm of their days – and this one world we all share – unites them. This genuine exchange provides a window into lives and traditions that may differ from our own as well as a mirror reflecting the common experiences that unite us.





THE CANCER WHISPERER: Finding courage, direction and the unlikely gifts of cancer Sophie Sabbage £8.99

At 48 years old, happily married with a 4-year-old daughter, Sophie Sabbage was diagnosed with 'incurable' cancer. Since that day she has been on a remarkable journey of healing and transformation that has reshaped her vocation as well as changed her life for the better. Sophie offers a radically different way of relating to this disease both mentally and practically and shares her methods for dealing with fear, anger, denial and grief. An enlightening read for anyone whether affected by cancer or walking with someone on their own journey with the disease.

LEAF

Sandra Dieckmann £11.99

When a polar bear washes up on the edge of the wild wood, the other animals fear and avoid him. Then one day they watch as he attempts something incredible... Gently highlighting the plight of polar bears in today's changing climate, this stunningly illustrated picture book is a heart-warming tale about helping outsiders that will appeal to children of all ages.





QUEER CITY: Gay London from the Romans to the present day Peter Ackroyd £16.99

In *Queer City* Peter Ackroyd looks at London in a whole new way – through the history and experiences of its gay population. We go right into the hidden history of the city; from the notorious Normans to the frenzy of executions for sodomy in the early nineteenth century, from the coffee bars of sixties Soho to Gay Liberation, disco music and the horror of AIDS. Today, we live in an era of openness and tolerance and Queer London has become part of the new norm. This book reminds us how we got here and how precious our freedom is.

SALE A True Friend to China: The Friends Ambulance China Convoy, 1945-1951 half price at £15

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