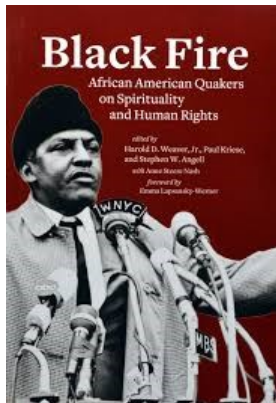


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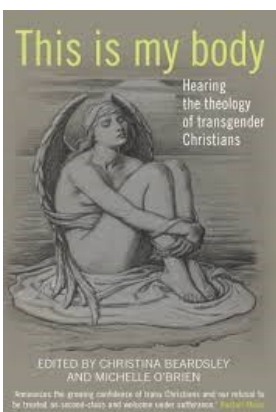
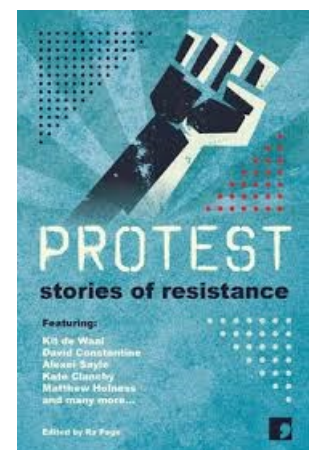


BLACK FIRE: African American Quakers on Spirituality and Human Rights **Harold D. Weaver Jr., Paul Kriese & Stephen W. Angell £16.50**

Black Fire gathers together the voices of 18 remarkable individuals who spoke and wrote as African Americans from within the Quaker community. Voices ranging from anti-slavery activist and feminist Sojourner Truth in the nineteenth century to civil rights hero and gay activist Bayard Rustin in the twentieth testify to their viewpoints on racial justice – both within the Religious Society of Friends and society at large – and they speak of their life in the Spirit. As a collection, these selections exhibit the vitality and wisdom that three centuries of African American Quakers have contributed to and on behalf of Friends.

PROTEST: stories of resistance **Ra Page (ed) £14.99**

Whatever happened to British protest? For a nation that brought the world Chartism, the Suffragettes, the Tolpuddle Martyrs, and so many other grassroots social movements, Britain rarely celebrates its long, great tradition of people power. In this timely and evocative collection, twenty authors have assembled to re-imagine key moments of British protest, from the Peasants' Revolt of 1381 to the anti-Iraq War demo of 2003. Written in close consultation with historians, sociologists and eyewitnesses – who also contribute afterwords – these stories follow fictional characters caught up in real-life struggles, offering a street-level perspective on the noble art of resistance. In the age of fake news and post-truth politics this book fights fiction with (well researched, historically accurate) fiction.

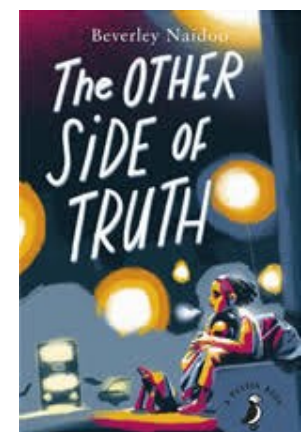


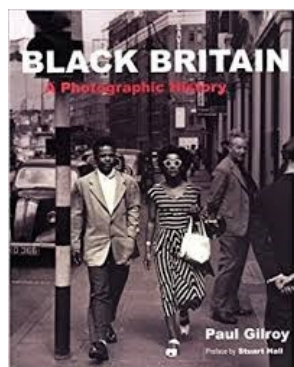
THIS IS MY BODY: Hearing the stories of transgender Christians **Christina Beardsley & Michelle O'Brien (eds) £14.99**

Much has been said and written about trans people by theologians and Church leaders, while little has been heard from trans Christians themselves. As a step towards redressing the balance, This Is My Body offers a grounded reflection on people's experience of gender dissonance that involves negotiating the boundaries between one's identity and religious faith, as well as a review of the most up-to-date theological, cultural and scientific literature. The book, compiled by two activists for trans inclusion in the Church, includes contributions from many people associated with the Sibyls, the UK-based confidential spirituality group for transgender people and their allies.

THE OTHER SIDE OF TRUTH **Beverley Naidoo £6.99**

This is the story of 12 year-old Sade and her brother Femi who flee to Britain from Nigeria. Their father is a political journalist who refuses to stop criticising the military rulers in Nigeria. Their mother is killed and they are sent to London, with their father promising to follow. Abandoned at Victoria Station by the woman paid to bring them to England as her children, Sade and Femi find themselves alone in a new, often hostile, environment. Seen through the eyes of Sade, the novel explores what it means to be classified as 'illegal' and the difficulties which come with being a refugee. Award-winning writer Beverley Naidoo brilliantly captures a realistic situation in this book for older children and young adults.





BLACK BRITAIN: a photographic history

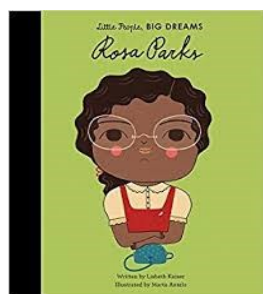
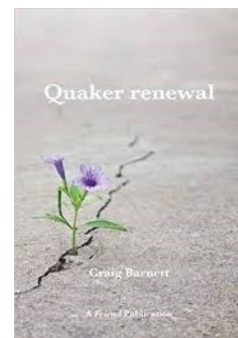
Paul Gilroy £19.99

Black people have inhabited the British Isles for centuries. In this collection of photographs from the twentieth century and beyond, luminaries drawn from politics, art and sport appear alongside many pioneers – the first Jamaican immigrant to Brixton, London's first 'Caribbean Carnival', the first black publican and the first female plumber. Just as important are the everyday experiences and anonymous faces. The ordinary lives of people of African, Caribbean, British and other cultures, captured here, vividly document the country's difficult and unfinished process of becoming postcolonial.

QUAKER RENEWAL

Craig Barnett £5

What does it mean to be a Quaker today? In these essays Craig Barnett explores possibilities for spiritual renewal, new life and creativity in the Religious Society of Friends. He invites contemporary Friends to encounter the extraordinary potential of core Quaker practices for worship, discernment and testimony, and to rediscover their vocation as Spirit-led communities. Also available is Laurie Michaelis's *Gleanings*, which asks: what is Quaker about our commitment to sustainability?



ROSA PARKS

Lisbeth Kaiser, illustrated by Marta Antelo £9.99

Rosa Parks grew up during segregation in Alabama, but she was taught to respect herself and stand up for her rights. In 1955, Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus, sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott and eventually leading to the end of segregation on public transport. With stylish and quirky illustrations and extra facts at the back, this empowering book for children celebrates the life of a wonderful woman.

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