Books of the Month April 2017





A IS FOR ACTIVIST Innosanto Nagara £6.99

This colourful, easy-to-read board book is written and illustrated for the next generation of progressives: families who want their kids to grow up in a space that is unapologetic about activism, environmental justice, civil rights and everything else that activists believe in and fight for.

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THE JOURNEY Francesca Sanna £12.99

What is it like to have to leave everything behind and travel many miles to somewhere unfamiliar and strange? A mother and her children set out on such a journey; one filled with fear of the unknown, but also hope. A book for children and adults alike "well poised to spark necessary conversations about the costs of war". Endorsed by Amnesty International.



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FIVE IDEAS TO FIGHT FOR Anthony Lester £9.99

Human Rights - Equality - Free Speech - Privacy - The Rule of Law. These five ideas are vitally important to the way of life we enjoy today. The battle to establish them in law was long and difficult. Today, however, our society is at risk of becoming less equal. From Snowden's revelations about the power and reach of our own intelligence agencies to the treatment of British Muslims, our civil liberties are under threat as never before.

THE RAQQA DIARIES: Escape from 'Islamic State' Samer £9.99

Since ISIS occupied Raqqa in Eastern Syria, it has become one of the most isolated and fear-ridden cities on earth. No journalists are allowed in and the penalty for speaking to the western media is death by beheading. Despite this, after several months of nervy and often interrupted conversations, the BBC was able to make contact with a small activist group, Al-Sharqiya 24. Finally, courageously, one of their members agreed to write a personal diary about his experiences. This is Samer's story.





APPRECIATING CHURCH Various £16.00

Appreciating Church is a Christian ecumenical project which aims to encourage the church at a local and national level to engage people in an inclusive way. Appreciating Church is about developing a self-sustaining Appreciative Inquiry (AI) community of practice across the churches, initiated and led by the United Reformed Church, in partnership with the Methodist Church, Quakers and the Congregational Federation with interest from individual dioceses of the Church of England and others.

WHAT DOES LOVE REQUIRE OF US? David Brown £3.00

Presenting booklet 13 of the Kindler series. Without love we are as nothing. Whatever the richness of our human gifts; whatever the extravagance of our social wealth; if we do not love one another we are worthless. *What does Love require of us?* explores the forty two *Advices and Queries*, guidelines and challenges, which Quakers have evolved over 350 years. Their spiritual experiences strive to put love in action as a way of life and as the heart of Quaker Worship. There is much here for reflection at home or in a workshop group.





TWELVE QUAKERS AND DEATH Quaker Quest £2.50

Do Quakers believe in eternal life? What is the Quaker attitude to death? How do you deal with the loss of someone you love? These and many other topics are addressed in this book by twelve Quakers who write about death and dying from their own experience. Here are stories of those living with the prospect of imminent death, of sitting with loved ones as they die, of discovering the ecstasy of a near-death experience. For Quakers, death is neither a taboo, nor an opportunity for guilt and fear.

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