Books of the Month

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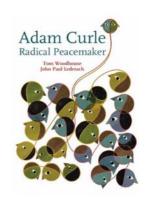
TWO BROTHERS AND A CHOCOLATE FACTORY – The remarkable story of Richard and George Cadbury

Juliet Clare Bell & Jess Mikhail £11.99

Richard Cadbury loves art; George Cadbury longs to be a doctor. Both love the outdoors and both feel horrified by the terrible poverty they see in Victorian Birmingham. So how exactly does a chocolate factory fit into the story...? See what happens when two brothers combine their passions and skills, and with incredible focus and vision turn their father's small, failing cocoa factory into something quite extraordinary...

ADAM CURLE Radical Peacemaker Tom Woodhouse & John Paul Lederach £30

Adam Curle was an unusual peacemaker who pioneered an informal, lived diplomacy which people from all walks of life could emulate. He brought experience and knowledge from conflict situations in Europe, Africa and Asia to bear on the foundation of a new discipline. His pioneering work as founding Professor of Peace Studies at Bradford University was hugely significant for peace and conflict research. This book is both a tribute to Adam Curle's work and testimony to his living legacy. It is also a timely reminder of the importance of personal integrity and an ethical world view, to better navigate contemporary challenges of conflict, violence and the turmoil of change. – Judith Large, Senior Fellow at the Conflict Analysis Research Centre, University of Kent.





STARS BENEATH US – Finding God in the evolving cosmos Paul Wallace £9.99

Stars Beneath Us brilliantly shows God's presence in the ever-evolving cosmos. Relying on his upbringing as a Baptist, his doctoral work in experimental nuclear physics and gamma-ray astronomy, and his ordination to the gospel ministry, Paul Wallace weaves a book unlike any other in faith-and-science literature. This is a call to courage for those who fear a true encounter with the cosmos will distance them from God. Stars Beneath Us will inspire readers to engage with the natural world in new ways and find God, as it turns out, everywhere.

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Foreward by Chris Evans & Vanessa Feltz £12.99

When we stop, and really think, we give ourselves a chance to change direction. We create a space for something new and wonderful to grow. This inspiring collection of reflections on modern life is taken from *Pause for Thought*, the broadcast daily on BBC Radio 2 on the Chris Evans and Vanessa Feltz show. These pieces offer fresh ways of perceiving the world, of connecting with each other and of negotiating modern life. Together, they provide a guide to finding happiness and achieving spiritual wellness, despite all the challenges we face.





THE GREATEST GIFT Philip Van Doren Stern £7.99

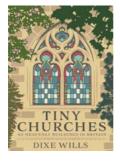
The father would be very happy to know that *The Greatest Gift* and *It's a Wonderful Life* live on – even in our day. The film and the story on which it is based have reached and influenced millions of people. I am one of them. – **Marguerite Stern Robinson**

DO HUMANKIND'S BEST DAYS LIE AHEAD?

Steven Pinker, Matt Ridley, Alain de Botton & Malcolm Gladwell £7.99

In a world driven by technology and globalisation, is humanity approaching a golden age or is the notion of progress a western delusion? Four of the world's most renowned thinkers take on one of the biggest debates of the modern era... It's just a brute fact that we don't throw virgins into volcanoes anymore. We don't execute people from shoplifting a cabbage. And we used to, – Steven Pinker





TINY CHURCHES Dixe Wills £16.99

Dainty, diminutive and truly divine, these heavenly buildings are small in size but big on personality. Myth and legend; war, peace and revolution; saints, sinners and schisms – they've seen it all. Maybe even right on your doorstep. Dolobran Friends Meeting House, built at the turn of the 18th century, is featured in *Tiny Churches* and is believed to be the oldest Quaker meeting house in Wales.

GRAVE TALK – A café space to talk about death, dying and funerals – Conversation cards to get people talking Church House Publishing £12.99

It's not easy to talk about death, dying and funerals. *GraveTalk* is designed to get the conversation started. There are no answers, just thought-provoking questions to get you thinking and talking. The conversation cards are ideal for use in small groups. Simply pick a card, and let the conversation begin. You do not have to work through them in any order of use all of them. They are just to get people talking.





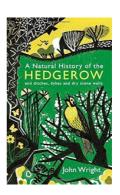
LOVE IN A HEADSCARF – Muslim woman seeks the one Shelina Zahra Janmohamed £7.99

At the age of thirteen, I knew I was destined to marry John Travolta. One day he would arrive on my North London doorstep, fall madly in love with me and ask me to marry him. Then he would convert to Islam and become a devoted Muslim. A unique and charming memoir, from one of Britain's leading Muslim writers, Love in a Headscarf is an entertaining, fresh and unmissable journey into the challenging and often hilarious world of arranged marriage.

A NATURAL HISTORY OF THE HEDGEROW – and ditches, dykes and dry stone walls

John Wright £16.99

One of Britain's best known naturalists, John Wright introduces us to the natural and cultural history of hedges (as well as ditches, dykes and dry stone walls) - from the arrival of the first settlers in the British Isles to the modern day, when we have finally begun to recognise the importance of these unique ecosystems. His intimate knowledge of the countryside and its inhabitants brings this guide to life, whether discussing the skills and craft of hedge maintenance or the rich variety of animals who call them home.





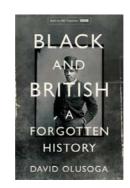


THE HAMMER BLOW – How 10 women disarmed a war plane Andrea Needham £10

Andrea Needham's gripping inside account of how ten women disarmed a warplane bound for genocide in East Timor – and were acquitted. The Seeds of Hope East Timor Ploughshares action was one of the most imaginative and successful direct actions in modern-day Britain. It demonstrated that principle and courage are natural, crucial allies. Andrea Needham was part of that action, and her eagerly-awaited book is now here. Read it and change the world. – John Pilger

BLACK AND BRITISH – A forgotten history David Olusoga £25

In *Black and British*, award-winning historian and broadcaster David Olusoga offers readers a rich and revealing exploration of the extraordinarily long relationship between the British Isles and the people of Africa. Drawing on new genetic and genealogical research, original records, expert testimony and contemporary interviews, *Black and British* reaches back to Roman Britain, the medieval imagination and Georgian London, and through to the late twentieth century.



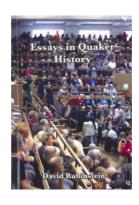


A POEM FOR EVERY NIGHT OF THE YEAR Edited by Allie Esiri £16.99

This beautiful book contains a poem for each and every night of the year. It will take you on a journey through history and the seasons, and tells of festivals and traditions from many different countries, cultures and religions. There are also poems written about historical events, like the sinking of the Titanic, or the seminal moment of the Civil Rights Movement in America when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus. This inspirational collection will keep you company every night of your life.

ESSAYS IN QUAKER HISTORY David Rubinstein £12.99

David Rubinstein has spent many years exploring the highways and byways of Quaker history, and this little collection of essays should establish his reputation as one of the foremost practitioners in a crowded field. Each of the seven pieces demonstrates his wide reading of all the relevant sources, both original documents and a huge range of publications and secondary sources – and it's all so easy to read.





THE GOOD IMMIGRANT Nikesh Shukla £14.99

Inspired by discussion around why society appears to deem people of colour as bad immigrants – job stealers, benefit scroungers, undeserving refugees – until, by winning Olympic races or baking good cakes, or being conscientious doctors, they cross over and become good immigrants, editor Nikesh Shukla has compiled a collection of essays that are poignant, challenging, angry, humorous, heartbreaking, polemic, weary and – most importantly – real.



CHRISTMAS STORIES Michael Morpurgo £14.99

Curl up by the fireside with an enchanting collection of Christmas stories from Britain's best-loved children's author, Michael Morpurgo. Lose yourself in faraway lands and unexpected adventures with five festive tales from the man who gave us *War Horse*.

THE ORCHARD BOOK OF GREEK MYTHS Geraldine McCaughrean & Emma Chichester Clark £12.99

These powerful stories are brought to a young modern audience with a verse and simplicity that makes them shine in our minds. – **Michael Rosen**.



TAHMINEH'S BEAUTIFUL BIRD Parviz Kalantari £11.99

When minding the sheep, Tahmineh takes out her flute and plays a tune that is so beautiful that a bird sings along with it. Tahmineh longs to keep the bird with her, but you can't capture wildness; only the memory of it. So Tahmineh weaves a picture of her bird into a chanteh and then something magical happens!

CHILDREN'S BOOK OF PHILOSOPHY – An introduction to the world's great thinkers and their big ideas

Sarah Tomley & Marcus Weeks £14.99

How do you know whether you're awake or dreaming? Is the world real? Why do we need rules? Complex topics are explored in *The Children's Book of Philosophy*, inspiring you to think about the philosophical theories and concepts for yourself with both conflicting and complimentary viewpoints to encourage you to be part of the next generation of thinkers. Meet the key philosophers throughout history and across the world that changed the way we live today.

QUAKER TAPESTRY CALENDAR 2017 Quaker Tapestry £7

Based on the theme of 'Favourite panels'. With 12 tear-off postcards and informative text. Size 170mm x 325mm.

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