

Books of the Month

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JUSTIN WELBY

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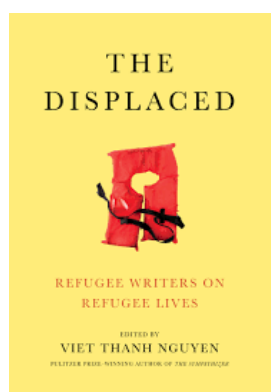
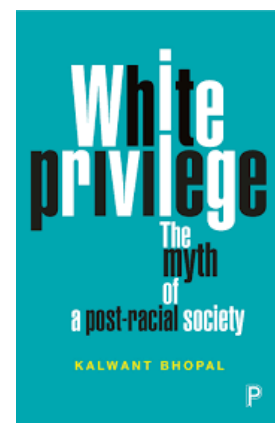
Justin Welby £16.99

In a time of political turbulence, Justin Welby sets out to identify the values that will enable us to reimagine, and to enact, a more hopeful future. He draws on Britain's history and Christian tradition to identify this country's foundational values, and the building blocks necessary to implement them in a post-Brexit, multicultural society. Concentrating on health, housing and education, but also taking into account immigration, family, the environment, economics, integration and peacebuilding, he looks particularly at the role of faith groups in enabling, and contributing to, a fairer future. When so many are immobilized by political turmoil, this book builds on our past to offer hope for the future, and practical ways of achieving a more equitable society.

WHITE PRIVILEGE: The Myth of a Post-Racial Society

Kalwant Bhopal £12.99

Why and how do those from black and minority ethnic communities continue to be marginalised? Despite claims that we now live in a post-racial society, race continues to disadvantage those from black and minority ethnic backgrounds. Kalwant Bhopal explores how neoliberal policy making has increased rather than decreased discrimination faced by those from non-white backgrounds. She also shows how certain types of whiteness are not privileged; Gypsies and Travellers, for example, remain marginalised and disadvantaged in society. Drawing on topical debates and supported by empirical data, this important book examines the impact of race on wider issues of inequality and difference in society.



THE DISPLACED: Refugee Writers on Refugee Lives

Viet Thanh Nguyen (ed) £18.99

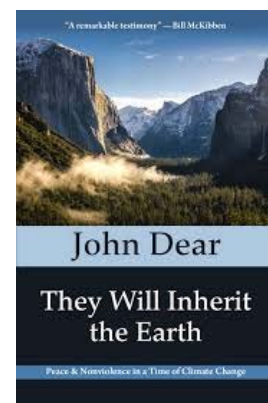
Today the world faces an enormous refugee crisis – 22.5 million people fleeing persecution and conflict from Myanmar to Syria. Yet in the United Kingdom and other countries with the means to welcome refugees, anti-immigration politics and fear seem poised to shut the door. These essays reveal moments of uncertainty, resilience in the face of trauma, and a reimagining of identity, forming a compelling look at what it means to be forced to leave home and find a place of refuge.

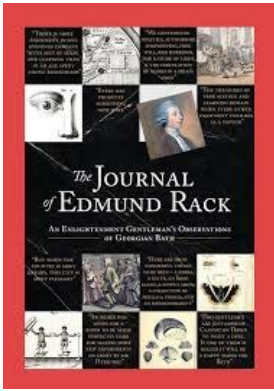
Join Quakers in Britain on Saturday 23rd June at Friends House to hear from poets and musicians who are at the forefront of forging creative responses, based on kindness and common humanity, to global economic inequality, climate change, and militarisation.

THEY WILL INHERIT THE EARTH: Peace & Nonviolence in a Time of Climate Change

John Dear £16.99

Jesus says of the meek, "they will inherit the earth". Meekness, John Dear argues, is the biblical word for nonviolence. He makes the connection between our practice of nonviolence and our unity with creation: our rejection of nonviolence is inevitably linked to the catastrophic effects of climate change and environmental ruin. Drawing on his friendship with indigenous and environmental leaders, his experience at the Standing Rock protests and his work with the Vatican on a new stance on nonviolence, John Dear invites us to return to nonviolence as a way of life and a living solidarity with Mother Earth and her creatures.





THE JOURNAL OF EDMUND RACK: An Enlightenment Gentleman's Observations of Georgian Bath

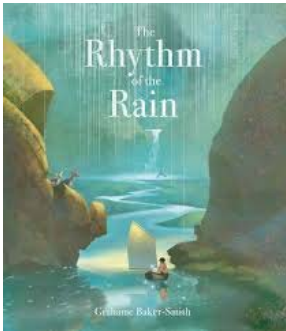
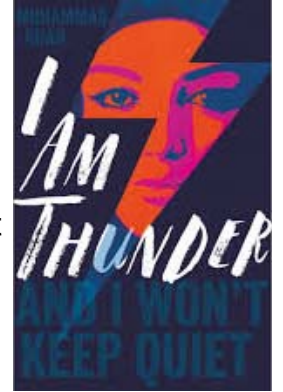
Edmund Rack £10.00

Edmund Rack, a Quaker, moved to Bath in 1775. He seems to have been self-confident, popular, charitable, and steadfast in his Quaker principles. The 'Journal' is an intriguing mix: partly a record of Rack's own day-to-day activities, partly his musings on religion, morality, and other weighty matters, and partly a commentary on life in Georgian Bath – from a scandalous duel on Claverton Down or a performance of Handel's Messiah to the cost of provisions. As a busy person, always eager for knowledge and entertainment, he is constantly illuminating.

I AM THUNDER And I Won't Keep Quiet

Muhammad Khan £7.99

Fifteen-year-old Muzna Saleem is used to being invisible. So no one is more surprised than her when Arif Malik, the hottest boy in school, takes a sudden interest. But Arif is hiding a terrible secret and, as they begin to follow a dark path, Muzna faces an impossible choice: keep quiet and betray her beliefs, or speak out and betray her heart. *I Am Thunder* is the debut novel from stunning YA voice, Muhammad Khan, which questions how far you'll go to stand up for what *you* believe.



THE RHYTHM OF THE RAIN

Grahame Baker-Smith £12.99

Issac plays in his favourite pool on the mountainside. As rain starts to fall, he empties his little jar of water into the pool and races the sparkling streams as they tumble over waterfalls, rush through swollen rivers and burst out into the vast open sea. Where will my little jar of water go now? Issac wonders. On the other side of the world, Cassi welcomes the rain to her parched village . . . From tiniest raindrop to deepest ocean, this breathtaking celebration of the water cycle captures the remarkable movement of water across the earth.

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