

A People's History of Modern Europe

by William A. Pelz

A tour through the last 6 centuries of European history with the subjects not the kings, the soldiers not the generals, the workers not the bosses in mind but the sufferings, the revolts, strikes, rise of the working class, resistance against violence and weapons and much more. A very readable alternative to mainstream textbooks.

The Underground Railroad

by Colson Whitehead, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction 2017

Yes, another novel about slavery – but this one “should be read in classrooms across the country” according to the Chicago Tribune. In times of modern slavery we might need reminding. Painful, powerful, hopeful, brilliant – and on Barak Obama’ list of best books.

Words

by Harvey Gillman

This collection of articles, originally written for the Quaker magazine *The Friend* reflects on religious language and words such as worship, ministry, elders, prayer or garden. And it asks questions about if and how we use words in today’s world.

Fascinating.

The language of leadings – a reflection on faith, action and concern

By Jane Pearn

An inquiry into some of the traditional language of Quakerism. For those who have wondered what Friends mean when they talk about a ‘concern’.

The author explores ways in which we might share our experience of living out our faith in our daily lives.

The European Convention on Human Rights

by Quaker Council for European Affairs

This booklet gives an introduction to the ECHR, its importance now and in future.

Let’s explore the Quaker Way - for young children

Text and illustration by Rebecca Price

This little book has more pictures than text and yet explains (almost) everything about Quakerism.

The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry

by Rachel Joyce

I came across this novel at the Area Meeting retreat in Great Hucklow this year when we talked about ‘walking cheerfully’.

This novel is hard to describe. The pilgrim Harold Fry is just wonderful, unpredictable, determined, and cheerful. The reader follows him wide eyed for 627 miles from Cornwall to Berwick in Scotland.