

BOOKS given to young F/friends in 2008...and a few others from previous years  
Suggestions from Chris Erb

pb = available in paperback. I'm happy to answer more questions about these books. All can be ordered through the Friends General Conference Bookstore, [www.QuakerBooks.org](http://www.QuakerBooks.org), and several are available in our First Day School library downstairs.

For 10 years old and younger:

**Bless us all** and **What does God look like?** and **What is God's name?** Board books for babies and toddlers

**Other way to listen** and **God's quiet things** Listening in the silence pb

**Big Momma makes the world** Familiar creation story from the Bible, with a female God-figure pb

**I wanted to know all about God** Seeing God in other people and nature pb

**This little light of mine** The familiar song, illustrated through the life of an African American boy

**The golden rule** As taught in different religions

**The light of the world** Jesus's life (sequel to the usual "Christmas story"!) retold by Newbery Award winning Katherine Paterson (who has a Quaker daughter-in-law!) with inclusive, thought-inspiring illustrations.

**Adam and Eve's first sunset: God's new day** How they felt when it first became dark, and thankfulness for the return of the light

**The escape of Oney Judge: Martha Washington's slave finds freedom** She's assisted by abolitionist Quakers. Based on a true story and written by Caldecott Award winner (and Columbia Co. resident) Emily Arnold McCully

**Martin's big words: the life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr** Caldecott Honor prize. pb

**One thousand tracings** True story of reconciliation between Americans and Germans after WWII, from the perspective of a young girl (featuring ornithologists!)

**Moses: when Harriet Tubman led her people to freedom** Biography of Harriet Tubman, as she heard God speak to her

**The secret world of Hildegard** Biography of the mystic Hildegard of Bingen, how she understood God

**When the soldiers were gone** A young Jewish boy hidden by a Dutch family rediscovers his own parents, after the holocaust. Beginning chapter book. pb

**The Hannah** Classic story of Philadelphia Quaker girl just before the Civil War pb

**One world many religions** Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Confucianism and Taoism. Beautiful photos.

**Flower hunter: William Bartram, America's first naturalist** True story of the adventures of the Quaker botanist

For 10 years old and up:

**Arrow over the door** Two boys, Quaker and Abenaki, in 1777, based on the true story

of the “white feather” peaceful meetinghouse near Saratoga pb

**We are one: the story of Bayard Rustin** Biography of a brave African American gay Quaker, and his non-violent struggle for civil rights. Photos.

**Freedom walkers: the story of the Montgomery bus boycott** Civil rights and non-violence. Photos.

**Freedom riders: John Lewis and Jim Zwerg on the front lines of the civil rights movement** A young black man (future Congressman) and young white man unite in non-violent resistance to segregation. Photos.

**Miss Crandall’s school for young ladies & little misses of color** Short poems about what it was like to be part of the controversial school founded by a young Connecticut Quaker ca. 1830. Beautiful illustrations.

**Samir & Yonatan** Palestinian and Israeli boys meet in a hospital. Fiction. pb

**Gandhi:India’s great soul** Biography with photos

**No pretty pictures: a child of war** Two children survive the holocaust. Award winning autobiography of Anita Lobel, well-known illustrator of children’s books. pb

**So far from the bamboo grove** and its sequel **My brother my sister and I.**

Autobiography of Yoko Kawashima Watkins, who, as a young girl, survived the aftermath of WWII in Japan. pb

**Friend: the story of George Fox and the Quakers** pb

**Shattered: stories of children and war** 12 stories from many cultures. pb

**The Quaker way** Faith and practice, simplified, illustrated by Quaker cartoonist Signe Wilkinson pb

**World religions: the great faiths explored and explained** Comprehensive, with many pictures. pb

**Through my eyes** Autobiography of Ruby Bridges, and her courage during school integration. Photos.

**The witch of blackbird pond** Award winning classic fiction about an 18<sup>th</sup> c. girl who befriends an old Quaker woman accused of witchcraft pb

**Under the persimmon tree** Fiction about the lives of an Afghani refugee girl and an American doctor in Pakistan. Author Suzanne Fisher Staples, a former reporter, has also written **Shabanu** and its sequel **Haveli**, about a Pakistani girl, and **Shiva’s Fire**, about a girl in India. All are very good, and in pb.

**No shame no fear** and its sequel **Forged in the fire** Excellent historical fiction about what it was like to be one of the very first Quakers ca. 1650. Romance, drama, fire, plague, imprisonment... pb

**Whispers of faith: young Friends share their experiences of Quakerism** pb

**Lives that speak: stories of 20<sup>th</sup> century Quakers** pb

**I might get somewhere** True stories of the immigrant experience, written by San Francisco high school students. pb

**Dear Miss Breed** True story of a children’s librarian, who remembers young Japanese Americans during their internment in camps during WWII, and works to improve their lives in the camps.

**Persepolis** Graphic novel (ie. in pictures) about young girl coming of age in Iran. pb

**Becoming fire: spiritual writing from rising generations** pb

**Truth of the heart** Chris De Roller says “Good readable collection of George Fox at

his best...[the author] Rex has some very interesting thoughts about Truth, light and what George was talking about.” pb