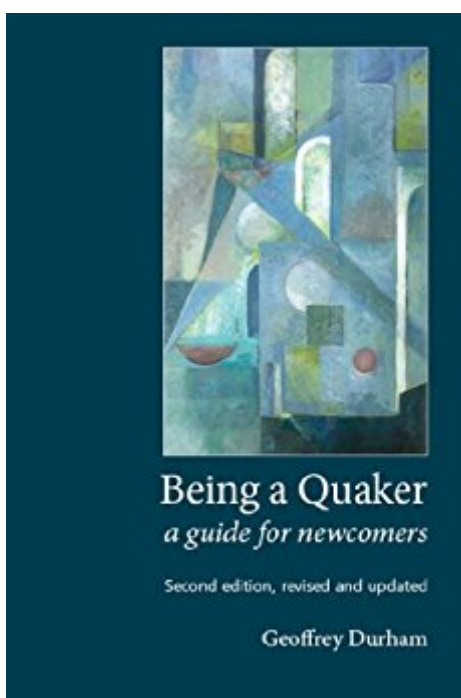


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# Being A Quaker: A Guide For Newcomers (Second Edition, Revised And Updated)



## Synopsis

“I was struck by how open-minded and open-hearted they were.”<sup>TM</sup> *Being a Quaker: A Guide for Newcomers* is the definitive introduction to the faith of British Quakers in the 21st century. An inspiring exploration of the beliefs and commitment of a unique religious group, it was an instant sell-out when it first appeared in 2011. Geoffrey Durham has now revised and updated the book for its second edition, incorporating new developments and fresh thinking. With its well-judged balance of personal experience, spiritual guidance and practical advice, this book explains how Quaker meetings can change people, and then goes on to show the nature of the change. Quakers insist on working for peace, equality, simplicity and truth in their everyday lives and find themselves nourished and enriched by the experience. *Being a Quaker: A Guide for Newcomers* includes extracts from the testimony of Quakers of all backgrounds and beliefs, talking about the ways in which they put their religion into practice. It is a warm and incisive first book for all readers interested in Quakers, and an exhilarating read for anyone absorbed by the life of the Spirit. “This book contains everything you always wanted to know about Quakerism but were afraid to ask. It is an ideal gift to give to newcomers who want to understand what “the Quaker way”<sup>TM</sup> is all about.”<sup>TM</sup> *The Friend* About the Author Geoffrey Durham became a Quaker in 1999. He was a contributor to the successful *Twelve Quakers* and “| series of books, has compiled an anthology, *The Spirit of the Quakers*, and is a regular speaker at Quaker events. He has worked professionally in the performing arts for over forty years.

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## Customer Reviews

I found the book refreshing. It explained what to expect from a Quaker worship service. It went on to explain what Quakers practice in their relation to the world around them. I found it easy to read and its content thought provoking.

Marian Shapiro Like the author, I found myself to be a Quaker during my adulthood. Durham understands Quakerism from the inside as well as from the outside. By reading this book, you, the outsider, may feel tempted to explore Quakerism from the inside as he did. A dangerous book, perhaps!

I am considering becoming a member of my local Friends Meeting in the United States and Geoffrey's book provided a wonderful overview of Quaker beliefs. His writing is simple, inspiring and beautiful.

I loved this book. It is a joy to read and very informative (to me, at least). I am very new to Quakerism and felt like I was speaking with a dear friend who was sharing his experiences with me.

Outstanding introduction to this timely philosophy! Offered without any hint of excess or the definitive, this is it! A rewarding journey comfortably achieved through this refreshing read!

I was hoping to learn more about the Friends, specifically the American kind. This book was good, well written, but focused on the European Society of Friends, which has different customs.

This is a simple introduction to being a Quaker. No evangelizing and this is from a liberal Quaker tradition. Would recommend to anyone.

This book is for anyone seeking how to live a rewarding life, a life of service to all mankind. And for the seeker, learning baby steps in spiritual growth.

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