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Synopsis

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A small group was using this for a study prior to Quaker meeting-for-worship at a meeting I was visiting. Jessamyn West was the author of the book used for the movie, "Friendly Persuasion." I was so impressed with the discussion that I bought this book for myself. Each chapter has excerpts from different Quaker writers.

This books contains a variety of short essays on Quaker theology and conduct. It also contains important excerpts from the Journal of George Fox.The book specifically and fairly acknowledges the scarcity of Friends' "theology" as an historical matter. However, this is amply supplanted by

readings from the works of William Penn and others who were in a position to speak about the conduct of the Quakers and their effect on those around them. This ’third-person’ perspective provides a unique insight into the lives of those known as the ’Quiet Rebels’ in early American history and provides for a stimulating and educational reading experience. The editor should be credited with her fine selection of Quaker readings.In short, the book is an excellent survey of Quaker thoughts and actions throughout history. By the time one reaches the end of this book, the reader should find themselves in the rather enjoyable position of feeling as though they know a ’Quaker’.

This is a fine collection of writings from early Quakers to fairly recent times. The reader gets a sense of the times in which Quakerism was developed and also of what made its early practitioners special. This is, in my opinion, a very good source to those new to Quakerism or curious about what it’s really about and whence it came. West includes background and analysis for each piece.I would consider this a must-have book for any meeting house library or religious book collection.

The book was fine, just not what I had expected from this author.

A great reconnection to what is important about faith, to accept and experience "that of God in everyone."

Wow, In the Light of delight!

This book is a compilation of writings from Quaker mystics. Goes from George Fox in 1600s England to more modern authors in their quest to understand God and social justice. Many members of the "Friends" today are agnostic and interested in only social programs, this book should be required reading for all who aspire to be a good "Quaker" and Christian.

Thank you I love this book! Arrived very fast and in great condition!

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