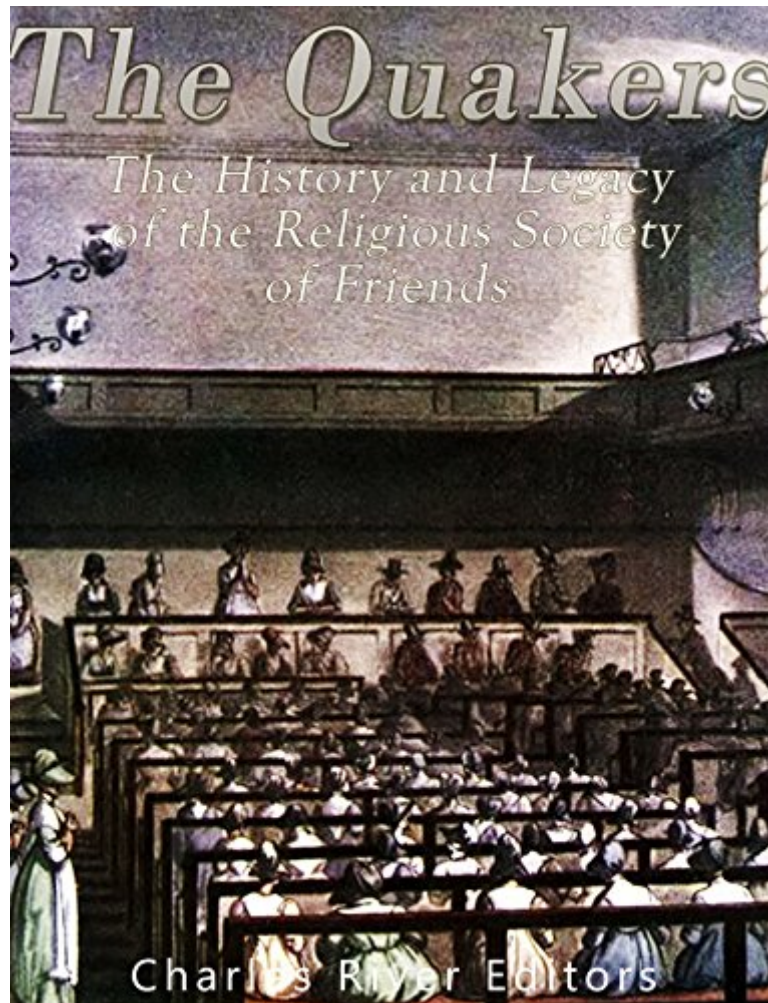


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# The Quakers: The History And Legacy Of The Religious Society Of Friends



## Synopsis

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“I was plain, and would have all things done plainly; for I did not seek any outward advantage to myself.”

George Fox

Since its fruition, Christianity has faced an unremitting string of conflicts, critics, and challenges. As the number of Christian converts grew, the growth in clashes on ideologies and control was only natural. In the same vein, more and more of those who called themselves Christians seemed to be straying further and further away from God’s light. Drunkenness, heresy, and immorality were on the rise. The Middle Ages was especially rife with rape, incest, adultery, and other obscene sexual behaviors, which were well-recorded by medieval chroniclers. The English scholar, Alcuin, lamented that civilization had become “absolutely submerged under flood of fornication, adultery, and incest, so that the very semblance of modesty is entirely absent.”

Towards the 17th century, the Puritan-raised George Fox became increasingly discouraged by the worsening moral conditions of society. George was unable to fill the spiritual void inside of him, until one day, he discovered his inner “Light.”

Next came the godly visions. George began to preach about the “true Word of God, and soon, amassed a following the Religious Society of Friends, later known as the “Quakers.”

Few today know much about the Quakers. Whenever the subject of Quakerism slips into conversation, most picture a rosy-cheeked fellow in a simple black overcoat, and a wide brim hat atop his thick, cloud-white hair, inspired by the famous logo of the Quaker Oats company. In spite of the stereotype, Quakers today come in all colors, shapes, and sizes, with the more liberal folk sporting trendy haircuts, tattoos, and various piercings. They call themselves “Friends,” a starkly different but very devout following of God. They strive for a world empowered by peace and acceptance, an ambitious mission fueled by diversity, blind to race, gender, or creed.

As amicably harmless as the Friends might appear, there was once a time when being a Quaker was at the very best an instant conviction, and at the very worst a death sentence. Their unorthodox ideals were considered poisonous and potentially dangerous by authorities, who would fight time and time again to stamp out the flames of their movement, but still, they weathered storm after storm. And while the peace-loving followers of Christ were famed for their views of harmony, by no means were they feeble opponents. Not only would they persevere in the face of persecution, theirs is a movement that is so powerful, it stands strong centuries later, with a following more rich and diverse than ever before.

The Quakers: The History and Legacy of the Religious Society of Friends profiles the life of George Fox, examines the origins of Quakerism, and looks at the Quaker utopia the community

attempted to establish in Pennsylvania. This book also covers both the praise and criticism the unusually liberal Christian order has attracted over the centuries. Along with pictures of important people, places, and events, you will learn about the Quakers like never before.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I was disappointed. You will learn that George Fox of England was the founder and details of his early life which are not very interesting. You will read how he came to Pennsylvania and set up a Quaker group with a group of followers who after he left turned into a bunch of degenerates. However you will not learn how Quakers practice their religion or even if it is a religion. Nor will you learn how one may become a Quaker unless you read the extensive bibliography. You will learn much more about the Quakers if you simply GOOGLE "Quakers"

I found the e-book The Quakers: The History and Legacy of the Religious Society of Friends to be interesting. There were some things about Quakers that I learned about including that they have

various offshoots and that they practiced equality between male and female members from the founding of the sect. I found it interesting that the maker of the Cadbury chocolates was a Quaker. I also found it interesting that Susan B Anthony and Lucretia Mott were Quakers. The book describes the history of the Quakers and the persecution they suffered over the years.

The Quakers have/had more of a history in England than I realized until I read this book. It does discuss the Quakers' history in Pennsylvania, but their story and this book is more comprehensive than I was expecting.

This is a good read, but it leaves you wanting to know more. Use this book as an introduction to the Quaker philosophy, then go looking for more in depth study.

I liked the book mostly because it opened my eyes. Fascinating topic, very enlightening and left me eager for more information..

I learned a lot about the Quakers, the beginning history was very interesting, only wish for more information about American Quakers, but still very informative.

I enjoyed reading this book. Learned some things I was unaware of with the Quakers.

Good book and informative. Enjoyable and as described.

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