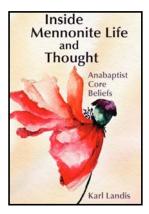
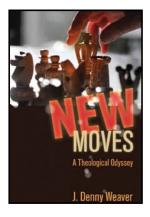


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**Kirsten Eve Beachy** lives with her husband and twin daughters in Briery Branch, Virginia, where she writes about motherhood, disability, backyard poultry, and changelings. Her writings appear widely. Connect with her at kirstenevebeachy.wordpress.com.

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**Karl R. Landis** is a pastor, author, teacher. He is a chair with Convene, coaching a group of Christian business leaders. He was pastor of Mount Joy Mennonite Church and Director of Leadership Development for Lancaster Mennonite Conference (now LMC).

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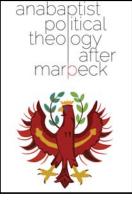
**D**rew G. I. Hart, who is Author, *Who Will Be A Witness? Igniting Activism for God's Justice, Love, and Deliverance,* has said that Weaver's memoir is "A must-read for the pews and the classroom that ultimately should lead us to the streets."

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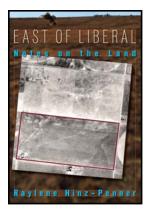
In his in-depth *Mennonite Quarterly* review, Gerald W. Schlabach says that "much of the drama, if not the pathos, of New Moves comes from Weaver finding himself a prophet unrecognized in his own Mennonite house yet vindicated by others...."

**J. Denny Weaver**, Professor Emeritus of Religion at Bluffton University, is author and editor of many articles, including *Education with the Grain of the Universe: A Peaceable Vision for the Future of Mennonite Schools, Colleges, and Universities* (Cascadia, 2017).



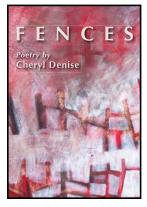


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**Raylene Hinz-Penner** was born and raised in southwest Kansas near Liberal, with extended family and emotional roots in central Oklahoma. For decades she taught English at Bethel College and elsewhere. She is the author of *Searching for Sacred Ground: The Journey of Chief Lawrence Hart, Mennonite* (Cascadia, 2007).

## M Fences

Cheryl Denise, DreamSeeker Poetry Series 20

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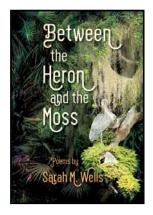
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West Virginia author **Cheryl Denise** grew up in Elmira, Ontario, has served as an RN, and today lives with her husband Mike in the intentional community of Shepherds Field in Philippi, West Virginia, in a timber-framed house they built themselves. This is her third poetry collection, following *I Saw God Dancing* (DreamSeeker Books, 2005) and *What's in the Blood* (DreamSeeker, 2012).





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Reviewing in *Anabaptist World*, Rachel Waltner Goosen sees Ruth's history as "confessional literature with a driven, critical aim: that those of us benefiting from colonial legacies come to understand the usurping of Indigenous lands as our story. And further, that erasures and omissions of the past do not stand."

Author, historian, and documentarian **John L. Ruth**, Harleysville, Pennsylvania, is recognized for depicting in many books and film the lives of Mennonites and their spiritual cousins, the Hutterites and the Amish.

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Sarah M. Wells, DreamSeeker Poetry Series 18

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**Sarah M. Wells** is the author of *The Family Bible Devotional, Pruning Burning Bushes, The Valley of Achor*, and *Acquiesce*. Six of her essays have been listed as Notable Essays in The Best American Essays. She is a 2018 recipient of an Ohio Individual Excellence Award from the Ohio Arts Council

# **MOON IS ALWAYS WHOLE**

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**Julia Baker Swann** has many places she calls home. The diversities of internal and external landscapes speak through her poetry and visual art. She completed undergraduate studies at Goshen College and has postgraduate studies in Somatic Internal Family Systems Therapy. She is completing an MA in Theopoetics and Writing at Bethany Theological Seminary and is poetry editor at *Geez Magazine*.

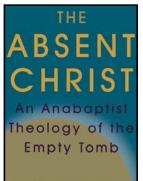




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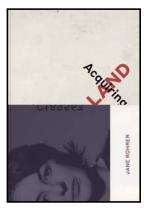
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*a children's story* by Michael A. King

In full color, with photos and illustrations throughout, through this children's book Michael A. King and grandchildren discover countless squirrels watching TV in the basement.

Little Girl Squirrel loves to watch TV. But there is no TV in her nest. Through an old chipmunk tunnel, she gets into PawPaw's basement where there is a TV. One night PawPaw finds her there. Now she's in trouble. She has to leave. But she begs and begs. Please please please.

Finally she and PawPaw make a deal that lets hundreds of squirrels watch TV. But only at midnight. And PawPaw starts to understand the fun.

Illustrators **Kadyn Hamilton-King** and **Maya Hamilton-King**, the author's grandchildren, were the first to figure out what Little Girl Squirrel was up to and to give the clues that turned into this story. They drew and colored the drawings portraying Little Girl Squirrel's stresses and joys.

Meanwhile **Michael A. King**'s boyhood in a Mennonite community where he could only watch TV at friends' houses taught him why Little Squirrel thinks TV is magic—and why she shouldn't watch all the time.

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**Justin Heinzekehr**, Goshen, Indiana, is Director of Institutional Research and Assessment and also Assistant Professor of Bible and Religion at Goshen College. His work addresses political philosophy, religion, and environmental ethics.

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As her life expanded from Mennonite and Church of the Brethren roots in Broadway, Virginia, through marrying painter Warren Rohrer and raising sons in suburban Philadelphia to launching a late but flourishing writing career in the 1970s, **Jane Rohrer** became an accomplished poet.

Rohrer's publications works include a prior poetry volume, *Life After Death* (Sheep Meadow Press, 2002), about which Stephen Berg said, "Her idiom is so original, so plain, so authentic, it easily might be missed in the current noisy welter of media hype and inflated poetry. It's skill is absolute honesty, line after line set down because it must be."



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