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Reading List: Responding to conflict

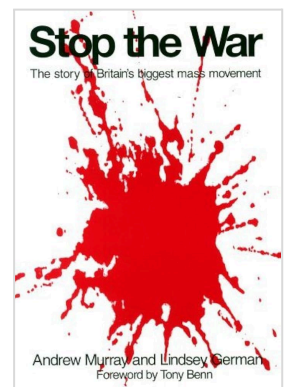
Bradford is fortunate in being home to two national collections – [The Peace Museum](#) which explores the history and the often untold stories of peace, peacemakers, social reform and peace movements. through objects including banners, personal objects, campaign materials and artworks, and [Commonweal](#), a unique collection of over 14,000 books, pamphlets and journals on social change and activism, peace and disarmament, climate crisis & the green movement, nonviolent philosophy and practice, human rights, anti-racism and identity.

If you would like to read more about the history and movements behind the artefacts at The Peace Museum, here are some suggested books which are available at Commonweal - see below for how to join.

Stop the War: The Story of Britain's Biggest Mass Movement. by Andrew Murray and Lindsey German (2005)

The story of the Stop the War Coalition, Britain's biggest ever mass movement, told in articles, essays, photographs and soundbites. The book tracks the Coalition from its origins with no office, no bank account, just one full time volunteer, through the 'chaos of its early meetings' to the million-strong demonstration of February 2003

Library classification: Eb MUR (Peace Movements - UK) - check it's available [here](#).



Activestills: Photography as Protest in Palestine/Israel. Edited by Vered Maimon and Shiraz Grinbaum (2016)

A record of the Activestills Collective's use of photographs to enable and promote human rights struggles in Israel, the West Bank and Gaza. Combining striking full-colour photographs with essays and commentary, 'Activestills' stands as both a major contribution to reportage on Israel/Palestine and a unique collection of visual art.

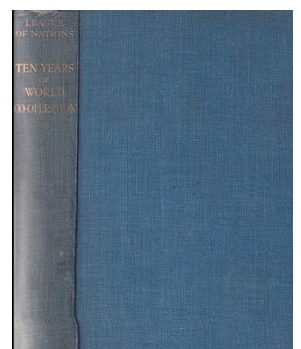
Library classification: Ej ACT (Peace Movements - Middle East) - check it's available [here](#).



Ten Years Of World Co Operation. Foreword by Sir Eric Drummond (1930)

Written by the first Secretary-General of the League of Nations, this book offers a firsthand account of the organization's first ten years and its efforts to promote peace and international cooperation. This book offers valuable historical insights into the challenges of global governance.

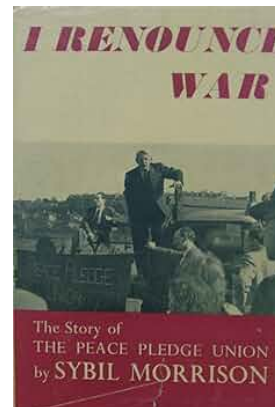
Library classification: Wu LEA (International Peacekeeping) - check it's available [here](#).



I Renounce War: The Story of the Peace Pledge Union By Sybil Morrison (1962)

The story of the Peace Pledge Union, founded in 1936 by Dick Sheppard, priest and one-time Dean of Canterbury Cathedral. Its members demonstrated 'with passion and patience' their renunciation of all wars and weapons, organised mass protests against the folly of armaments and war, and pioneered in Britain the methods of nonviolent direct action - similar to those being used now by such groups as Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil.

Library classification: Db MOR (British Pacifism) - check it's available [here](#).

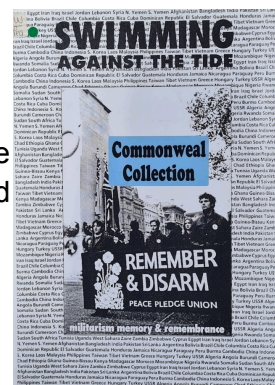


Swimming against the Tide: Militarism, Memory and Remembrance (1990) Peace Pledge Union

A pamphlet that describes how societies remember and commemorate war, often in ways that perpetuate militaristic ideologies. It critiques traditional forms of remembrance and argues for alternative ways of commemorating conflict that challenge militarism and promote peace.

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Library classification: W PEA (War - General) - check it's available [here](#).

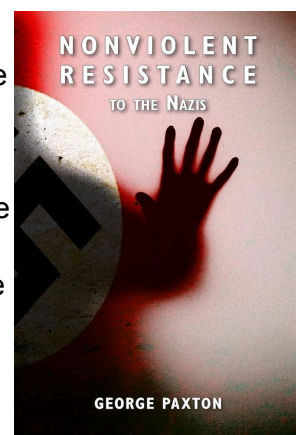


Nonviolent Resistance to the Nazis by George Paxton

War is an extremely costly means of responding to conflict and yet nonviolent defence of a country is normally considered unrealistic because it is considered ineffectual against a ruthless opponent.

This book tries to demonstrate otherwise by looking at historical facts focussing on the Nazi tyranny as a specific case. In reality, nonviolent resistance to the Third Reich took place in the occupied countries as well as in Germany itself. While not on a scale to bring down the regime its potential to do so is clearly demonstrated in in this well-argued account. More speculatively, the author looks at principled Gandhian nonviolence and asks if this approach would have affected the nature of the resistance.

Library classification: Bj PAX (Anti-Fascist Nonviolence) - check it's available [here](#).



The Commonweal Collection is **free to join** and **open to the public**.

To find out more, scan the QR code, visit www.commonwealnonviolence.org or email: commonweal@peacemuseum.org.uk 1st Floor, JB Priestley Library, University of Bradford, Richmond Rd, Bradford BD7 1DP.



The Peace Museum explores the history and the often untold stories of peace, peacemakers, social reform and peace movements. It is located in Salts Mill, Victoria Road, Saltaire, BD18 3LA. More information about visiting is [here](#).