

ANNOUNCING:

Donkin's Diaries: Travels in India with Meher Baba, 1939-1945

Sheriar Foundation is pleased to announce the publication of *Donkin's Diaries: Travels in India with Meher Baba, 1939-1945*.

The book is generously interspersed with over 100 photographs, maps of Poona and India in the 1940s, and extensive endnotes detailing the events and references Donkin makes in his diaries.

As stated in the Preface: "In 1939 the newly qualified Dr. William Donkin embarked on a seemingly bizarre journey, turning his back on his family in England and on any hopes they might have held for him, and in so doing, completely changed the whole course of his life. The diaries he kept of the first five years of his travels present a detailed though irregular log of events which include conversations, personal impressions, stories, poetry and an occasional diagram.

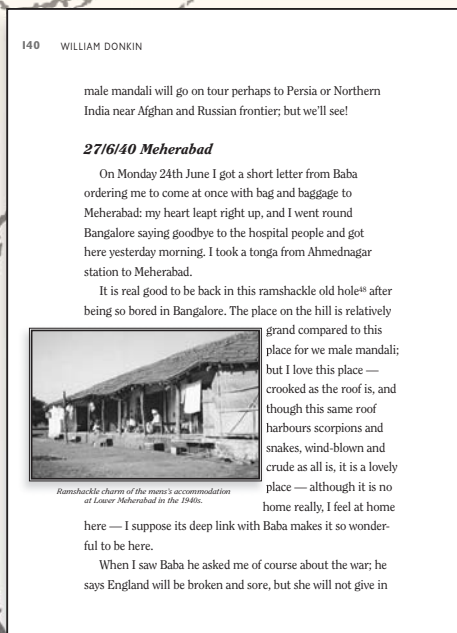
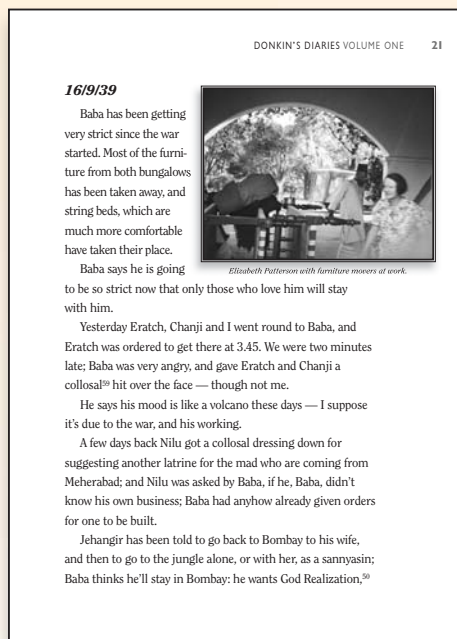
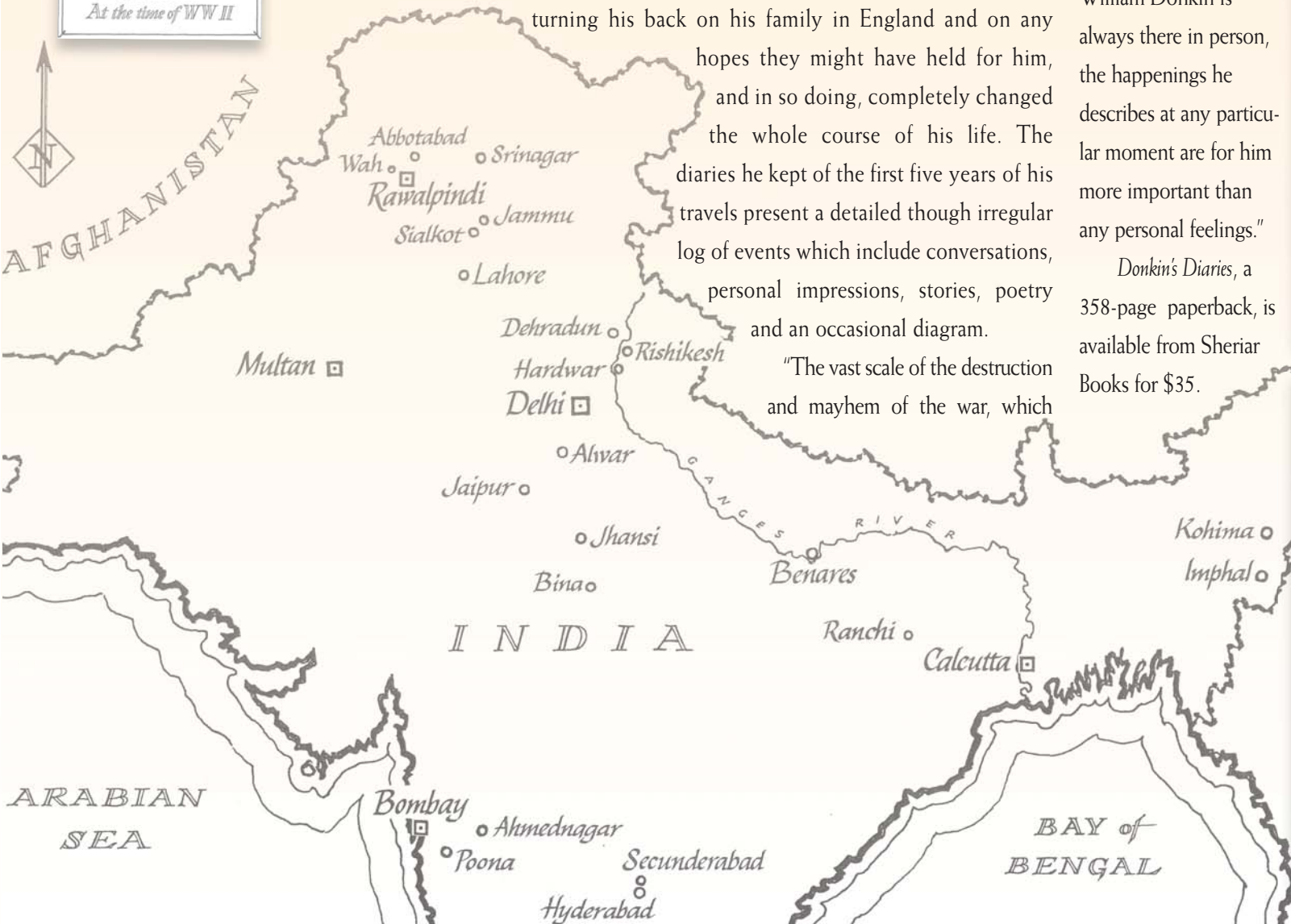
"The vast scale of the destruction and mayhem of the war, which

started in Europe soon after Donkin arrived in India and from then on spread across oceans and continents to engulf the world, provides the framework and context of these diaries. . . .

"As a diarist Donkin is selective. His diary is not confessional nor is it an arena for wrestling personal torments. Each entry is one in a sequence of snapshots which piece together to form a vast mosaic. And while William Donkin is always there in person, the happenings he describes at any particular moment are for him more important than any personal feelings."

Donkin's Diaries, a 358-page paperback, is available from Sheriar Books for \$35.

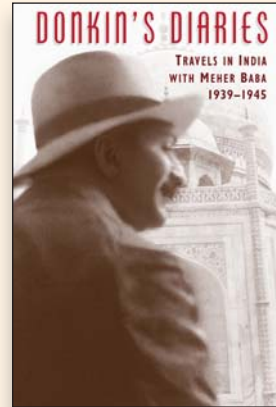
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At the time of WW II



Publications

Donkin's Diaries: Travels in India with Meher Baba, 1939–1945

William Donkin

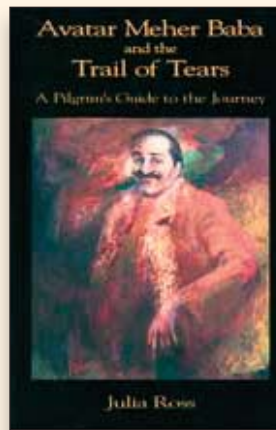


Donkin first joined Baba in India in 1939 as a young doctor from England—and remained with Him for 30 years, until his death in 1969. “Donkin’s Diaries give us an inkling of how Beloved Baba was working behind the scenes in the conduct of the war, often giving hints in advance of events that would occur.”—from the Epilogue by Meherwan Jessawala.

Paperback, 358 pp., illustrated with photographs. \$35

Avatar Meher Baba and the Trail of Tears: A Pilgrim’s Guide to the Journey

Julia Ross

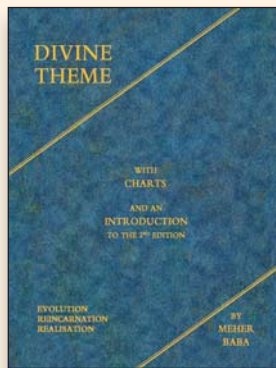


Julia Ross explores in depth Meher Baba’s journey along the Cherokee Trail of Tears, which culminated in His foretold car accident in America. She documents in meticulous detail what is known of Meher Baba’s route and the accident, which she began researching in the early 1970s. In the tradition of pilgrims’ guides, she also traces the history and associations of the places Meher Baba visited.

Paperback, 442 pp. \$30

Divine Theme (with Charts) Evolution, Reincarnation, Realisation.

Meher Baba

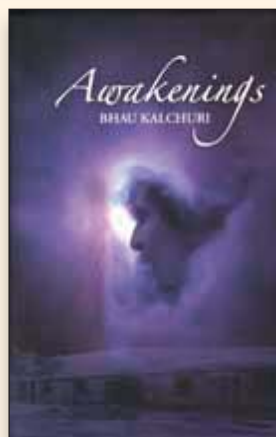


Originally published in 1943, this classic and important booklet is now back in print—faithfully reproduced as closely to the original printing as possible. Includes two beautiful hand-drawn color charts by Rano Gayley, 18”x12” fold-outs.

Paperback 26 pp. \$7

Awakenings

Bhau Kalchuri



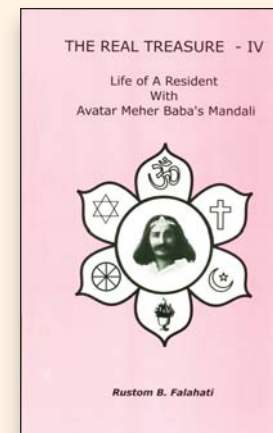
In 2001, Bhau underwent a triple coronary bypass operation. After an initial upbeat recovery, his spirits plummeted into the deepest abyss. But one night, Meher Baba came to him in an experience Bhau later termed an “Awakening.”

Eighty-five of these Awakenings . . . have been collected in a beautiful volume, with several Awakenings lovingly illustrated by the art of dear ones.

Hardcover, illustrated, 429 pp. \$35

The Real Treasure IV

Rustom B. Falahati



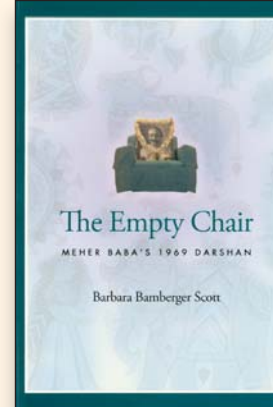
Another volume of Real Treasures! Over 70 new stories. The following is what the author has to say about the present volume: “The Real Treasure is not only the story of my life, it is the story of every drop in creation on its journey to the ocean. It is the story of every reader’s journey, only the situations may be different. . . . It is everyone’s story.”

Paperback, 323 pp. \$10.00

The Empty Chair:

Meher Baba’s 1969 Darshan

Barbara Bamberger Scott

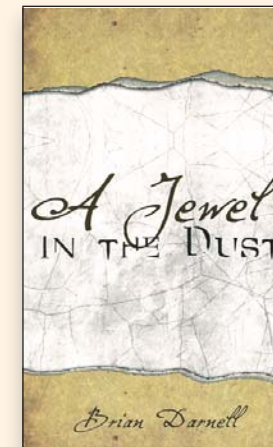


The 1969 Darshan was the last gathering that Baba Himself organized down to the last detail and the first gathering without His physical presence. *The Empty Chair* is the first book to come out on the 1969 Darshan, including over 65 contributors who attended the darshan. Each contributor’s story is beautifully interwoven throughout.

364 pp. Paperback \$19.95, Hardcover \$27.95

A Jewel in the Dust

Brian Darnell

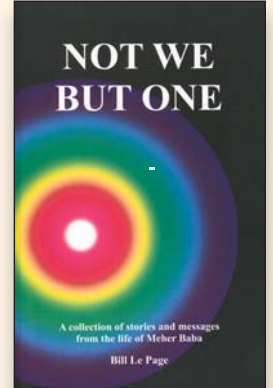


Brian’s second book of poetry following his first and very popular book, *Garden of Surrender*. An excellent companion for the aching heart.

Paperback 196 pp. \$12

Not We But One: A Collection of Stories and Messages from the Life of Meher Baba

Bill Le Page



A great collection of stories and quotes from Baba, Eruch and others. Well written with practical topics. Includes some photos.

From the Preface by Ross Keating, “The central part of this book . . . contains edited transcripts of some of the recorded talks given by Eruch in Mandali Hall in the seventies. . . . Interspersed with these printed talks are statements made by Meher Baba relevant to the topic under discussion. Some comments made by others of Meher Baba’s disciples, including Meher Baba’s

sister Mani Irani, have also been added.”

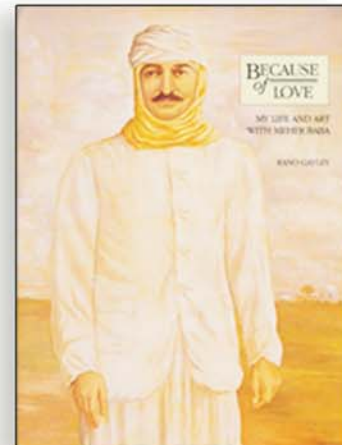
Paperback, 164 pp. \$12

NEW Choices

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Christmas Specials

FROM SHERIAR BOOKS



Because of Love My Life and Art with Meher Baba

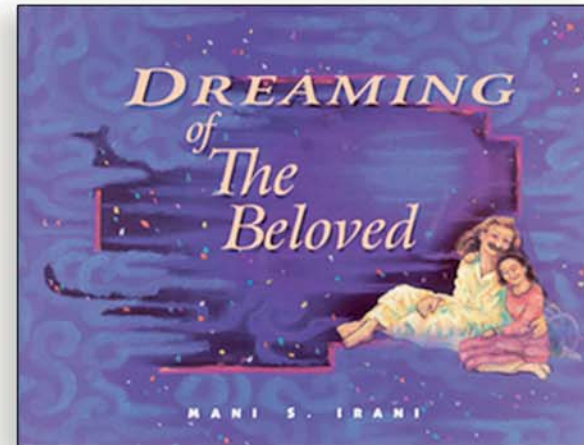
Rano Gayley

The intriguing and enigmatic Ten Circles Chart is the focal point of this memoir by one of Meher Baba’s early Western disciples. This book is fully illustrated with a color fold-out of the



of part of it, as well as the full-length portrait that now hangs in the museum at Meherabad, and many of her black and white sketches of Baba.

\$10 WAS \$20



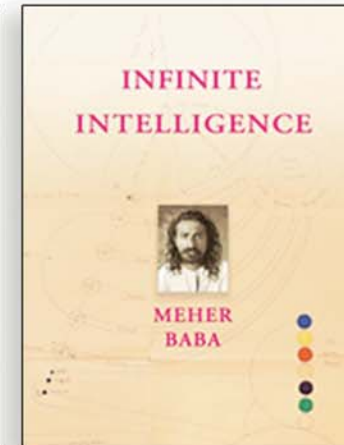
Dreaming of The Beloved

Mani S. Irani

Within these pages is a glorious and fanciful world: dreams of Meher Baba dreamt by His sister Mani S. Irani. Soaring on Mani’s imaginative command of language, and given further wings by the equally expressive imagination flowing through Wodin’s twenty-four full-color illustrations, these dreams tell an inner story of the love, yearning, struggle and joy that filled the life of the sister of the Avatar of the Age.



\$10 WAS \$22



Infinite Intelligence

Meher Baba

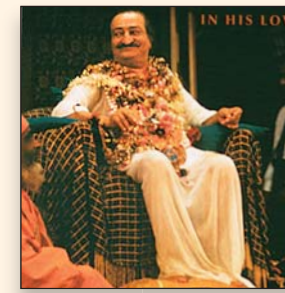
As stated in the Foreword by Meherwan Jessawala: *This book plumbs the depths of esoteric truths never before revealed to humankind. The book’s theme is an ageless one, ever old and ever new: God as Infinite Intelligence.* --The material for this book comes from previously unpublished manuscripts dating back to 1926 and was first discovered shortly after Meher Baba dropped His physical form in 1969. It was released in 2005 after a long and meticulous editing process detailed in an academically rigorous supplemental essay.

\$50 WAS \$75

Music & Videos

In His Love

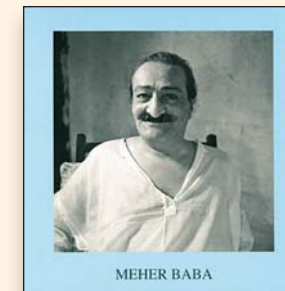
Various Artists



Connor, Cathy Riley, Jeff Mylett and the Original Kitchen Choir. CD. \$15

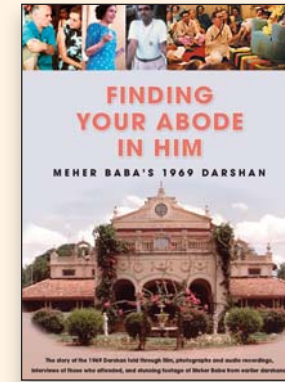
Meher Baba

Billy Nicholls



Absolutely delightful collection of songs produced and sung by Billy Nicholls, whose voice is magical, soothing and full of love. He and his friends, including Pete Townshend, join him in the sweet instrumentals throughout this incredibly clear, crisp production. Includes the song “Without Your Love” which is one of the most beautiful songs ever written for Meher Baba. Gentle and soft, heartfelt and genuine music for God is really what this CD is all about. With a touch of the English rock beat, one could listen to it over and over. This CD was produced as a fundraiser for the London Meher Baba Centre to preserve their precious Baba artifacts. (Imported) CD. \$20

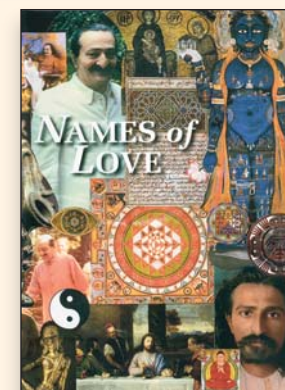
Finding Your Abode in Him Meher Baba’s 1969 Darshan



The story of the 1969 Darshan told through historic film, photographs and audio recordings. Including pictures of the mandali, Guruprasad and Baba’s Tomb, as well as recordings of the Darshan itself. Stunning footage of Meher Baba from earlier darshans layers this exploration into ‘darshan’ with additional meaning and beauty. The impact of this unprecedented event — planned by Baba before He dropped His physical form — is poignantly discussed by those who attended. DVD 52-minutes. \$20

Names of Love

Jim Meyer & Robert Fredericks



Names of Love is a 35-minute visual & musical meditation inspired by Meher Baba’s Parvardigar Prayer & Seven Names of God. Created by Robert Fredericks & Jim Meyer, *Names of Love* pays homage to The Divine Source from which all forms of worship emanate. DVD 35-minutes. \$19.95

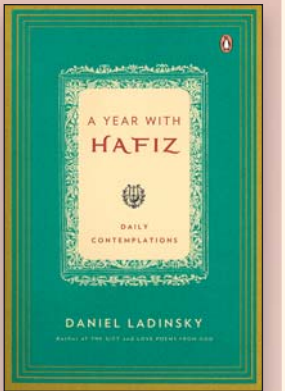
A New Year Is Coming

A Year with Hafiz Daily Contemplations

Daniel Ladinsky

Daniel Ladinsky presents 365 poignant Hafiz poems—including a section based on the translations of Hafiz by Ralph Waldo Emerson—that capture a spirit of infinite tenderness and compassion, of great exuberance, joy and laughter, of ecstatic love and fervent longing, and a wonder of delight at the divine splendor of the universe. Most of the poems in this book have not been published before.

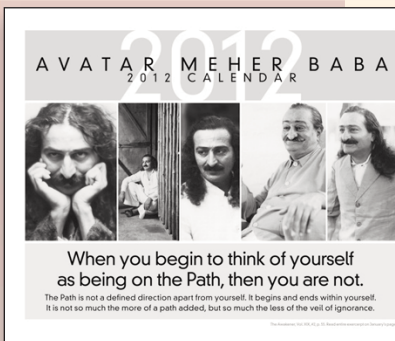
Paperback, 417 pp. \$18



2012 Meher Baba Calendar

Another exquisite and informative calendar to relish month by month! Containing finely reproduced photographs of Meher Baba accompanied by thoughtfully chosen messages and indication of events from Baba’s life, it serves as a steady reminder of the Beloved all year long.

11” x 9” folded, 11” x 18” open. \$12.50

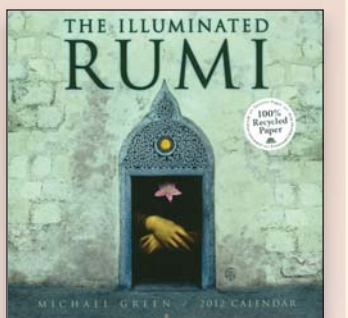


Illuminated Rumi Calendar 2012

Versions by Michael Green

Stunning modern collages with a touch of the east bring these renderings of Rumi by Michael Green to life. A feast for the heart as well as the eyes from start to finish.

12” x 12” closed and 12” x 24” opened. \$13.99

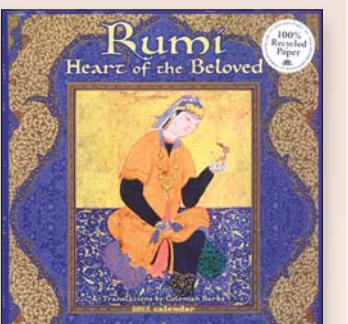


Rumi: Heart of the Beloved Calendar 2012

Translated by Coleman Barks

Beautiful 12 month calendar for 2012. Each month features a Rumi stanza translated by Coleman Barks paired with exquisite Persian miniatures. An inviting call to mystical reflection all year round.

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A Little Help Goes a Long Way.

As we come to the end of 2011, we are especially pleased to have brought to completion the publication of *Donkin's Diaries*, a book that we have been working on for some time. Much credit goes to the painstaking dedication that Sarah McNeill brought to bringing this material to life with extensively researched endnotes. We are always thankful to have really substantive projects like this to work on. And fortunately for all of us, there are quite a few more coming in the next few years. Pragmatically speaking, though, Sheriar Foundation depends on annual donations to make all of this work

possible. Sales of "Baba books" are remarkably limited in number and it frequently takes many, many years (sometimes more than a decade, sometimes never) before publication costs are recouped. This is why donations are so essential to our ability to continue with our publishing activities so, we ask you to please help us in any way that you can. As always, donations of all sizes are welcome and appreciated. All donations are tax deductible.

Sheriar Foundation is also committed to the operation of the Sheriar Books bookstore and to bringing

new content to the sheriarbooks.org website. We track with great interest the number of visits to our website from countries from all over the world. As that trend has continued to grow over the years, we like to imagine Baba working at the grassroots level through which He can provide access to all kinds of information to anyone anywhere in the world. We have shipped orders to thirty-four different countries including Vietnam, South Africa and Croatia. Over the last year, China and Brazil have moved into the top ten list of the countries that visit our site the most. New visits have come

from countries as varied as Ethiopia, Kazakhstan and Uruguay.

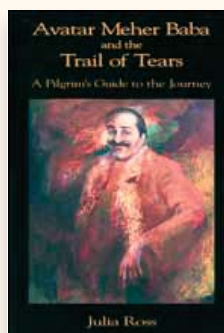
We know there are many worthwhile causes connected to Meher Baba. We hope you will consider Sheriar Foundation to be one of them and that you will help provide the financial support that we need to continue our work. Meanwhile, if you have not already checked out and "liked" us on our Facebook page, please take a moment to do that as Facebook is where we are able to share more spontaneous quick hits of what is going on in our little corner of the Baba world.

A Full Calendar of Bookstore Events in 2011

An engaging range of book signings, concerts and talks have been hosted by Sheriar Books this year. Our first event was on May 7th with Barbara Scott Bamberger who read from her new book *The Empty Chair: Meher Baba's 1969 Darshan*—a poignant view of the 1969 Darshan artfully woven together from many personal accounts.

When Billy Goodrum was in town in July visiting the Meher Center, he graciously gave a concert at the bookstore. It was a wonderfully lively and intimate event. Billy shared many songs from his latest album "Weightless."

One month later Bill Le Page, also visiting the Meher Center, shared a Saturday afternoon with a group gathered in the bookstore. Bill shared stories of his life with Baba and signed books he's written about Baba. These include: *The Turning of the Key*, *Over the Years with Meher Baba*, and *The Divine Humanity*



of *Meher Baba*, a 3-volume series.

In August Ward Parks gave a talk on Meher Baba's "Divine Theme" which was just re-issued in the same style of its original 1943 publication. It was an animated talk that provoked stimulating discussion that continued even during the refreshment phase of the afternoon event.

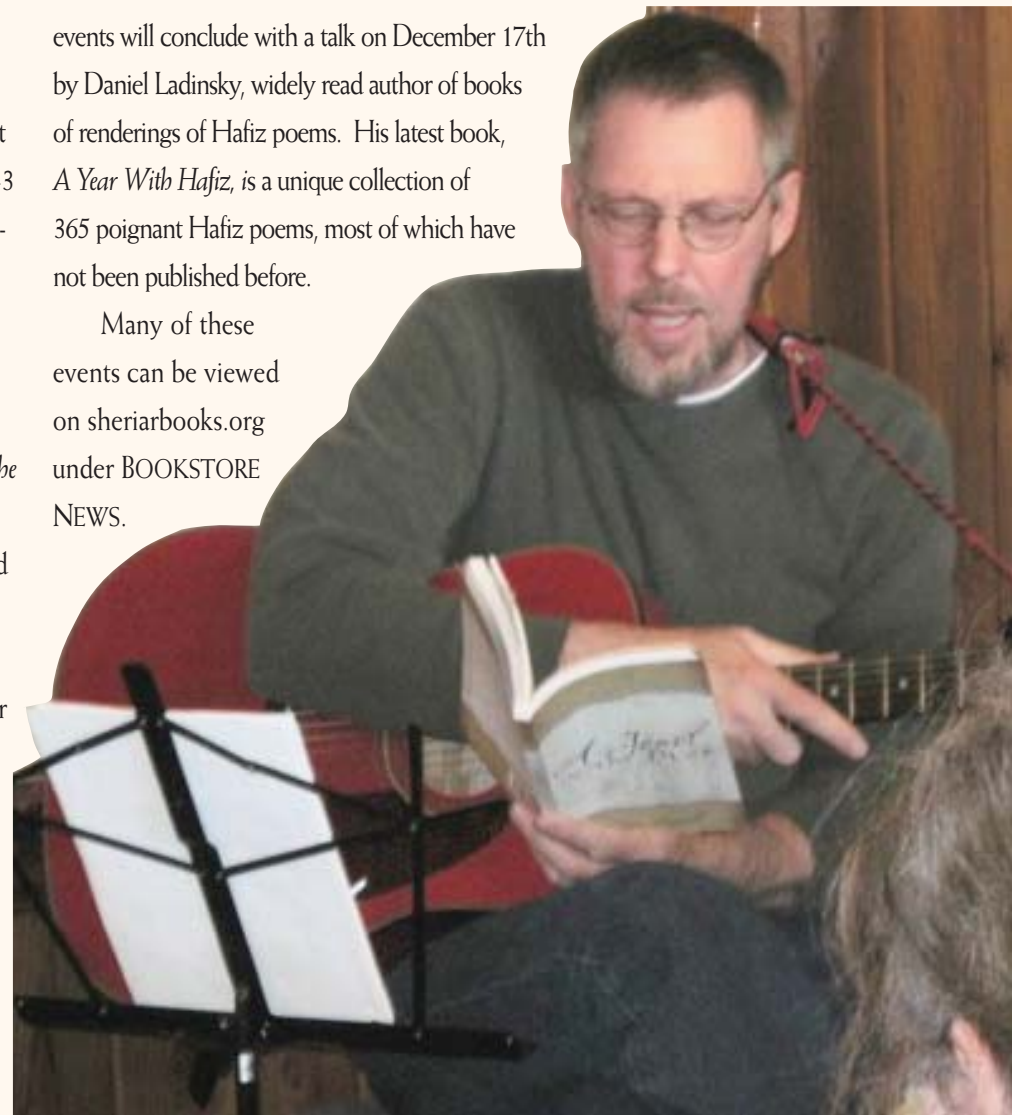
In November Brian Darnell read several poems from his new book, *A Jewel in the Dust*, and signed copies for the appreciative audience. He also brought along his guitar and sang songs. It was a particularly sweet time.

Julia Ross was at the bookstore on November 26th, discussing (and signing) her new book, *Avatar Meher Baba and The Trail of Tears: A Pilgrim's Guide to the Journey*. The book explores in depth Meher Baba's journey along the Cherokee Trail of Tears, interwoven with stories from Native American history.

The schedule of this year's bookstore

events will conclude with a talk on December 17th by Daniel Ladinsky, widely read author of books of renderings of Hafiz poems. His latest book, *A Year With Hafiz*, is a unique collection of 365 poignant Hafiz poems, most of which have not been published before.

Many of these events can be viewed on sheriarbooks.org under BOOKSTORE NEWS.



People discussing one of the Bookstore Events. (L-R)Walter Witkowski talking to Ann Ross, and Adele Wolkin with Beverly Smith.

SHERIAR FOUNDATION was formed in 1989 as an independent, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation.

The purpose of the Foundation is to broaden awareness and deepen the appreciation of the spiritual values exemplified in the life and writings of Meher Baba.