

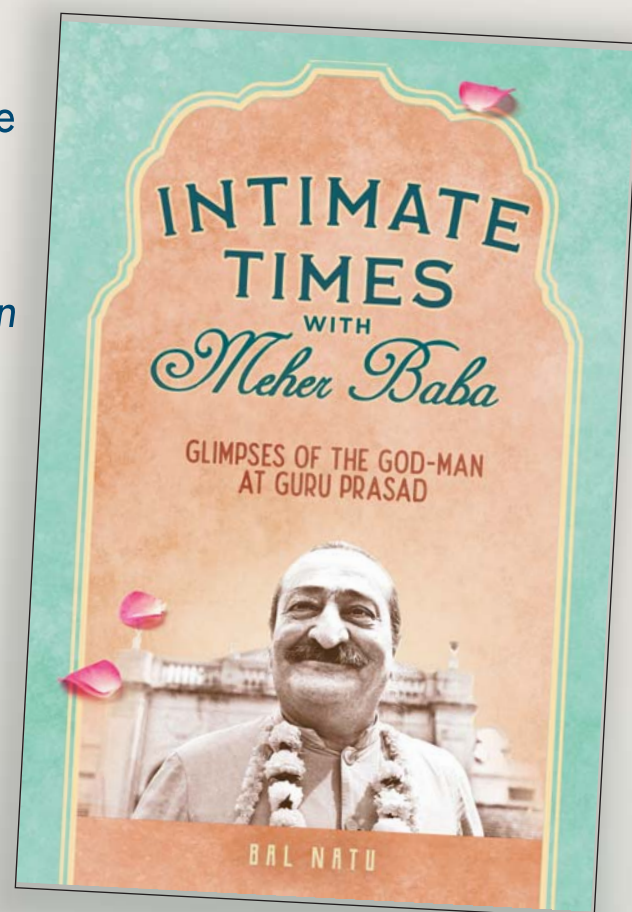
Sheriar Foundation is delighted to announce the publication of *Intimate Times with Meher Baba: Glimpses of the God-Man at Guru Prasad* by Bal Natu.

These lively glimpses of life with Meher Baba during His visits to Guru Prasad—starting in 1951 to His annual visits from 1957 to 1968—illuminate the intimate times lovers from all over the world were able to

spend with their Beloved. Bal Natu's accounts are based on diaries that Baba asked him to keep during his visits to Guru Prasad. As a school teacher, Bal was able to be with Baba for an extended period of time during His summer stays at Guru Prasad. In addition to Bal's personal diaries, *Intimate Times with Meher Baba: Glimpses of the God-Man at Guru Prasad* includes accounts from those who stayed with Baba or visited Him there, portraying intimate family gatherings, large darshan programs, as well as times when Baba was intensely focused on His Universal Work.

This 790-page paperback includes over 200 photographs, and an index of 89 short biographical sketches of people mentioned by Bal in the book.

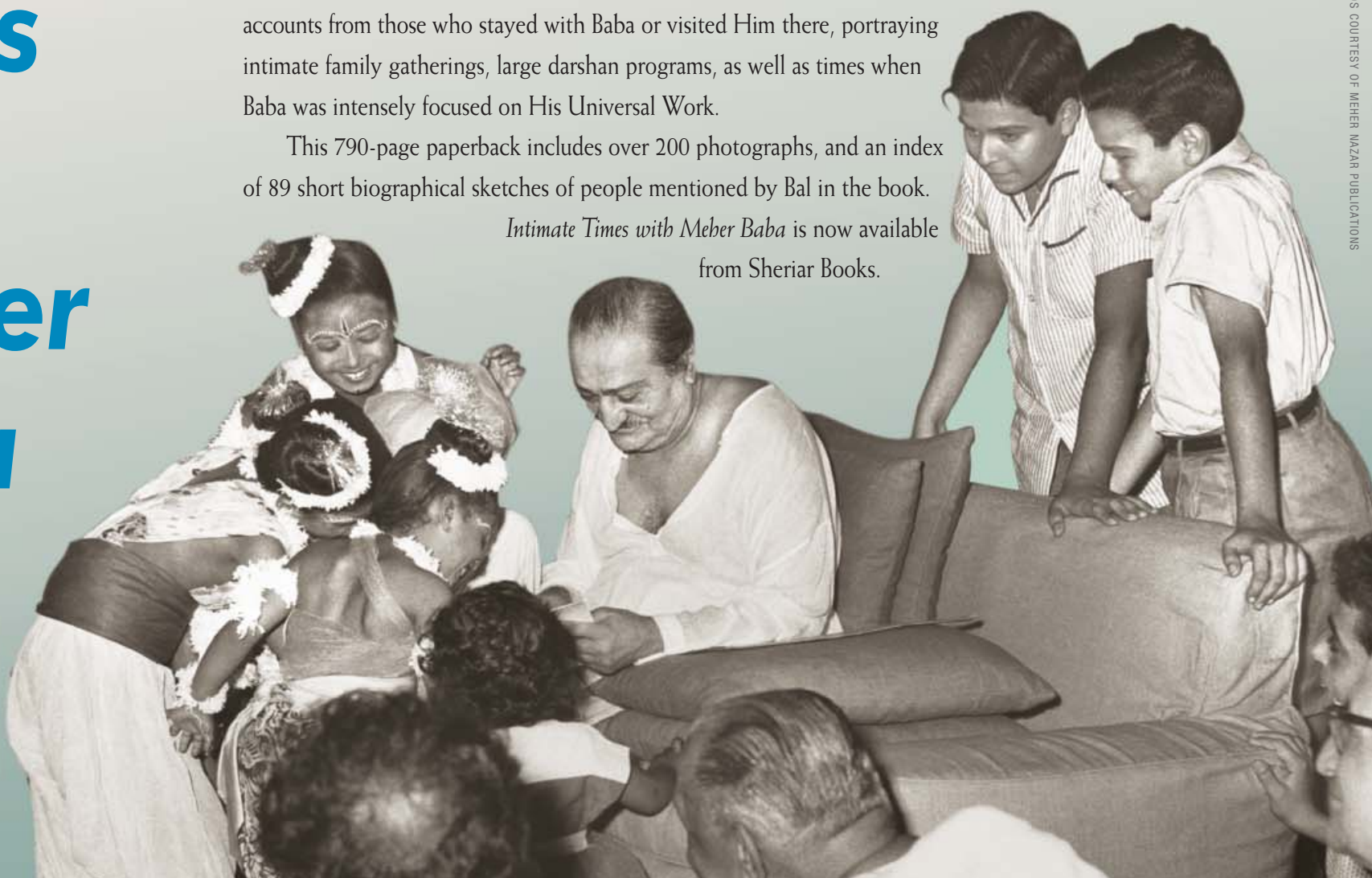
*Intimate Times with Meher Baba* is now available from Sheriar Books.



# Intimate Times with Meher Baba

Above: Baba watching a game of checkers in Guru Prasad, 1959.

Right: Baba, surrounded by young girls who performed for Him, as Meherwan Mistry and Rustom or Sorab overlook the excitement. May 1960.

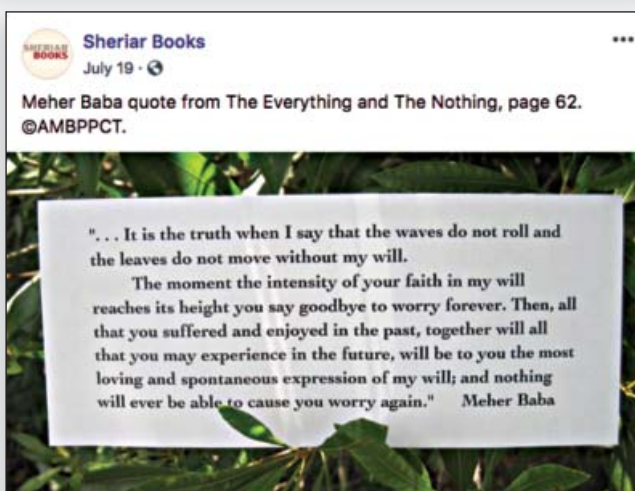
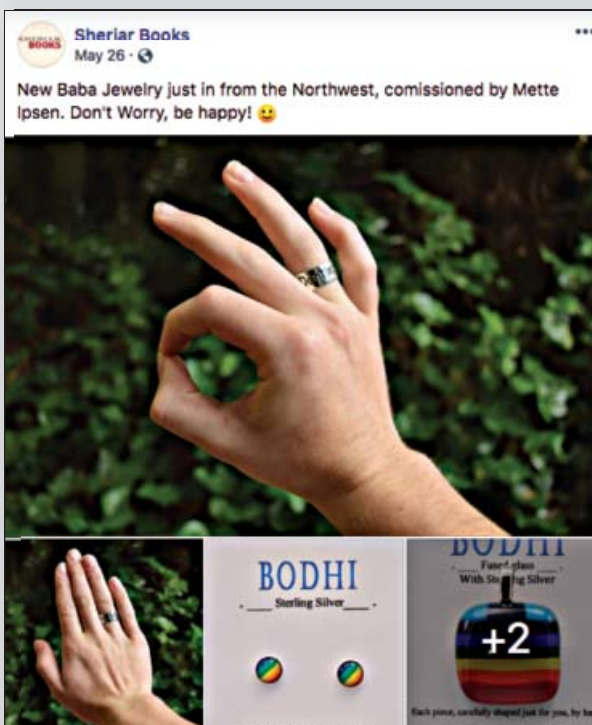
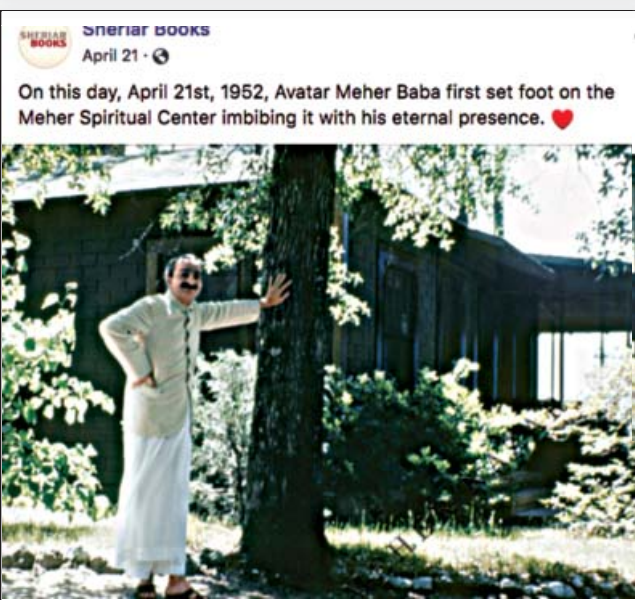
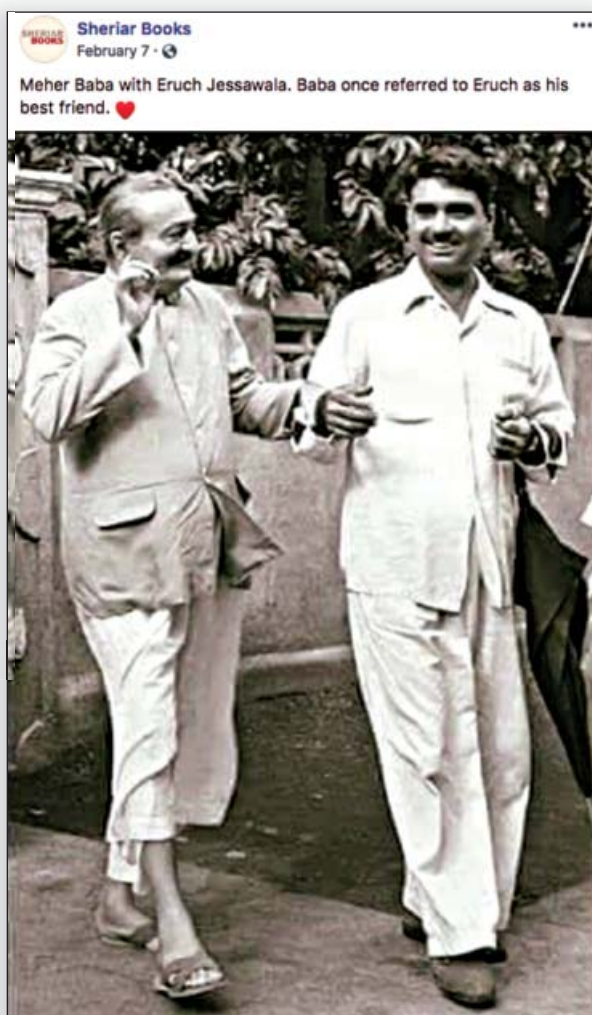
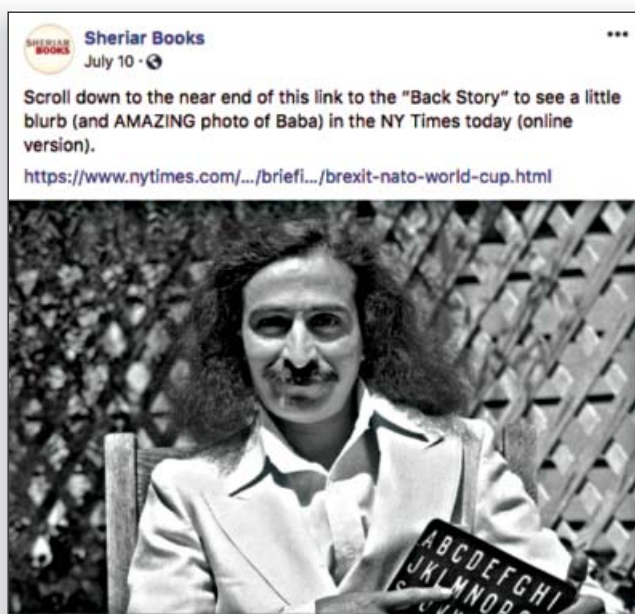




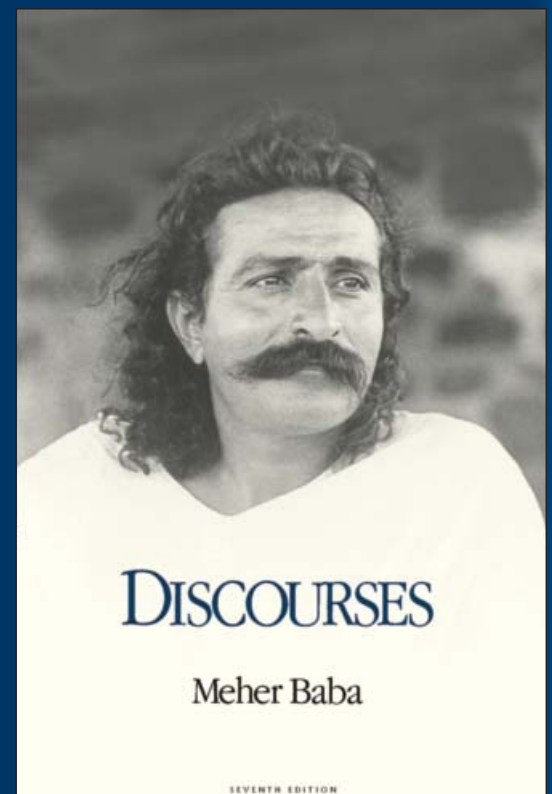
# If You've Ever Wondered Why You Spend Time on Facebook, Sheriar Books Might Be a Part of the Answer

As a way of staying in touch, Sheriar Books publishes a wide range of engaging content on our Facebook page. From announcements of new books and music, simply beautiful photos from the life of the Beloved, inspirational quotes, to spiritually amusing cartoons, you never know quite what will be appearing on our page.

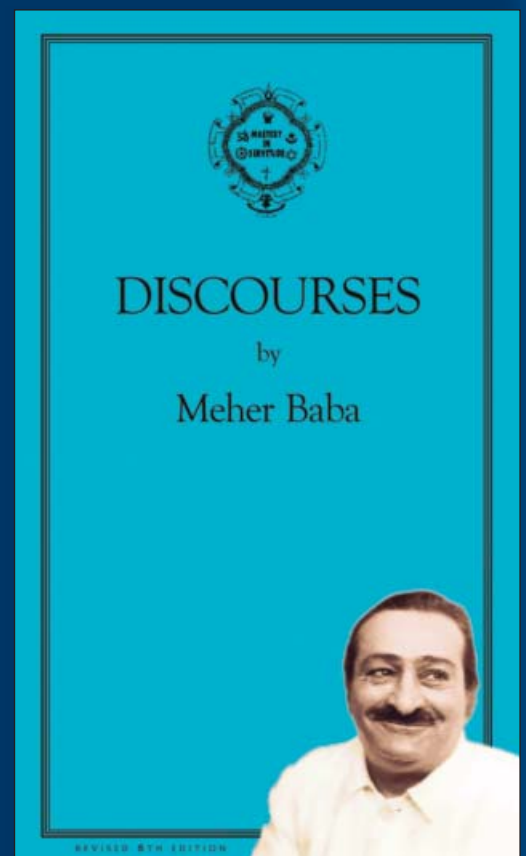
It's a great place to stay up to date on all kinds of Baba information. We love it when you like or comment or share what we publish so please keep those (virtual) cards and letters coming. Shown below are a few of the highlights from our Facebook page from this past year.



## Discourses coming as e-books



E-book of the seventh edition of *Discourses* will be available online.

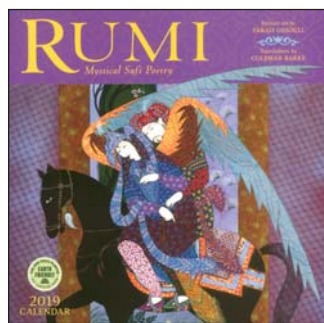


E-book of the revised 6th edition of *Discourses* will be available online.

Sheriar Books has been working for some time to make both the revised sixth edition and the seventh edition of Meher Baba's *Discourses* available as an iBook from Apple and as an e-book from Amazon. This project is almost complete and we will send out an email announcing its completion in the near future.



# New Choices for this Holiday Season



## Rumi Calendar 2019

This exquisite wall calendar pairs Coleman Barks' translations with contemporary Persian art by Farah Ossouli. Heavily influenced by traditional Persian miniatures, Ossouli's rich and intricate paintings beautifully complement Rumi's mystical metaphors, in which the yearning for the divine beloved represents the soul's quest for wholeness. **\$14.99**



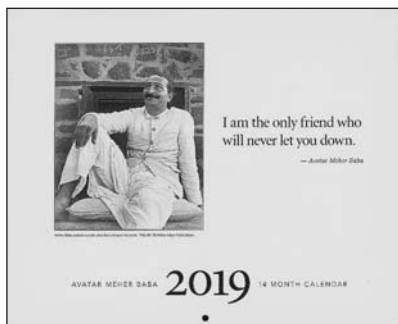
## Means What?

Another fantastic collection of poetry by Steve Klein. Equal parts hilarious, touching, and insightful, this little book of poetry packs a whopping punch and is well worth its humble price. Those of us who have read his other books, *Praise in Complaint*, *Fire and Smoke*, and *O Beloved* will jump at the chance to read fresh, lively poems from Steve, filled with love and longing for our Beloved. **\$9.00**



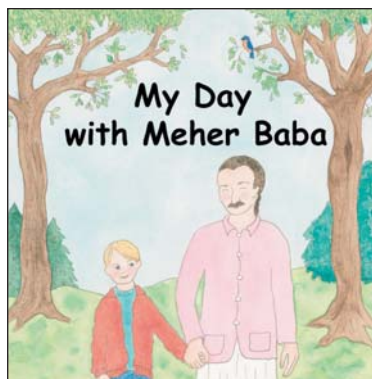
## Whistling Past The Tavern

Jeff Wolverton and Bob Jaeger have teamed up to publish a book of their poetry, each page including a poem by one and on the facing page, a poem by the other. Often the two poems dance together in rhythm. **\$10.00**



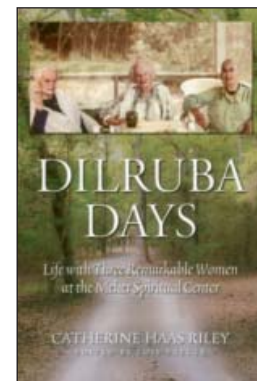
## Avatar Meher Baba Calendar 2019

Another beautiful and informative calendar to relish month by month. Contains finely reproduced photographs of Meher Baba accompanied by thoughtfully chosen messages and events from Baba's life. **\$13.50**



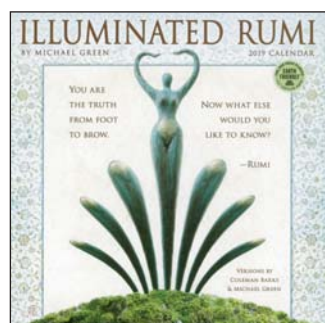
## My Day with Meher Baba

This new children's book is colorful, cheerful, and endearing. Every turn of the page reveals a stunning full-color illustration by Amy Steele, showing Baba with a young boy as He accompanies him through the different parts of his day. Simply delightful! Perfect for children ages 1 to 7. The official reading grade level is 2.6. **\$10.00**



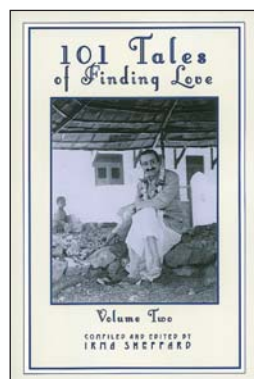
## Dilruba Days

A vibrant memoir of the years Catherine Haas Riley worked at the Meher Spiritual Center, helping three of Meher Baba's close Western mandali—Elizabeth Patterson, Kitty Davy, and Margaret Craske. Cathy would often ask these remarkable women about their lives with Meher Baba, recording their reminiscences in her personal diaries. *Dilruba Days* is based on a compilation of Cathy's compelling diary entries capturing 12 years of dedicated service. **\$17.95**



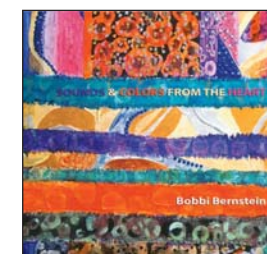
## Illuminated Rumi Calendar 2019

Michael Green's Illuminated Rumi wall calendar is an interweaving of art and poetry—a magnificent meeting of ancient tradition and modern interpretation that uniquely captures the spiritual wealth of Rumi's teachings. Green's fascinating collage art, paired with Coleman Barks' thoughtful renderings of Rumi's poetry, makes this work a classic guide to the life of the soul for a whole new generation of seekers. **\$14.99**



## 101 Tales of Finding Love, Volume Two

For those of you who pine for more and more stories, Irma Sheppard has answered the call! Here is volume two of *101 Tales of Finding Love*, including thirty-six remarkable stories of how people around the world came into the orbit of Meher Baba's Love. Sit back and marvel over the myriad ways that Baba catches us in His net. **\$15.00**



## Sounds & Colors from the Heart

A new music CD by Bobbi Bernstein features 13 new songs: "Reaching Beyond, Rising Above," "Hope For the Best," "Tenderness, Forgiveness, Love," "Smile, "Re-union," "So Jenny!" "Not This Body, Not This Mind. . .," "Full of Surprises," "Autumn Leaves," "Let Your Life Itself Be a Song," "A Great Disciple Returns Home," "Begin the Beguine," "The Compassionate Heart." **\$14.00**

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# All (Baba) Things Considered

Since its inception in 2003, "All (Baba) Things Considered," a blog on Sheriar Books' website, has published a wide range of writers. It was originally started by Ann Conlon, who envisioned it in the following way:

This column . . . will wander from pillar to post, depending on what strikes my fancy, but it will always be focused on Meher Baba. It may be memories of times with Meher Baba or his mandali. It may be comments on what is happening in the Baba world today, or what I wish was—or wasn't—happening in the Baba world today. It may be recommendations for Baba books I personally love. It certainly will be subjective and opinionated.

Since then, 140 columns by ten different writers have been posted, covering a wide range of subjects from personal to humorous and everything in between.

## An Age-Old Habit

By Jenny Keating

The most recent column by Jenny Keating, "An Age-Old Habit," about Baba's challenge to His lovers not to backbite, contains a compelling compilation of messages from Baba.

New columns are posted about every six weeks. Simply sign up to receive Sheriar Books email updates on our website and you'll receive an announcement whenever a new column is available.

It's obvious from reading the accounts of living with Meher Baba that backbiting, "front-biting," speaking ill of others, telling the so-called truth at the cost of people's feelings, were all a no-no in the ashram.

Baba has made so many very strong statements about this age-old habit of ours that I feel He must want it to be inscribed in bold letters on our minds and hearts.

I first discovered His point of view many years ago when reading Kitty Davy's book *Love Alone Prevails*. This wonderful book is full of helpful hints on how Baba wants us to approach life and our own weaknesses, including backbiting and criticism:

"Don't criticize. The habit of criticizing our fellow-beings is a bad one." (p. 164)

He also gives possible reasons why we backbite and criticize:





# Thoughts About the Past, the Present, and the Future

As this newsletter is about to be printed, we have just completed the publication of Bal Natu's book entitled *Intimate Times with Meher Baba: Glimpses of the God Man at Guru Prasad*. Based on Bal's extensive diaries and published after many years of work per Bal's wishes, this book is another major addition to the literature chronicling the life of the God-Man.

Sheriar Press/Sheriar Foundation has been publishing books dedicated to Meher Baba for almost fifty years now, and you might find it curious (we do) that there has been no real growth in the sales of Baba books during all of that time.

That basically translates into the fact that although there is no viable economic underpinning for our publishing work, we remain committed to publishing this priceless material while the time is so close to His Advent. We therefore remain dependent on donations to sustain the work we are doing. Many of you already give generously and we deeply appreciate that. So, please do think of us as we head into the end of the year. We do need financial support to be able to continue the work we do.

On perhaps a more interesting note, you may recall that last year we launched a major new

website. We're happy to share that this website has now won six international awards in five prestigious competitions: the 2017 VEGA Digital Awards, the 2018 AVA Digital Awards, the 2018 MUSE Creative Awards, the 2018 Creativity Awards, and the 2018 WebAwards. We love imagining all the hundreds of judges seeing Baba's image and messages throughout the Sheriar Books site.

As another financial reminder, please remember that you can include Sheriar Foundation as a beneficiary in your will. This provision will also help us do our work in the years to come.

## Bookstore Events

2018 WAS A RECORD YEAR of events with four concerts and three book signings! We kicked off the year with Mark Trichka and Lisa Brande performing their new CD *Anything is Possible by Your Grace*. Leslie Walsh, accompanied by her son David on guitar, gave a concert in September with songs from her CD, *New Life*. Brad Mandell introduced us to his music with his debut CD, *Groovin with the God Man*. He also read from his delightful children's book, *Merwan Meets Babajan*, illustrated by Aenon Kirstiana Moose. Bobbi Bernstein played to a full house from her latest two CDs, *Sounds & Colors from the Heart*, and *Dance for Joy*.

For Baba's Birthday, we hosted Carolyn Ball and heard all about her new book, *Waves and Waves of Love*, with many stories from Baba lovers related to Meher Spiritual Center. In May, Anne Giles read from her new book of memoirs, *Watertight Rosebud*, as well as her new children's book, *My Day with Meher Baba*, illustrated by Amy Steele. For our last event of the year, Cathy Haas Riley will be giving a book signing of her new book, *Dilruba Days*, on Saturday, December 29th from 2 to 4. We hope to see you then or at any event for fellowship in Baba. If you can't make it, remember, Sheriar Books has a YouTube channel with many of these events on video.

**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.

## Special Prices For All of 2019 on 3 Timeless Treasures



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Anne Giles reading from her new book, *Watertight Rosebud*.



Leslie Walsh and her son, David, mesmerized the crowd gathered at the bookstore for their concert on September 8th.