

A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Joyous Path: a labor of love celebrating Mani's life with Baba

Sheriar Foundation is pleased to announce that it plans to publish *The Joyous Path*, Heather Nadel's extraordinary account of Mani S. Irani's life with Baba, in the latter part of 2015. The manuscript, a labor of love, has been crafted over a period of almost 16 years, and the design challenges of bringing together a rich variety of elements into a cohesive form began in earnest

in early 2013.

"This book is not a biography of Mani, although the chapters are chronological. Rather it's a story of Mani's life with Avatar Meher Baba as she herself saw it, often

through her own words. And it's a story of how others saw her, to give the world a glimpse of the character and nature of a soul chosen by the Avatar of the Age to be His sister." (From the Introduction)

More than 1,200 pages spread throughout two volumes, this extraordinary account contains more than 150 photographs documenting Mani's life with Baba. Also included are excerpts from Mani's diaries—including the Blue Bus Tours and The New Life, material from recordings of talks in Mandali Hall about her life with Baba, and letters written over the years. The warm personal tone of the narrator is unmistakable, welcoming readers into Mani's world.

Mani's story is divided into three main parts:

PART I: God's Sister, PART II: To Be With You Always, and PART III: Continuing On. Phases in Mani's life with Baba are deftly divided into chapters: 1) God's Sister 2) Into the Fire 3) East-West 4) The Blue Bus 5) Traveling 6) A New Life 7) In The West 8) Fiery and Free 9) The Last Twelve Years 10) Eternal Beloved 11) The Great Darshan, and finally 12) Continuing On.

The Joyous Path will be a treat well worth the wait.



"... I was born with just one ambition—to be with Baba."
—Mani

FROM THE PROLOGUE OF THE JOYOUS PATH

THE BLUE BUS



WAR AND THE BUILD-UP TO THE SURPRISE

In September of 1936, just as everyone began to get used to the new life on Meherabad Hill, Baba began harping at a surprise ahead. At the same time, He started speaking of war, the storm-cloud gathering over the world.

1st June Baba in seclusion in Mast Ashram from today (four days) - change of general diet. During seclusion war activities intense. Paris bombed etc. A few good showers of rain. On 7th Baba sent message: World about war, Peace, truce, His speaking + one of the 5 places He mentioned He would take us to for one year. 7th Chatti Baba incident. 10th 3:25 p.m. Baba came to us (5 days earlier) Baba said, "If Italy joins war, there will be a world war. There will be utter destruction + chaos just as I want + then people will feel the hollowness. The emptiness of it all + turn to God. As I am in India India will suffer most too."

TOP LEFT: Opening page of chapter about the Blue Bus Tours. Each chapter opens with a "doodle" by Mani.

LEFT: A page from Mani's diary in May 1940 with comments from Baba about the war.

BELOW: Baba and the Easterners and Westerners in Upper Meherabad, 1938.



AVAILABLE NOW

One Fine Thread Talks about Meher Baba By Kitty Davy

Sheriar Foundation is pleased to announce that the book *One Fine Thread, Talks about Meher Baba*, by Kitty Davy, is now available.

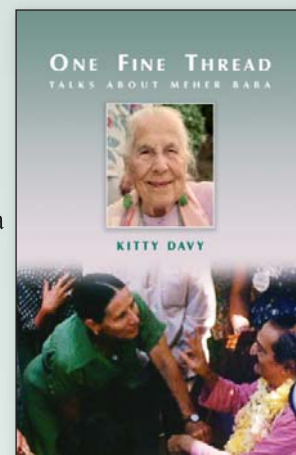
One Fine Thread is a compilation of talks by Kitty Davy, given mainly at Meher Center, between 1968 and 1990, a period of twenty-two years. They are a reflection of Kitty's spiritual life after leaving Meher Baba's ashram in India in 1952.

A well-known and much-beloved disciple of Meher Baba, Kitty Davy was one of the few Westerners to meet Baba on His first trip to the West in 1931. At first glance, Kitty recognized Baba as her spiritual master. Thus began a life of extraordinary love and service that would span her lifetime, including many years as a resident disciple in India and, later, at Meher Center where, at Baba's behest, Kitty came to live and work from 1952 until her passing in 1991.

The content of these talks is uniquely oriented toward Kitty's inner life, her inner relationship with Meher Baba since He "dropped His body" in 1969. As she puts it, "I have chosen to concentrate on the years since Baba left us physically to remain internally within, and to find new meaning in these latter experiences in relation to Meher Baba's messages of Love and Truth."

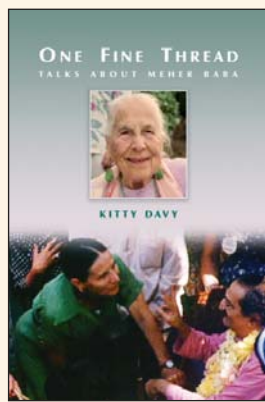
As a result of Kitty's work to "find new meaning," we are left with a rare example of a spiritual seeker who, after having lived and worked side by side with the Avatar of the Age as one of His intimate disciples, later in life recognized the importance of further developing her relationship with Him internally.

In each talk, the reader will come across a gem that speaks to the heart, for these talks lovingly reflect the qualities of a disciple whose very life was an example of self-effacement and love for God.

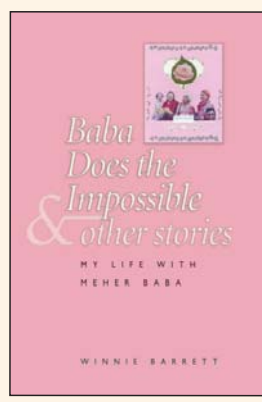


A FEW IDEAS TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR HOLIDAYS

New Releases



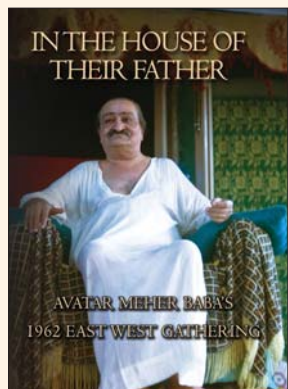
ONE FINE THREAD
Talks About Meher Baba
by Kitty Davy
A collection of thirty talks given by Kitty Davy. The content of these talks is uniquely oriented toward Kitty's inner life, her inner relationship with Meher Baba since 1969. \$19.95



BABA DOES THE IMPOSSIBLE & OTHER STORIES
My Life with Meher Baba
by Winnie Barrett
Winnie first heard Meher Baba's name in 1966 while part of the underground scene in Chapel Hill, NC. These short stories, dreams, and poems are examples of how Meher Baba has been an active force in Winnie's life for almost 50 years. \$14.95

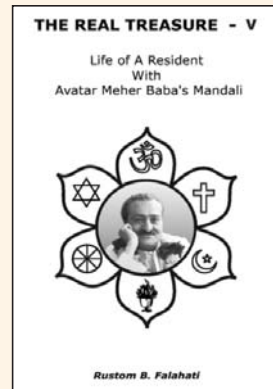


THREE SNAPSHOTS OF REALITY
by Don E. Stevens with Wayne Smith
In this latest book by Companion Books of interviews with Don Stevens, he describes what he calls a daytime "vision." A lot packed into one small intriguing book. \$15

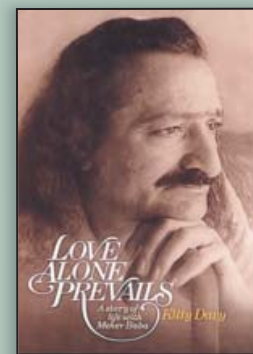


IN THE HOUSE OF THEIR FATHER DVD
Avatar Meher Baba's 1962 East West Gathering
by Robert Fredericks
Produced for the 50th Anniversary of the East West Gathering on Meherabad Hill, 2012.

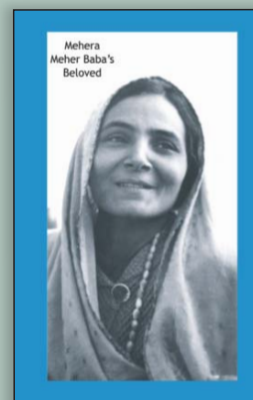
Narrated by Simon Reece, Meherwan Jessawala, Peter Nordeen and Susie Imura. With Meheru Irani, Bhau Kalchuri, Jal Dastor, Shridar Kelkar, Irwin Luck, Tex Hightower, Digumber Gadekar, Bernard Bruford and many more. \$20 (2 DVD set)



THE REAL TREASURE - V
Life of A Resident With Avatar Meher Baba's Mandali
by Rustom B. Falahati
The latest in a series of five books containing short stories which would help Baba lovers deal with everyday situations keeping Baba's pleasure in mind at all times. \$9



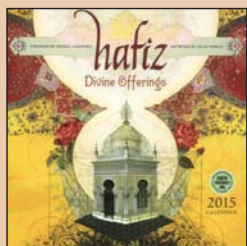
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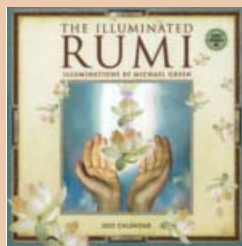
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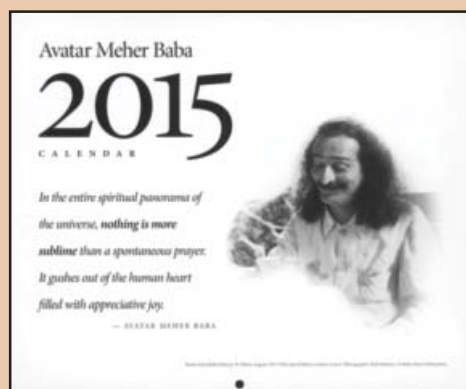
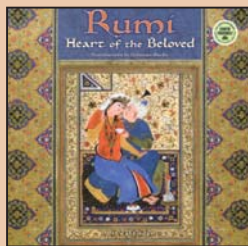
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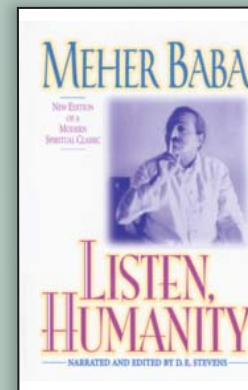
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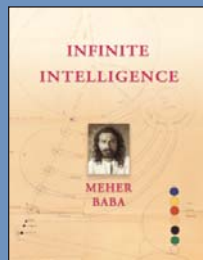
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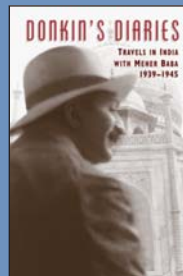
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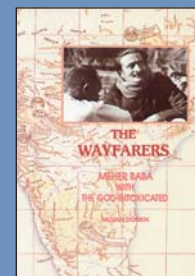
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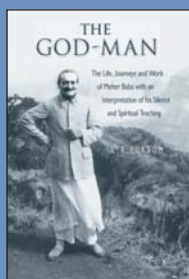
INFINITE INTELLIGENCE
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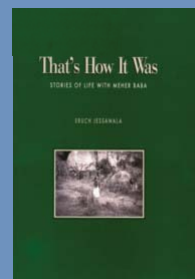
DONKIN'S DIARIES
Travels in India with Meher Baba, 1936-1945
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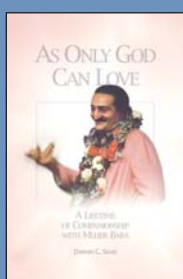
THE WAYFARERS
Meher Baba with the God-Intoxicated
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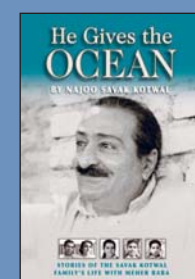
THE GOD-MAN
by Charles Purdom
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THAT'S HOW IT WAS
Stories of Life with Meher Baba
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AS ONLY GOD CAN LOVE
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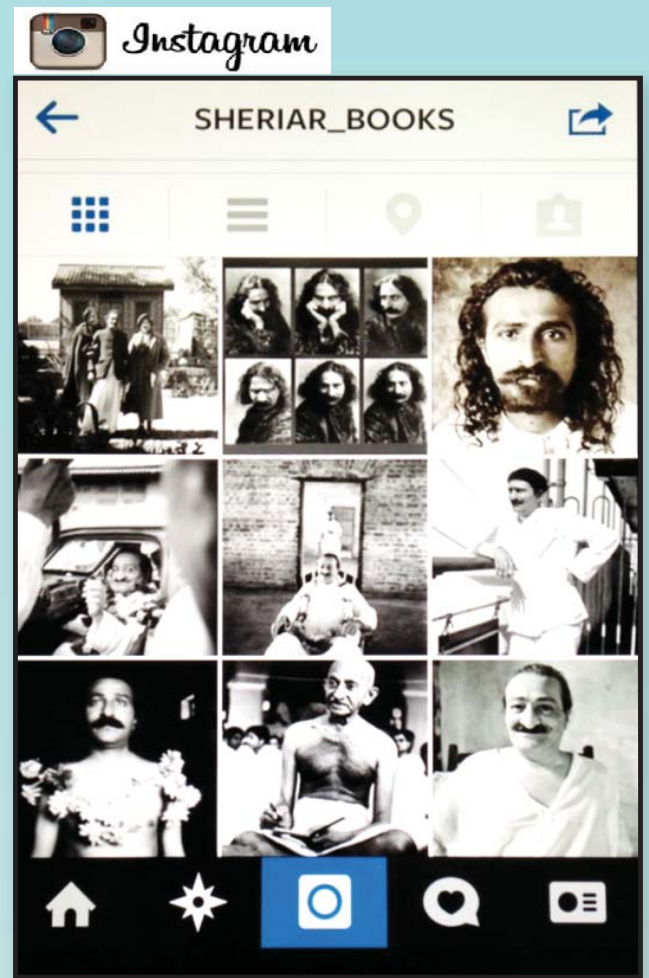
HE GIVES THE OCEAN
Stories of the Savak Kotwal's Family Life with Meher Baba
by Najoo Savak Kotwal
\$20
On sale until 12/31/14


More Ways to Connect with Baba All Over the World

Remember the first time you saw Baba on a computer? It makes an impression. Anyone with access to a computer can find Baba, anywhere in the world and sometimes by "accident." Baba lovers visiting the bookstore have mentioned finding Baba on the internet by searching for the Truth! Others have found Baba indirectly through a search for Rumi or Pete Townshend. Baba is accessible through the internet in a way He's never been before. His images, His words, videos, music, history – it's all there for the taking.

Sheriar Books is actively adding to His presence online through a variety of social media sites. Stepping past the limits of just a retail web site, we also have a Facebook page, a YouTube channel, an Instagram page, a Twitter account, and a Pinterest board. It is a real joy to share Meher Baba's message through these outlets and an even greater joy to witness the impact it can have on others. On Facebook there are more than

1,000 likes and the other sites are increasing daily. The people connected through these avenues have the opportunity of being reminded of Baba daily; the opportunity to have their hearts lifted by a quote, an image or a video clip, and the opportunity to share Baba with others. If you've yet to connect with Sheriar Books through these sites, we invite you to do so. Come share the love.





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Our Publishing Pipeline is Filling Up Again

Sheriar has enjoyed its first full year in our new bookstore location across the street from the Center. It's a beautiful and welcoming space and we've received many heartfelt expressions of appreciation. If you haven't visited us there yet, please come by whenever you have a chance. Returning visitors, of course, are also totally welcome.

As you probably know by now, you can also order from us online at sheriarbooks.org, as well as follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram.

Much of Sheriar's work has always revolved around the publication of books by and about Meher Baba. As

described on page one of this newsletter, we've just completed the publication of *One Fine Thread*. We've also been working with Heather Nadel for about the last two years on getting *The Joyous Path* ready for publication next year. *Tiffin Lectures* (see article below) is on the horizon for 2016. In addition, a biography of Khorshed is coming. A book on Guru Prasad based on accounts by Bal Natu is nearing completion. A book by Davana Brown about Eruch is also progressing, as well as *My Life with Meher Baba*, a book about Dr. Goher, compiled and written by Shelley Marrich and Lindsay Reiter.

All of these projects require funding. In order to be

able to afford to publish all of the books just mentioned, we really are dependent on the generosity of people like yourself. The books themselves are rarely a break-even proposition for us. Donations help subsidize the costs of production given the still remarkably low level of sales of books by and about the Avatar of the Age.

We know there are many wonderful, deserving Baba causes and that we all have limited financial means. We are always appreciative and touched when anyone feels moved to be of help to Sheriar Foundation. If you feel so inclined, please remember that all donations are tax deductible.

There's More to Publishing a Book Than Meets the Eye

There are many stages a book goes through before it is born. Creating the manuscript often takes authors many years—a long and creative process that finally shapes the envisioned content into a cohesive form. This work can involve in-depth research, translation of original materials, finding elements that help enhance the story, and much much more.

At Sheriar Foundation, our publication process includes bringing a copy-editor into the picture to work on the formatting, style, and accuracy of the text. The final form of the text then drives the development of the look

of the book: for example, should photographs, diagrams, maps, and illustrations be included to help tell the story? What size and shape will work best? How can the design of the inside text enhance the experience of the reader? What emotion should come forward from the cover design? Developing the "look" of a publication is a critical step in our publishing process.

For example, in the case of *Infinite Intelligence*, the manuscript was worked on for more than eight years. A world-wide team of copy-editors and proofreaders reviewed

the manuscript in great detail. Because there were diagrams in the original manuscript, illustrations were done by an artist in consultation with the editors, and the layout was developed to help make the sometimes dense material more easily accessible. Finally two years after the final manuscript was completed, the book was ready for release.

Similarly, an enormous amount of work has already taken place in developing the best presentation of visual content in *The Joyous Path*, Heather Nadel's book about Mani's life with Baba. At the same time, another visually multi-faceted project is also underway. Scheduled for publication in late 2016, our next major book will be *Tiffin Lectures*, fifty-one lectures given by Baba from 1926–27. Work to prepare *Tiffin Lectures* for publication has been going on for many years. The original version of these talks were mostly in English but also Gujarati and other languages. The history of the manuscript described in the Supplement will give a vivid glimpse of Meherabad at that time. The book will also include illustrations based on diagrams in the original manuscript, photographs of early Meherabad, and an index.

A Few Bookstore Happenings from 2014

Our bookstore events were kicked off this past year by the lovely Laurece West, who treated us to an intimate concert in February. Accompanied by her husband Terry, and Bobbi Bernstein, she sang beautiful jazzy songs from her newest CD, *Essence of Love*.



In May, we had the opportunity once again to host a talk and book signing with Bill Le Page. Visiting us from Australia,

a Baba follower since 1947, Bill was kind enough to share stories from the heart of his time with Baba, as well as stories he's heard and written about in his six books.

The following month we put our thinking caps on for a talk by Ward Parks titled "The Origins of Creation in Prāṇ and Akāsh." Ward further developed his talk from last year on the topic of the origination of the created world through



the clash of space and energy in Meher Baba's cosmology. It was a fascinating and stimulating talk and discussion.

On November 15th, there was hardly a dry eye in the place as Winnie Barrett read beautifully from her new book, *Baba Does the Impossible and other stories*. A book signing and refreshments followed and kept the feeling of fellowship going.



If you haven't had the chance to attend a Sheriar Books event, you can often view full recordings of them on the Sheriar Books YouTube channel.

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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.