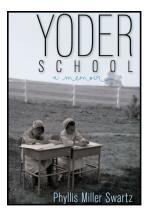


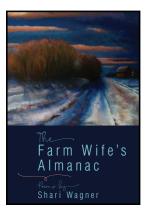
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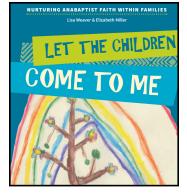
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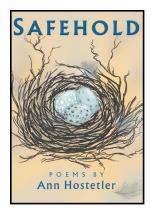
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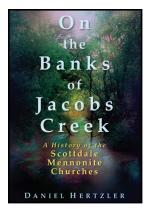
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**Ann Hostetler**, Professor of English, Goshen (Ind.) College, is the author of *Empty Room* with Light and editor of *A Cappella: Mennonite Voices in Poetry* as well as the *Journal for Mennonite Writing* at https://mennonitewriting.org/.

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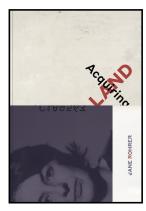
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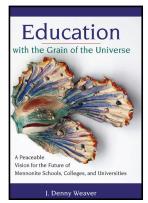
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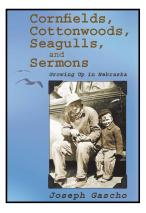


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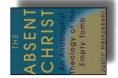
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