
Meeting House and Counting House: The Quaker Merchants of Colonial Philadelphia, 1682-1763 is a book that examines the role of Quaker merchants in the development of colonial Philadelphia. It explores the interdependence between the business culture of the British-Atlantic mercantile community and the success of the British-Atlantic economy. The book argues that the business culture facilitated the conduct of day-to-day obligations constrained economic opportunism. By relating these themes to an array of primary sources from ports around the British-Atlantic world, this book provides an insightful analysis of the business culture.

Co-authored by John Mews, the book explores the themes of risk, trust, reputation, obligation, networks, and crises to demonstrate how contemporary merchants perceived and dealt with one another and managed their businesses. Merchants were able to take risks and build trust, but concerns about reputation and fulfilling obligations constrained economic opportunism. By relating these themes to an array of primary sources from ports around the British-Atlantic world, this book provides an insightful analysis of the business culture.

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