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LDP's Editors Choice Short Bibliography History Books all Newcomers and Beginners in AA history should Read and Own. These are Indispensable. Most are commonly available at both small and large bookstores (new and used) and many should be available at your local library. You can always purchase these books new-read them and donate them to your local library for others to read.

I Recommend All the Books by AA Historian Dick B <http://www.dickb.com> of Hawaii especially :  
Turning Point-A Comprehensive History-Highest Recommendation!!  
The Oxford Group and Alcoholics Anonymous-Highest Recommendation!!  
Akron Genesis of AA-Highest Recommendation!!  
New Light on Alcoholism - Book on Shoemaker -Highest Recommendation!!  
and the following books:

Not God By Ernest Kurtz - -Highest Recommendation!! was The history of AA by Ernie K  
Bill W by Robert Thomsen c.1975, Published by Harper & Row  
Bill W. (by Francis Hartigan)  
AA comes of Age A.A. World Services  
Slaying the Dragon- The History of Addiction Treatment & Recovery (Bill White)  
Dr Bob and the Good Old Timers A.A. World Services  
Language of the Heart A.A. World Services  
My Search for Bill W. (by Mel B.) 2000 Hazelden  
New Wine (by Mel B.) 1991 Hazelden  
Ebbby The Man who Sponsored Bill Wilson (by Mel B.) 1998 Hazelden  
Bill W. and Mr. Wilson (by Matthew J. Raphael a pseudonym)  
Bill W., My First 40 Years, an Autobiography Bill Pittman Hazleden Publisher  
The Roots of AA (Bill Pittman Hazelden )- was OOP called AA Way It Began  
Twelve Step Sponsorship : How It Works by Hamilton B. (Hazelden)  
The Soul of Sponsorship : The Friendship of Fr. Ed Dowling -Bill Wilson by Robert Fitzgerald  
The Steps We Took : A Shares His Experience, Strength, and Hope by Joe McQ  
The Spirituality of Imperfection by Ernest Kurtz, Katherine Ketcham  
A Simple Program by J Big Book rewritten to Modern Language  
Courage To Change -Shoemaker (Bill Pittman and Dick B) Hazelden)  
Sister Ignatia: Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous (Mary Darrah Loyola Univ Press)  
Mrs. Marty Mann : The First Lady of AA (Sally Brown Hazelden)  
Women Pioneers in 12 Step Recovery by Charlotte Hunter  
The Natural History of Alcoholism (Geo E Valiant)  
Changed Lives : The Story of Alcoholics Anonymous Dennis C. Morreim / 1992  
But, for the Grace of God ... ,by Wally P.. Bishop of Books  
Children of the Healer, the Story of Dr. Bob's Kids, Hazelden  
Getting Better Inside Alcoholics Anonymous, by Nan Robertson, William Morrow  
How It Worked, the Story of Clarence H. Snyder, by Mitchell K., privately published. Read on Web  
Getting Better Inside AA (Nan Robertson 1988) Thomas Congan Books  
Physician, Heal Thyself!, by Dr. Earle M., CompCare Publishers  
That Amazing Grace, by Dick B., Paradise Research Publications  
There's More to Quitting Drinking than Quitting Drinking, by Dr. Paul O., Sabrina Pub.  
Anne Smith's Journal (by Dick B)  
Grateful to Have Been There by Nell Wing  
Lois Remembers A.A. World Services  
Motorcycle Hobos (Lois Wilson) Gratitude Press  
Children of the Healer (Story- Dr. Bob's Kids) Sue Smith Windows  
Pass It On - Bill Wilson and the A.A. Message, A.A. World Services  
Dr. Bob and the Good Old Timers A.A. World Services  
To Be Continued-AA World Bibliography (Charles Bishop Bill Pittman) Bishop Books  
The Collected Ernest Kurtz (Kurtz-Bishop of Books)

Editors Note: If you like this material from Dick B and all the AA history info contained in these pages You Could Become More Active in Your Own AA Club By Starting a History/Reading Study Group to meet at some time other than your groups regular meetings. Don't Mistakenly get involved in the "Not AA Approved" Or "Not Conference Approved" BS about what books you can and cannot read at your AA Club. [http://www.dickb.com/archives/aa\\_groups.shtml](http://www.dickb.com/archives/aa_groups.shtml) Just start a History/Book Reading Meeting Soon and Share this info with your many AA Friends!!

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