

Learning the History of AA – Recommended Books to Read
-by the Bob L., Archives Chair; June 2025

- 1) Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers AAWS
 Excellent starting read about the history of AA
- 2) Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age AAWS
 Very good history but a bit boring as it is more of speeches from 1955 AA Convention
- 3) Not God Ernie Kurtz

 Ernie's PhD Thesis although the history part is the best that was available years ago
- 4) Bill W. My First 50 Years
 Good reading on Bill's early history and development
- 5) Pass It On AAWS
 Good history of Bill and the development of AA
- 6) Ebby, The Man Who Sponsored Bill W.
 Good history of Ebby and his problems
- 7) Lois Remembers
 A good piece on the history of Alanon and AA
- 8) The Lois Wilson Story, When Love Is Not Enough
 Very good history of Alanon
- 9) Bobby B. The Untold Story of A.A.'s "Fantastic Communicator"
 Very good book on the development of the "Foundation Office" (GSO) and her work with creating A.A. in Australia in the 40's
- 10) Sister Ignacia, Angel of Alcoholics Anonymous
 Very good book on how she was such a great piece of AA History and treatment programs
- 11) Key Players in A.A. History Gary Neidhardt
 Good book on all the people that had an effect of AA from before AA
- 12) Father Ed. Bill's Spiritual Advisor
 Great insight into the man who brought the spirituality of long sobriety to AA
- 13) Grateful to have been there Nell Wing
 Autobiography of Bill's secretary in the earliest days of AA
- 14) The Akron Genesis of A.A. Dick B.
 Great introduction to the development of AA in Akron and Cleveland
- 15) The Marriage that Changed the World Stepping Stones
 New book on Bill and Lois and AA

*Note: Not all these books are AAWS approved, but books about the history of AA recommended by Bob L., Archives Chair, NorCal Intergroup. There is no formally disapproved literature in AA; each group is autonomous and can study any books they choose. June 2025