

SUGGESTED READINGS

Joe & Charlie Download

www.xa-speakers.org : type: Joe and Charlie in "Search" box (all 35 chapters of their August 1998 workshop in Laughlin, Nevada can be listened to and/or downloaded and burned to disc) This features Joe #2 (Joe McCoy) and is **AN ABSOLUTE MUST!!!!!!!** (see *Need It Want It Do It* below for transcript)

Our Workshop (Full Cycle Recording)

<https://www.aaspeaker.com/howardebigbookstudy>

Historical Reference:

ABSOLUTE MUSTS:

- **The Book That Started It All:** The Original Working Manuscript of Alcoholics Anonymous
- **Writing the Big Book : The Creation of A.A.** by William H. Schaberg
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- **Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers :** A Biography with Reflections of Early A.A. in the Midwest
- **Pass It On : Bill Wilson and the A.A. Message**
- **How It Worked : The Story of Clarence H. Snyder & the Early Days of AA in Cleveland, Ohio** by Mitchell K.
- **The Soul of Sponsorship :** The Friendship of Fr. Ed Dowling and Bill Wilson in Letters, by Robert Fitzgerald
- **Experience, Strength & Hope :** Stories from the First Three Editions of Alcoholics Anonymous
- **Not-God:** A History of Alcoholics Anonymous by Ernest Kurtz
- **Ebby: The Man Who Sponsored Bill W.** by Mel B.
- **Key Players in AA History** by Bob K
- **Grateful to Have Been There:** My 42 Years with Bill and Lois and the Evolution of Alcoholics Anonymous, by Nell Wing
- **Lois Remembers:** Memoirs of the Co-Founder of Al-Anon and Wife of the Co-Founder of Alcoholics Anonymous
- **Silkworth: The Little Doctor Who Loved Drunks :** the Biography of William Duncan Silkworth, M.D. by Dale Mitchel
- **Slaying the Dragon :** The History of Addiction Treatment and Recovery in America by William L. White
- **The Road to Fellowship :** The Role of the Emmanuel Movement and the Jacoby Club in the Development of Alcoholics Anonymous by Richard M. Dubiel

Bill Wilson's Other Works:

- **Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions**
- **Alcoholics Anonymous Comes Of Age**
- **The Language of the Heart :** Bill W.'s Grapevine Writings
- **As Bill Sees It :** The A.A. Way of Life....Selected Writings of A.A.'s Co-Founder

Biographies of Bill W.

- **My Name Is Bill : Bill Wilson: His Life and the Creation of Alcoholics Anonymous** by Susan Cheever
- **Bill W.: A Biography of Alcoholics Anonymous Cofounder Bill Wilson:** by Francis Hartigan
- **Bill W.** by Robert Thomsen
- **Bill W. : My First 40 Years :** An Autobiography by the Cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous, from dictations by Bill Wilson to Robert Thomsen (publ. by Hazelden)

Misc:

- **Practice These Principles & What Is The Oxford Group**
- **Anne Smith's Journal 1933-1939: A.A.'s Principles of Success** by Dick B.
- **The Oxford Group & Alcoholics Anonymous: A Design for Living that Works** by Dick B.
- **The Good Book and the Big Book :** A.A.'s Roots in the Bible by Dick B.

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- ***The Harder They Fall***: Celebrities Tell their Real-Life Stories of Addiction and Recovery Compiled by Gary Stromberg & Jane Merrill
- ***The Common Sense of Drinking*** by Richard R. Peabody : published nine years before The Big Book, it was one of the most highly regarded early books about alcoholism. Bill fashioned "The Man of Thirty" in "*More About Alcoholism*" after a story in this book.

DVD's:

- ***My Name is Bill W*** with James Woods & James Garner
- ***When Love Is Not Enough*** with Wynona Ryder and Barry Pepper
- ***Bill W.*** : A Documentary
- ***Bill W. and Dr. Bob*** : The original Off-Broadway Production

Workshop Guides:

- ***The Annotated AA Handbook*** : A Companion to the Big Book by Frank D. (publ. by Baricade Books) - Periodically goes out of print : try Amazon or EBay
- ***The Steps We Took*** by Joe McQ (of "*Joe & Charlie*") (publ. by August House Publishers)
- ***Carry This Message***: A Guide for Big Book Sponsorship by Joe McQ (of "*Joe & Charlie*") (publ. by August House Publishers)
- ***A Program For You***: A Guide To the Big Book's Design For Living by Anonymous (publ. by Hazelden) (a Joe & Charlie workshop in narrative form)
- ***Need It Want It Do It***: Joe & Charlie: The Big Book Comes Alive (the August 1998 Laughlin, Nevada Joe & Charlie workshop in transcript form)
- ***The Little Red Book (An Orthodox Interpretation of the Twelve Steps of the Alcoholics Anonymous Program)*** by Edward A. Webster (uncredited) publ. by Hazelden Books (Dr. Bob's suggestions and notes to the author during its initial printing were incorporated into the final version)
- ***164 And More*** : A Reference Guide to the Big Book and the 12 & 12 : publ. by Recovery Press LLC
- ***The Big Book Dictionary and Concordance*** : available online thru: bigbookdictionary.com
- ***The 12 n 12 Dictionary*** : available online thru: 12n12dictionary.com or bigbookdictionary.com
- ***Back to Basics***: The Alcoholics Anonymous Beginner's Meetings: Here Are the Steps We Took... in Four One-Hour Sessions by Wally P. publ. by Faith With Works Publishing Co.
- ***Drop The Rock : Removing Character Defects : Steps Six and Seven*** : by Bill P., Todd W. and Sara S. (publ. by Hazelden)
- ***Drop the Rock--The Ripple Effect***: Using Step 10 to Work Steps 6 and 7 Every Day: by Fred H. (publ. by Hazelden)
- ***Making Amends***: Finding a new freedom: by AA Grapevine (publ. by AA World Services)

Websites:

- <http://www.steppingstones.org/house.html> : Online tour of Bill & Lois's Home (Katonah, N.Y.)
- <http://hindsfoot.org/archives.html> : AA History
- <http://www.aahistory.com/cgi-bin/faq3/faq3.cgi> : Big Book's Missing Facts (Who's Who in the first 164 pages)
- <http://www.aabibliography.com/bbstories.html> or <http://silkworth.net/aabiography/storyauthors.html> : Who's Who in the Big Book stories
- <http://westbalto.a-1associates.com/LetsAskBill.htm> : "Let's ask Bill"
- <http://silkworth.net> : Misc.
- <http://www.thejaywalker.com> : Misc.

For Starting the Day Spiritually:

Twenty Four Hours A Day by Richmond Walker (uncredited) publ by Hazelden Books