

Subject: Fwd: Update on fifth edition of the Big Book
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Area 75,

Here's the latest communication from AAWS on the 5th Edition.

I have one big piece of news to add: I have been in direct communication with John at AAWS and the 5th Edition will be returning to the indiscreet, plain blue cover on the book itself, wrapped by the removable dust jacket.

Apparently other areas, districts, groups and individuals also requested the same thing our Proposed Agenda Item suggested. Your voice matters!

In Service,
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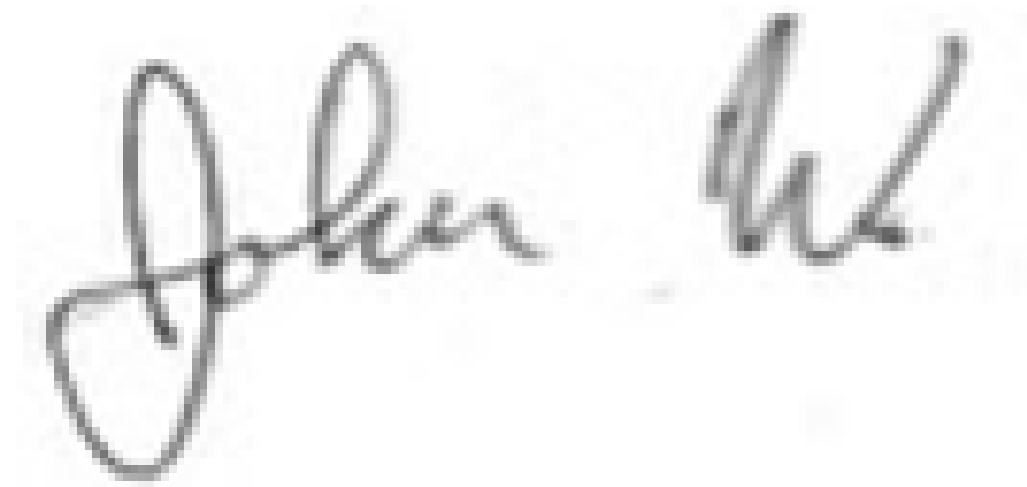
August 26, 2026

Dear A.A. Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the forthcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous*. At the July 30 meeting of the A.A. World Services Board, the Publishing Committee recommended, and the full board approved, that the fifth edition hardcover be produced with a removable dust jacket and that a list price of \$20 USD be adopted. We are on track with the production process to publish the hardcover of the fifth edition, updated with 26 new stories of recovery, in February 2027.

We share the Fellowship's excitement about the fifth edition of our beloved Big Book—coming more than 25 years after the publication of the fourth edition. More information about the publication of the fifth edition will follow this fall.

Warmly,

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John W.

Chair, AAWS Board

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Bob W.

General Manager, G.S.O.

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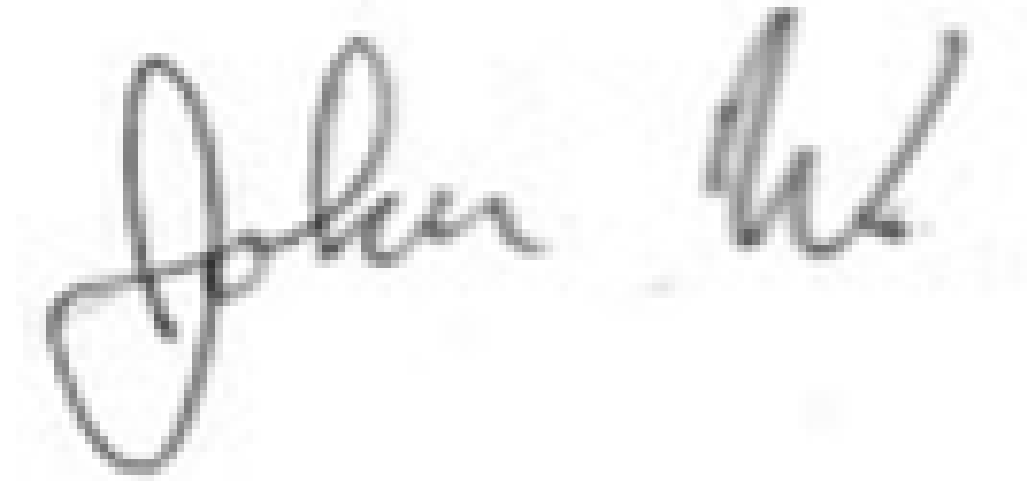
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Chers amis des AA,

Nous vous écrivons pour vous faire part des dernières informations concernant la publication de la très attendue cinquième édition d'*Alcoholics Anonymous* (version anglaise du Gros Livre). Lors de la réunion du Conseil d'AAWS tenue le 30 juillet, le comité de l'Édition a recommandé sa production avec couverture rigide et jaquette, au prix courant de 20 USD; le Conseil d'AAWS a approuvé cette recommandation. Le processus de production est en bonne voie pour une publication en février 2027 de cette cinquième édition, mise à jour avec 26 nouvelles histoires de rétablissement.

Nous partageons l'engouement du Mouvement pour la nouvelle édition de notre Gros Livre bien-aimé, après plus de 25 ans d'attente depuis la parution de la quatrième édition. Nous aurons plus de détails à vous communiquer au printemps.

Amitiés,

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John W.

Président du Conseil d'AAWS

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Bob W.

Directeur général du BSG

Para: Representantes de servicios generales (RSG), miembros de comités de distrito (MCD), custodios, directores no custodios, servidores de área y coordinadores de comités, delegados, miembros de comité invitados (MCI), intergrupos y oficinas centrales, contactos de grupo, y empleados de la OSG y el Grapevine.

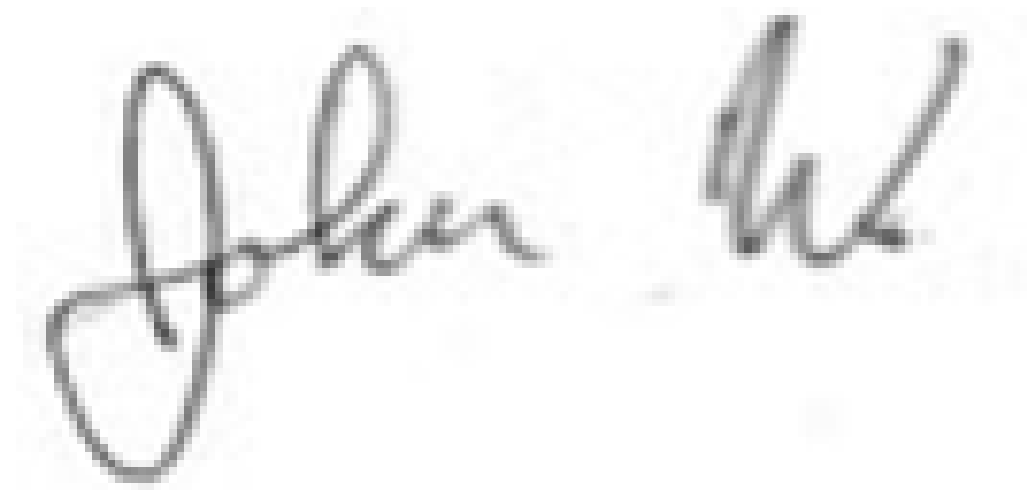
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Estimados amigos y amigas de AA:

Les escribimos para comunicarles la información más reciente respecto de la publicación de la quinta edición de *Alcohólicos Anónimos*. En la reunión del 30 de julio de la junta directiva de AAWS, el comité de Publicaciones recomendó —con aprobación de toda la junta— que la edición de tapa dura se publique con una sobrecubierta desmontable y con un precio de lista de 20 USD. El proceso de producción de la quinta edición —actualizada con 26 nuevas historias de recuperación— avanza según lo previsto para su publicación en febrero de 2027.

Compartimos el entusiasmo de la Comunidad por la quinta edición de nuestro amado Libro Grande —que llega más de 25 años después de la publicación de su cuarta edición—. Este otoño traeremos más información al respecto.

Atentamente,

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John W.

Presidente de la junta directiva de AAWS

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Bob W.

Gerente general de la OSG

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