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Discovering Choices - 2008

1000 Years of Sobriety - William G. Borchert
2010-10-01

1000 Years of Sobriety features the moving personal accounts of twenty men and women who have each remained sober for more than fifty years. These are the real "old timers," keepers of the wisdom, men and women from around the world who are among the dwindling generations who joined Alcoholics Anonymous when Bill W. was still alive, and whose very commitment to sobriety is a testament to the enduring power of the program. The inspiring accounts collected here follow the time-tested formula used by millions of people who share their stories of hope in AA meetings every day: They tell us what they were like as active alcoholics, what triggered their decision to join AA, and the dramatic details of how they got sober--and how they've stayed sober for more than fifty years. Each story concludes with sage words of advice for others in recovery. Those who share their stories in 1000 Years of Sobriety are living proof that the human connection bonded by the Twelve Steps has unsurpassed powers, and that AA is a program for generations to come.

It Will Never Happen to Me! - Claudia Black,
Ph.D 1987-09-12

This "little green book," as it has come to be

known to hundreds of thousands of C.O.A.'s and A.C.O.A.'s, is meant to help the reader understand the roles children in alcoholic families adopt, the problems they face in adulthood as a result, and what they can do to break the pattern of destruction.

How I Became My Father the Drunk - William G. Borchert 2015-08-01

"Addiction to alcohol and/or drugs is a devastating and incomprehensible disease. It reaches down into the very core of the alcoholic and his or her family and destroys their most precious possessions--love, faith, trust, confidence and finally hope. While intimate and painful at times this book tells the dramatic love story of one such family. It finally focuses on how the backlash of alcoholism fomented anger and hatred between a father and son that eventually inundates the entire family. Every glimmer of hope is seemingly drowned and growing despair leads to near devastation. Then, when all seems lost, the miracle of recovery gradually restores torn relationships and emotional health. That is why this deeply personal story was written--to show alcoholics and their families touched by the painful disease of addictions that hope does spring eternal and to encourage and guide them to reach out and seek the path to recovery."--Back cover.

What Katy Did - Susan Coolidge 1873

What Katy Did at School is the second novel in

the series. The book follows Katy as she attends a boarding school with her sister Clover where they befriend an adventurous girl named Rose Red. Sarah Chauncey Woolsey, who wrote under the pen name Susan Coolidge, was a prolific children's author. Coolidge is now most famous for writing the classic coming of age stories featuring Katy Carr and her family. The books are considered semi-autobiographical as Katy Carr is based off of Coolidge's childhood and Katy's siblings are based off of Coolidge's brothers and sisters.

The Book That Started It All - Alcoholics

Anonymous 2010-09-03

The Book That Started It All Hardcover

Getting Them Sober - Toby Rice Drews 1998-04

"Hundreds of practical and effective suggestions for sobriety and recovery"--Cover.

Bill W. and Mr. Wilson - Matthew J. Raphael

2002-04-30

William Griffith Wilson, cited by Time magazine as one of the hundred most influential individuals of the 20th century, is better known as Bill W., co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. In this book, Matthew J. Raphael, himself a member of AA (and writing under a pseudonym, in accordance with the code of AA), presents both the legendary Bill W. and the private Mr Wilson, who tried to live apart from his own celebrity.

Let's Nosh! - Amy Wilson Sanger 2002-07-17

Slurp a sip of chicken soup with floating matzoh balls! From rugelach to fresh-baked challah, tasty treats await young readers in this colorful, rhyming ode to kosher cuisine. With pages full of tummy-tempting foods, the books in the World Snacks series are a delicious way to introduce even the littlest eaters to cuisines from all around the globe.

My Name Is Bill - Susan Cheever 2015-09-01

In this thoroughly researched and groundbreaking biography of Bill Wilson, cofounder of Alcoholics Anonymous, acclaimed author Susan Cheever creates a remarkably human portrait of a man whose life and work both influenced and saved the lives of millions of people. Drawn from personal letters and diaries, records in a variety of archives, and hundreds of interviews, this definitive biography is the first fully documented account of Bill Wilson's life story. Alcoholics Anonymous is a worldwide

organization that since 1935 has helped people break free from the destructive influence of intoxicating and addictive substances. This great wave of comfort and help that has covered the world had its beginning in one man, born shortly before the start of the twentieth century.

Utilizing exhaustive research, Cheever traces Bill Wilson's life beginning with his birth in a small town in Vermont, where, following the breakup of his parents' marriage, he was raised primarily by his grandparents. Handsome and intelligent, with a wit and charm that both women and men responded to, he seemed at the outset to be capable of achieving anything he wanted. Wilson, however, also suffered from deep-seated insecurity, and once he was away from the provincial Vermont town, he found that alcohol helped relieve his self-doubts and brought out the charm and wit that had made him a favorite in school. "Help" eventually turned to dependence, and years after his first beer -- consumed at a Newport, Rhode Island, dinner party -- Bill Wilson finally had to come to terms with the fact that, while he loved the way alcohol made him feel, his life was spiraling out of control. Through a painful process of trial and error, using a blend of experiences, ideas, and medical knowledge gained through several hospitalizations, he was able to stop drinking. A few months later, when he met Dr. Robert Smith of Akron, Ohio, and was able to help him stop drinking also, Alcoholics Anonymous was born. Each man found in the other the support he needed to overcome the hold alcohol had on them. Together they discovered the power they had to help other alcoholics. Success did not come overnight, however, and as Cheever compellingly relates, Wilson had many struggles in a life fraught with controversies, including experiments with LSD and an unconventional fifty-three-year marriage. As one of the most influential and important thinkers of the twentieth century, Bill Wilson changed the way our society deals with addiction, and his ideas in turn have benefited countless individuals and their families. His life was complex, and in Susan Cheever's fascinating biography, he emerges as a man of great passion and courage; it is a story fully told for the first time.

The Secret Lives of Sgt. John Wilson - Lois Simmie 2014-12-31

John Wilson came to Canada from Scotland in 1912, leaving his wife and family with the promise to return in a year. In 1914 he joined the Mounties, and while stationed in Saskatchewan village, he caught TB and fell hopelessly in love with the young woman who took care of him. He would do anything for her, anything at all. Winner of the Arthur Ellis Award for Non-Fiction, *The Secret Lives of Sgt. John Wilson* is played out against a backdrop of catastrophic events—World War I, economic depression, the TB and Spanish Flu epidemics. It is a riveting story of passion, murder and retribution

The Lois Wilson Story, Hallmark Edition -

William G Borchert 2010-03-29

Now a Hallmark Hall of Fame special, "When Love is Not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story," this is the biography of Al-Anon creator and wife of AA cofounder Bill W. Acclaimed author and screenwriter William G. Borchert explores the life and times of Lois Burnham Wilson, the spirited creator of Al-Anon and wife of Alcoholics Anonymous co-founder Bill Wilson. From her privileged childhood in turn-of-the-century New York City to her socialite status as the 'Wall Street Wife' of the charismatic Bill in the roaring '20s to the couple's audacious crosscountry motorcycle excursions in the 1930s, Lois was every bit the adventure-seeker. But nothing could have prepared her for the chaos, anguish, and loss caused by Bill's seventeen-year descent into the depths of alcoholism. In this moving story, Borchert reveals how the couple rose from a life of despair to institute one of the twentieth century's most important social movements, and how Lois created a legacy of hope for millions of families devastated by addiction through her uncommon love and unshakable faith. Borchert drew from a series of exclusive personal interviews with Lois Wilson to write this definitive biography.

The Wreckage of My Presence - Casey Wilson
2021-05-04

"Magnificent." —People Magazine The instant New York Times bestseller: Laugh-out-loud, deeply insightful, and emotion-filled essays from multitalented actress, comedian, podcaster, and writer Casey Wilson. Casey Wilson has a lot on her mind and she isn't afraid to share. In this dazzling collection, each essay skillfully

constructed and brimming with emotion, she shares her thoughts on the joys and vagaries of modern-day womanhood and motherhood, introduces the not-quite-typical family that made her who she is, and persuasively argues that lowbrow pop culture is the perfect lens through which to examine human nature. Whether she's extolling the virtues of eating in bed, processing the humiliation over her father's late in life perm, mourning her mother's passing, or revealing her patented method for keeping the mystery alive in a marriage, Casey is witty, candid, and full of poignant and funny surprises. Humorous dives into her obsessions and areas of personal expertise—self-help, nice guys, cool girls (not her) and how to receive visitors in the bath—are matched by touching meditations on female friendship, anger, grief, motherhood, and identity. Reading *The Wreckage of My Presence* is like spending time with a close friend—a deeply passionate, full-tilt, joyous, excessive, compulsive, shameless, hungry-for-it-all, loyal, cheerleading friend. A friend who is ready for any big feelings that come her way—and isn't afraid to embrace them.

When Man Listens - Cecil Rose 2008-06-02

Reprint of an edition published in New York in 1937 by Oxford University Press.

Not God - Ernest Kurtz 2010-03-26

A fascinating, account of the discovery and program of Alcoholics Anonymous, *Not God* contains anecdotes and excerpts from the diaries, correspondence, and occasional memoirs of AA's early figures. The most complete history of A.A. ever written. *Not God* contains anecdotes and excerpts from the diaries, correspondence, and occasional memoirs of A.A.'s early figures. A fascinating, fast-moving, and authoritative account of the discovery and development of the program and fellowship that we know today as Alcoholics Anonymous.

Courage to Change—One Day at a Time in Al-Anon II - Al-Anon Family Groups 2018-08-01

More daily inspiration from a fresh, diverse perspective. Insightful reflections reveal surprisingly simple things that can transform lives.

Key Players in AA History - Bob K 2015-01

Today, there are over two million members of Alcoholics Anonymous. It's a life-saving

fellowship. But who started it, and when? Most people know about the co-founders, Bill Wilson and Dr. Bob Smith, who met in 1935 and formally launched AA. But who are the other "key players" in the history of AA? Well, there's Dr. William Silkworth, Bill's doctor at Towns Hospital. And Marty Mann, one of the first women in AA, and the founder of the National Council on Alcoholism. And Clarence Snyder, who started the first AA meeting in Cleveland. And many more fascinating men and women. Key Players in AA History by bob k not only tells us about these people, but in the process also provides a fresh understanding of the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. The book is well researched and a true pleasure to read. As Ernie Kurtz and Bill White put it in the Foreword: "The profiles crafted by bob k are drawn from multiple sources and presented in an engaging manner accessible to all those interested in the history of AA. So let the stories begin."

Hat Cat - Troy Wilson 2022-02-22

When Hat the cat's human friend doesn't come home for a while, this lonely kitty hopes for a taste of freedom with the help of a little girl, in this story about companionship, love, and trust. *50 Quiet Miracles That Changed Lives* - William G Borchert 2009-10-28

Inspiring true stories of ordinary people who have experienced extraordinary miracles—their Higher Power pointing them in a new direction, forever changing the course of their lives. Many of us dream of witnessing a real miracle, an awe-inspiring divine intervention that changes the course of our lives and heightens our belief in a personal and loving God. Yet, we are often so fixated on the idea of an awesome event that we somehow overlook the quiet little miracles that happen to each of us every day. The miracles collected in *50 Quiet Miracles That Changed Lives* come in all shapes and forms, from unexpected phone calls to chance meetings. They are small enough to simply produce a warm glow and dramatic enough to create awe and wonder. A father of five witnesses his burning home being saved by bearded strangers with fire extinguishers, who put out the fire and then disappear. A diamond miner in South Africa barely avoids a deadly crash when he is pushed out of a packed elevator at the last minute. A chance meeting leads a woman to the apartment

of her closest childhood friend, now dying of AIDS. She helps her friend regain spiritual strength and becomes a surrogate mother to her friend's child. If we allow ourselves to look beyond the glow and focus on the wonder, we will recognize that, in moments such as these, we are in the presence of God.

Alaskan Hero - Teri Wilson 2013-04-23

Not staying in one place too long is a motto search-and-rescue patrolman Brock Parker lives by. Until he meets Anya Petrova in Aurora, Alaska, who needs him to help her train her dog. Then he decides he'd risk anything for the woman whose love eventually has healed his heart.

Bear Feels Sick - Karma Wilson 2009

When Bear is too sick to play, his animal friends go to his cave to make him soup and tea and keep him company.

Father Ed Dowling - Glenn F. Chesnut 2015-07-17

The story of Father Ed Dowling, S.J., the Jesuit priest who served for twenty years as sponsor and spiritual guide to Bill Wilson, the co-founder of Alcoholics Anonymous. An icy evening in December 1940 saw the first meeting of two extraordinary spiritual leaders. Father Ed said that the graces he received from meeting Bill Wilson were as great as those he had received from his ordination as a priest, and Bill in turn described encountering the Jesuit as being like a second conversion experience, where he could feel the transcendent presence of God filling the entire room with grace. The good priest taught Wilson about St. Ignatius Loyola's Spiritual Exercises, about the eternal battle between good and evil which the Spanish saint described in that book, and explained the Jesuit understanding of the way we can use our deepest emotions to receive guidance from God while serving on that battlefield. The co-founder of the twelve step movement in turn supplied Father Ed with some of the most valuable tools he possessed for carrying out small group therapy on a wide range of different kinds of troubled people. Together the two men discussed Poulain's Graces of Interior Prayer and Bill's attempts to make spiritual contact with both spooks and saints, and explored the world of LSD experiences and the teachings of the Catholic, Hindu, and Buddhist mystics in Aldous

Huxleys Perennial Philosophy. And we will see how Father Ed, with his deep social conscience, helped Bill W. turn his book on the Twelve Traditions into a Bill of Rights for the twelve step movement, and how he laid out his own spiritual vision of Alcoholics Anonymous at the A.A. International in St. Louis in 1955.

Alcoholics Anonymous - Alcoholics Anonymous World Services 1986

The basic text for Alcoholics Anonymous.

Ebby - Mel B. 1997-12-22

Ebby

Leaf Man - Lois Ehlert 2005

A man made of leaves blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him, in a fresh, autumn tale with illustrations made from actual fall leaves and die-cut pages on every spread that reveal gorgeous landscape vistas. Jr Lib Guild.

When Two Loves Collide - William G. Borchert 2013-04

... on the verge of losing his surgical skills, his lucrative medical practice, and his family, John Mooney is sent to prison on felony drug charges for writing illegal prescriptions for narcotics. There behind bars he finds the miracle of redemption ... the solution for himself, his wife, and thousands of others he would go on to help.

A Rip in Heaven - Jeanine Cummins 2004-06-01

The acclaimed author of *American Dirt* reveals the devastating effects of a shocking tragedy in this landmark true crime book—the first ever to look intimately at the experiences of both the victims and their families. *A Rip in Heaven* is Jeanine Cummins' story of a night in April, 1991, when her two cousins Julie and Robin Kerry, and her brother, Tom, were assaulted on the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge, which spans the Mississippi River just outside of St. Louis. When, after a harrowing ordeal, Tom managed to escape the attackers and flag down help, he thought the nightmare would soon be over. He couldn't have been more wrong. Tom, his sister Jeanine, and their entire family were just at the beginning of a horrific odyssey through the aftermath of a violent crime, a world of shocking betrayal, endless heartbreak, and utter disillusionment. It was a trial by fire from which no family member would emerge unscathed.

Writing the Big Book - William H. Schaberg 2019-09-24

The definitive history of writing and producing the "Big Book" of Alcoholics Anonymous, told through extensive access to the group's archives. Alcoholics Anonymous is arguably the most significant self-help book published in the twentieth century. Released in 1939, the "Big Book," as it's commonly known, has sold an estimated 37 million copies, been translated into seventy languages, and spawned numerous recovery communities around the world while remaining a vibrant plan for recovery from addiction in all its forms for millions of people. While there are many books about A.A. history, most rely on anecdotal stories told well after the fact by Bill Wilson and other early members—accounts that have proved to be woefully inaccurate at times. Writing the Big Book brings exhaustive research, academic discipline, and informed insight to the subject not seen since Ernest Kurtz's *Not-God*, published forty years ago. Focusing primarily on the eighteen months from October 1937, when a book was first proposed, and April 1939 when Alcoholics Anonymous was published, Schaberg's history is based on eleven years of research into the wealth of 1930s documents currently preserved in several A.A. archives. Woven together into an exciting narrative, these real-time documents tell an almost week-by-week story of how the book was created, providing more than a few unexpected turns and surprising departures from the hallowed stories that have been so widely circulated about early A.A. history. Fast-paced, engaging, and contrary, *Writing the Big Book* presents a vivid picture of how early A.A. operated and grew and reveals many previously unreported details about the colorful cast of characters who were responsible for making that group so successful.

The Lois Wilson Story - William G. Borchert 2007-12-12

The Lois Wilson Story Softcover

Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age - Alcoholics Anonymous World Services, Inc. 2014-10-09

A.A. co-founder Bill W. tells the story of the growth of Alcoholics Anonymous from its make-or-break beginnings in New York and Akron in the early 1930s to its spread across the country and overseas in the years that followed. A wealth of personal accounts and anecdotes portray the

dramatic power of the A.A. Twelve Step program of recovery — unique not only in its approach to treating alcoholism but also in its spiritual impact and social influence. Bill recounts the evolution of the Twelve Steps, the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts for World Service — those principles and practices that protect A.A.'s Three Legacies of Recovery, Unity and Service — and how in 1955 the responsibility for these were passed on by the founding members to the Fellowship (A.A.'s membership at large). In closing chapters of *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age*, early "friends of A.A.," including the influential Dr. Silkworth and Father Ed Dowling, share their perspectives. Includes 16 pages of archival photographs. For those interested in the history of A.A. and how it has withstood the test of time, *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* offers on the growth of this ground-breaking movement. *Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age* has been approved by the General Service Conference.

The Nonprofit Leadership Transition and Development Guide - Tom Adams 2010-07-01

The Nonprofit Leadership Transition and Development Guide In this dynamic resource, Tom Adams (an expert in succession planning who has worked with hundreds of organizations) shows how intentional leadership development and properly managed leadership transitions provide nonprofits with the rare opportunity to change direction, maintain momentum, and strengthen their capacity. This accessible guidebook is filled with illustrative stories, instructive lessons, best practices, and practical tools that can be used to ensure a successful nonprofit leadership transition. "It is terrific to have a book which so effectively addresses the unique challenges and opportunities of leadership in the nonprofit sector, replete with sound advice and concrete examples. Tom Adams brings a wealth of experience and savvy to the topic. Paid and volunteer leaders of nonprofits at all levels will benefit from reading it."—Irv Katz, president and CEO, National Human Services Assembly "The guide is one of its kind in providing a realistic frame for the world of nonprofit leaders. It is long overdue in the sector as a real tool for leaders. Maybe even more important, it helps nonprofit boards of directors and philanthropic organizations to

understand the connection between their investment in leadership and achieving organizational goals." —Diane Bell McKoy, CEO, Associated Black Charities "Rich with instructive examples and advice, this book is grounded in the reality of nonprofits. It will be an extraordinarily useful guide to nonprofit organizations of all types and sizes." —Ruth McCambridge, editor in chief, *Nonprofit Quarterly* "Make no mistake: attracting and retaining top talent should be priority number one for the nonprofit sector. Adams's book offers practical advice for how to embed this priority into the sector's DNA. All who care about nonprofit effectiveness would be well-served to give this book a close read."—Kathleen P. Enright, president and CEO, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

The Language of the Heart - Bill W 2007

This large print edition of *Language of the Heart* contains all of AA cofounder Bill W.'s *Grapevine*, including a vivid description of how he came to organize the Steps.

The Lois Wilson Story - William G Borchert 2009-07-22

Now a Hallmark Hall of Fame special, "When Love is Not Enough: The Lois Wilson Story," this is the biography of Al-Anon creator and wife of AA cofounder Bill W. Lois Wilson, the wife of Alcoholics Anonymous cofounder Bill W., knew better than anyone that families, friends, and loved ones of alcoholics are also affected and need informed support and advice. *The Lois Wilson Story: When Love Is Not Enough* is both a testament to Wilson's spirit and a guiding light for those whose lives parallel hers. "Bill Borchert came into my life during our astounding screen collaboration in *My Name is Bill W.* What a joy to revisit this friendship in his new achievement, *The Lois Wilson Story*. Bill Borchert will always be a seminal part of my life and now millions of others will get to appreciate his selfless devotion to the woman who founded Al-Anon and her mesmerizing story. Bravo, my friend." Emmy Award-winning actor (*My Name is Bill W.*) James Woods "Bill Borchert shares the intimate recollections of Lois Wilson in an authentic and powerful tale of helplessness, hope, and fulfillment. This view of Lois' life with Bill Wilson and the birth and nurturing of the Twelve Step movement is awesome and rewarding. It is a

page-turning read and a tribute to Lois, cofounder of Al-Anon, and her passion to bring healing to everyone affected by the family disease of alcoholism." -Johnny Allen, President/CEO, The Johnson Institute "The story that would complement that of Bill W's had yet to be written. And now, William Borchert has done the job. Borchert begins his book with an easy-flowing, active tense, almost fictional style that keeps you riveted on Lois and her love story. It's well done. I'll be reading and utilizing for research the Borchert story for many years." Dick B. (a pseudonym) Writer, Historian, retired Attorney, Author of 25 published titles on the history and spiritual roots of A.A.

The Spirituality of Imperfection - Ernest Kurtz 2009-12-23

I Am Not Perfect is a simple statement of profound truth, the first step toward understanding the human condition, for to deny your essential imperfection is to deny yourself and your own humanity. The spirituality of imperfection, steeped in the rich traditions of the Hebrew prophets and Greek thinkers, Buddhist sages and Christian disciples, is a message as timeless as it is timely. This insightful work draws on the wisdom stories of the ages to provide an extraordinary wellspring of hope and inspiration to anyone thirsting for spiritual growth and guidance in these troubled times. Who are we? Why do we so often fall short of our goals for ourselves and others? By seeking to understand our limitations and accept the inevitability of failure and pain, we begin to ease the hurt and move toward a greater sense of serenity and self-awareness. The Spirituality Of Imperfection brings together stories from many spiritual and philosophical paths, weaving past traditions into a spirituality and a new way of thinking and living that works today. It speaks to anyone who yearns to find meaning within suffering. Beyond theory and technique, inside this remarkable book you will find a new way of thinking, a way of living that enables a truly human existence.

Sought Through Prayer and Meditation - Geno W. 2010-01-28

An inspiring collection of meditations, prayers, and insights designed to facilitate the weekly practice of the 11th step, heightening our conscious contact with God as we understand

him. Each year, hundreds of men and women cross the threshold of the Wolfe Street Center in Little Rock, Arkansas. Many of them attend the "Hour of Power," a weekly Sunday morning meeting focused on heightening one's spiritual awareness and growth by focusing on the Eleventh Step of Alcoholics Anonymous: "Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with God as we understand Him, praying only for knowledge of His will for us and the power to carry that out." This special book, designed for weekly study, offers a prayer, a meditation, and related insights from the discussions that emerged during the "Hour of Power." Sought Through Prayer and Meditation brings the insights of the collective consciousness of the Wolfe Street groups to recovering people everywhere. This book reminds us that if we are vigilant in our spiritual pursuit, we may well achieve what is promised: "a glimpse of that ultimate reality which is God's kingdom." (Geno W.)

The Lois Wilson Story - William G. Borchert 2005

Reveals how Lois and Bill Wilson rose from life of despair to institute one of the twentieth century's most important social movements, and how Lois created hope for other families dealing with addiction.

The ACOA Trauma Syndrome - Tian Dayton 2012-09-03

Bestselling author, psychologist, and psychodramatist Dayton examines childhood trauma through an exploration of the way the brain and body process frightening or painful emotions and experiences.

How It Worked - Mitchell K. 2018-06-30

This is the story of Clarence H. Snyder and How A.A. came to Cleveland Ohio. Clarence started the 3rd A.A. group in the world. His sponsor Dr. Bob S., a Co-Founder of Alcoholics Anonymous along with Bill W. Clarence started and initiated many practices that are used today. (he wrote a pamphlet on Sponsorship and initiated beginners classes. His Cleveland Central Bulletin predates The A.A. Grapevine) Clarence asked his sponsee Mitchell K. to write the factual history of A.A. in Cleveland so that the ordinary man could read and understand it.

Bill W. - Francis Hartigan 2001-10-12

When Bill Wilson, with his friend Dr. Bob Smith,

founded Alcoholics Anonymous in 1935, his hope was that AA would become a safe haven for those who suffered from this disease. Thirty years after his death, AA continues to help millions of alcoholics recover from what had been commonly regarded as a hopeless addiction. Still, while Wilson was a visionary for millions, he was no saint. After cofounding Alcoholics Anonymous, he stayed sober for over thirty-five years, helping countless thousands rebuild their lives. But at the same time, Wilson suffered from debilitating bouts of clinical depression, was a womanizer, and experimented with LSD. Francis Hartigan, the former secretary and confidant to Wilson's wife, Lois, has exhaustively researched his subject, writing with a complete insider's knowledge. Drawing on extensive interviews with Lois Wilson and scores of early members of AA, he fully explores Wilson's organizational genius, his devotion to

the cause, and almost martyr-like selflessness. That Wilson, like all of us, had to struggle with his own personal demons makes this biography all the more moving and inspirational. Hartigan reveals the story of Wilson's life to be as humorous, horrific, and powerful as any of the AA vignettes told daily around the world.

Dog Loves Books - Louise Yates 2011-08-04
Now a major Cbeebies show! Dog loves books! It doesn't matter which books; Dog just LOVES books. They could be books about dinosaurs or aliens, Dog doesn't mind. He's just happy to be reading. Dog has his very own bookshop, although he doesn't have many customers. But that's all right, because when Dog is surrounded by books, he is never short of friends or fun. And when someone does come into the shop, Dog knows just which books to recommend... Join Dog in his AMAZING bookshop, and see what adventures reading can take you on.