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August 26, 2026

Dear AA Friends:

We are writing to provide an update regarding the upcoming publication of the much-anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* . At the July 30 meeting of the AA 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,

John W.
Chair, AAWS Board

Bob W.,
General Manager, GSO

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August 26, 2026

Dear friends of AA,

We are writing to share the latest information regarding the publication of the highly anticipated fifth edition of *Alcoholics Anonymous* (the English version of the Big Book). At the AAWS Council meeting on July 30, the Publishing Committee recommended its production in hardcover with dust jacket, at the current price of $20 USD; the AAWS Council endorsed this recommendation. The production process is well underway for publication in February 2027 of this updated fifth edition, featuring 26 new recovery stories.

We share the Movement's enthusiasm for the new edition of our beloved Big Book, after more than 25 years of waiting since the publication of the fourth edition. We will have more details to share with you in the spring.

Best regards,

John W.
Chairman of the AAWS Board

Bob W.,
Chief Executive of the BSG

Para: Representantes de servicios generales (RSG), members of district committees (MCD), custodios, directors no custodios, servidores de área y coordinadores de committees, delegates, members of invited committees (MCI), intergrupos and central offices, contactos de grupo, y empleados de la OSG y el Grapevine.

August 26, 2026

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,

John W.
Presidente de la junta directiva de AAWS

Bob W.
Gerente general de la OSG

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