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**Q:** Is there a prepublication copy of the Big Book?

**A:** The General Service Office Archives has photocopies available of the original "Multilith," which was the prepublication manuscript of the Big Book. This draft circulated in late 1938 among the first members (about 100) in Akron, Cleveland, and New York. Certain nonalcoholic friends of AA — physicians, clergymen, and newspaper editors — were also asked for their comments and suggestions. Twenty-one of the final twenty-nine First Edition personal stories were also a part of the text. There were at least two editings of this draft before it went to the printer. It is available at cost to any member or group who asks for it (suggested price is \$12).

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