

RESOURCES

Many of these books are available in the UUA Bookstore. You can order by calling 1-800-215-9076 or visiting the website at www.uua.org/bookstore. Your congregation's library may have some as well.

UU HISTORY

These works offer an introductory path into our liberal religious heritage:

American Universalism

by George Huntston Williams, fourth edition (Skinner House Books, 2002)

A classic, digestible study of two hundred years of Universalist history in the United States.

A Faith People Make: Illustrated Unitarian Universalist Lives

by Stephen Kendrick (Universalist Church of West Hartford, CT, 1997)

Good capsule portrayals of twenty-one notables, from Priestley to Reeb.

Follow the Gleam: A History of the Liberal Religious Youth Movements

by Wayne Arnason (Skinner, 1980)

A thorough treatment of how Unitarian and Universalist youth organizations evolved and merged into Liberal Religious Youth; with photos!

The Gospel of Universalism: Hope, Courage, and the Love of God

by Tom Owen-Towle (Skinner House Books, 1993)

A thin, but resonant volume of twenty vignettes that reflect on the power of Universalism's guiding principles. This book is out of print.

A Stream of Light: A Short History of American Unitarianism

Conrad Wright, ed., second edition (Skinner House Books, 1989)

A scholarly set of five essays that present five early generations of Unitarianism.

Three Prophets of Religious Liberalism

Conrad Wright, ed., second edition (Skinner House Books, 1996)

A powerful portrayal of the most influential sermons by Unitarians William Ellery Channing, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Theodore Parker, with good contextual and explanatory material about each.

The Unitarians and the Universalists

by David Robinson (Greenwood Press, 1985)

A concise but thorough summary of our American UU story, with a helpful biographical dictionary.

GENERAL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

These items offer a broad perspective on our faith from a variety of angles:

Being Liberal in an Illiberal Age: Why I Am a Unitarian Universalist
by Jack Mendelsohn (Skinner House Books, 1995)

A venerable set of eloquent and idealistic essays.

A Chosen Faith

by John A. Buehrens and Forrest Church (Beacon Press, 1998)

A very readable introduction to Unitarian Universalism, focusing on the Sources of our living tradition.

Everyday Spiritual Practice: Simple Pathways for Enriching Your Life

Scott Alexander, ed. (Skinner, 1999)

A helpful series of thirty-eight short essays that do what the title suggests.

God and Other Famous Liberals: Recapturing Bible, Flag, and Family from the Far Right

by Forrest Church (Simon & Schuster, 1992)

A stirring set of eight essays that connect liberal religion with democracy. This book is out of print.

Heretics' Faith: Vocabulary for Religious Liberals

by Fredric John Muir available from UU Church of Annapolis, MD, 2001)

An alphabetical collection of concise and insightful essays on fifty-one important religious subjects, including some provocative classic and contemporary concepts.

Our Seven Principles in Story and Verse: A Collection for Children and Adults

by Kenneth W. Collier (Skinner, 1997)

An encouraging, very readable sashay through the seven Principles.

Today's Children and Yesterday's Heritage

by Sophia Fahs (Beacon, 1952)

An inspirational and timeless explication of what serves UU children well. This book is out of print.

The Unitarian Universalist Pocket Guide

John Buehrens, ed., third edition (Skinner House Books, 1999)

The third edition of this popular handbook provides a good overview through eight essays and a chronology of important dates.

What Unitarian Universalists Believe: Living Principles for a Living Faith

by eleven authors (UUA Denominational Grants Panel, 1987; published by All Souls Church, New York, NY)

Excellent early "Resources for Study and Worship," based on the seven Principles.