Annotated Reading List of Recommended Astrology Books

Cookbooks
*Planets in Transit* by Robert Hand
- A classic for interpretations of the planetary combinations; read every aspect of a particular combination to get a more rounded view

*Aspects in Astrology* by Sue Tompkins
- Focus on aspects in natal chart with plenty of examples from real birth charts

*The Inner Sky* by Steven Forrest
- Introduction to evolutionary astrology

*The Combinations of Stellar Influence* by Reinhold Ebertin
- A compendious tome but has some blindspots; some interpretations overly dark

*Transits* by Reinhold Ebertin
- Smaller book by the same author

*The Twelve Houses* by Howard Sasportas
- Treatment of the houses with interpretations for every placement and every planet in every house

*The Astrologer’s Handbook* by Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker
- A classic text treating natal charts, but is starting to feel rather dated

*Predictive Astrology* by Frances Sakoian and Louis Acker
- A classic text treating transits, but is starting to feel rather dated

History and Metaphysics
*Cosmos and Psyche* by Richard Tarnas
- Great on worldview in first 100 pages; detailed treatment of outer planet cycles and cultural-historical events (mundane astrology); archetypal astrology

*The Moment of Astrology* by Geoffrey Cornelius
- Philosophy of astrology with particular emphasis on epistemology; divination

*Hellenistic Astrology* by Chris Brennan
- Solid text on history and traditional practice of astrology in the west

*A History of Western Astrology* by Jim Tester
- Classic narrative history of the tradition

*Transpersonal Theory and the Astrological Mandala* by Gerry Goddard
- More about transpersonal theory than astrology, but a fascinating integration of the zodiac with historical and psychological developmental models
Dane Rudhyar

*The Lunation Cycle* by Dane Rudhyar
- Rudhyar was a genius and visionary with whose work we are still coming to grips; here he explores how the relationship between Sun and Moon is the template for understanding all the aspects

*The Astrology of Transformation* by Dane Rudhyar
- What is a blow to our ego may be beneficial to our soul; Rudhyar details the four levels of psychological existence and their interactions in the context of astrology

*An Astrological Triptych* by Dane Rudhyar
- An innovative if somewhat idiosyncratic take on the planets, signs, and houses (thus triptych)

Going further

*Astrology, Karma, and Transformation* by Stephen Arroyo
- This text is highly recommended, situating astrology in its broader psychological, metaphysical, and spiritual context

*Yesterday’s Sky: Astrology and Reincarnation* by Steven Forrest
- Going further with evolutionary astrology; focus on the nodes; case studies

*Cycles of Becoming: The Planetary Pattern of Growth* by Alexander Ruperti
- A look at each planetary cycle in its universal application (e.g. Saturn return, Uranus opposition); good on mid-life transits

*Making the Gods Work for You* by Caroline Casey
- Living your life as a spiritual detective novel

*Essays on Astrology* by Robert Hand
- Essay collection discussing specific astrological issues in scholarly depth

Texts on specific Heavenly Bodies

*Gods of Change: Pain, Crisis, and the Transits of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto* by H. Sasportas
- A psychological treatment of the outer planets through the houses with case studies

*The Luminaries* by Liz Greene and Howard Sasportas
- Mythology and psychology of the Sun and Moon, written by a female-male team

*Saturn: A New Look at an Old Devil* by Liz Greene
- A redeeming psychological look at Kronos in myth and all areas of astrology; sometimes still feels a little dark in its interpretations

*Chiron: Rainbow Bridge between the Inner & Outer Planets* by Barbara Hand Clow
- The wounded healer as mediator between the personal planets and the ambassadors of the galaxy

*Asteroid Goddesses* by Demetra George and Douglas Bloch
- Mythological and psychological approach to the re-emerging feminine through the Asteroids