

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 Astrologers 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 Rupert

- 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