

Newcomers and Elmers Net: My Favorite Books

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- ARRL Handbook – (not necessarily the latest edition) the gold standard for encyclopedic information about amateur radio; multiple years
- ARRL Antenna Book – same as above, but focused on all things antennas
- Radio Communications Handbook (RSGB) – the British equivalent of ARRL Handbook, again older editions are quite good
- ARRL Hints and Kinks (8 Collections so far) – these are short topics with suggestions and problem-solving ideas (get 'em used!)
- Antenna Classics series from ARRL – culled from articles in QST over the years, such as wire antennas, Yagis, verticals, etc.
- Ham Radio for Dummies 2nd Edition
- ARRL Operating Manual – god for exploring the world of amateur radio
- Electronics for Dummies
- Sounds in the Air – short story-driven history of broadcast radio
- ARRL's books on HF and VHF Digital Modes
- 200 Meters and Down – a history of Amateur radio
- Joe Carr Books – Receiving Antennas and Simple Loop Antennas
- WRTH – World Radio and Television Handbook – great reference for listing radio stations of all kinds
- The World-wide Listening Guide by John Figliozzi – absolutely excellent SWL reference with not just stations, but program guides
- Building Successful HF Antennas – Peter Dodd RSGB; considered an expert and has been writing a column for their publication for years
- Antennas Mastered – Peter Dodd
- The New Shortwave Propagation Handbook – George Jacobs, et al. – excellent book on propagation for HF; shouldn't overlook books on shortwave radio since our HF bands are in the same parts of the spectrum