

# Memo

**To:** WSO Board of Trustees and ACA Fellowship worldwide

**From:** Bill D., General Manager

**Date:** 7/24/2024

**Re:** Fellowship Alert: Update on Counterfeit BRBs

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Dear ACA Fellowship,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to provide an update regarding the memo sent on July 2nd regarding counterfeit BRB's being sold worldwide.

I am pleased to inform you that ACA WSO has successfully worked with Amazon to remove the known sellers of the counterfeit BRB's. We are deeply grateful to those who alerted us to these online sellers as soon as they became aware of them. You can now confidently purchase our books through Amazon by ensuring the author and publisher listed is Adult Children of Alcoholics World Service Organization (or ACA WSO) and the ISBN numbers match the ones marked as authentic below.

To identify whether you have purchased a counterfeit BRB, simply check the back cover for the correct ISBN number on the barcode. Authentic BRBs have the following ISBN numbers:

- Authentic Hardcover ISBN 978-0978979706
- Authentic Softcover ISBN 978-0978979782

**The Counterfeit BRBs have the following ISBN numbers:**

- **Counterfeit Hardcover ISBN: 978-9192874224**
- **Counterfeit Softcover ISBN: 978-8940473641**

As previously mentioned, this incident has had a significant financial impact on ACA due to tens of thousands of dollars in pirated sales, and has harmed the reputation of our branded intellectual property. To address these issues, your World Service Organization has engaged an Intellectual Property Legal Firm to recover lost revenues resulting from this infringement. Our attorneys have filed a lawsuit in the United States Federal Court against the primary distributor and approximately twenty anonymous individuals, who will be identified during the discovery phase of the lawsuit.

If you have inadvertently purchased one of these counterfeit books, we encourage you to attempt a return. If returning it is not feasible due to time constraints, please notify us via email at [info@acawso.org](mailto:info@acawso.org) and attach your receipt for the book. ACA WSO is committed to assisting those who have received a counterfeit book that cannot be returned by providing a replacement. Once again, I want to express our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has shown support for ACA WSO as we address this significant issue. Please let us know of any sellers you come across still selling counterfeit books.