



**ATAP Certification  
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Body of  
Knowledge  
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**The list of resources listed under Section I are the basis for all questions on the certification exam. Those resources listed under Section II are considered valuable additional resources to be aware of and consider reading.**

**The books listed in Section I are available through online book stores such as Amazon, while the other materials may be available through online resources or directly on the ATAP website under the Certification tab. Please go to [www.atapworldwide.org](http://www.atapworldwide.org) for some links to these publications.**

**Section I. Question Source Reading List**

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**Section I, continued. The following publications are available on line, most for no cost. These resources are also the basis of questions on the certification exam.**

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## Section II. Additional Reading List

**The following are sources the Certification Committee reviewed and believe are valuable works with which Certified Threat Managers should have a working knowledge. However, in an effort to keep the cost of required study materials reasonable, no exam questions were taken from these sources.**

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