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Interest in our nation's weather patterns is rising -- as witnessed in the popularity of the Weather Channel -- and this guide is the most popular reference to every type of weather system, cloud formation, and atmospheric phenomenon common to North America. The 378 dramatic photographs capture cloud types, precipitation, storms, twisters, and optical phenomena such as the Northern Lights. Essays with accompanying maps and illustrations discuss the earth's atmosphere, weather systems, cloud formation, and development of tornadoes and many other weather events.

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Matthew Sullivan says

This book has been a constant companion of mine since 1995 when I was a teenager. It has seen the grey nimbostratus of Pittsburgh, the fleeting cirrus and cirrostratus clouds of the Mojave desert, the billowing cumulus and cumulostratus of the Eastern Shore, and hundreds of locations in between. It has survived floods, earthquakes, and several hurricanes with minimal damage. (Slight water damage from a flooded garage.)

I never fail to learn something new and fascinating every time I open this book, even though I've read every page several times over by now. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in meteorology, weather observation, and cloud gazing in general.

Erica says

I've enjoyed this book since I was a kid. It isn't exactly for the beginning meteorologist. If you don't understand what's going on in between then at least enjoy the pictures.

Samuel says

The photography is stunning, and the descriptions of cloud types &c. are helpful and concise.

The stuff about how the weather service works is all outdated (I think I had the 1991 edition), but it was a fascinating time capsule into the pre-computer world of meteorology.

Mahria says

Who knew the Audubon Society had a weather field guide? So good! I want to have a bookshelf for all of the field guides. Chock full of cloud pictures, weather science and historic facts.

Diana says

For one summer in grade school, I ritualistically observed the weather every day. Rain gauge, barometer, camera to capture cloud formations, notebook to record it all. I made my own predictions. I compared them with the Farmer's Almanac and the Weather Channel. See how the book is baby blue? I wore baby blue shorts and a baby blue shirt when gathering data. This book was always in hand.

That copy was water damaged, but it's been recently replaced. I am still a little obsessive about the weather.

Simon Goetz says

Written with scientific finesse and packaged with beautiful color plates and a durable plastic horizon-blue dust jacket, this book spells instant meteorological boner. Guaranteed. The section on orographic clouds is especially riveting.

I carry a copy of this book on my person at all times. You should too, if you have a person who is willing to carry it.

Erich Franz Linner-Guzmann says

I had this book since I was a child and it has brought great joy throughout the years; well mainly when I was a youngster. This book and all the other field guides that Alfred A. Knopf published are fantastic, I own 4 myself and all are just as great as this one.

Michael Shilling says

Stare at the sky more. The weather is interesting.

Sam says

More of an impulse buy than anything, but it was useful while on field work in America, the photography is superb and the descriptions of each cloud type are well thought out and will make sense to amateurs and professionals alike

Naomi says

I love the weather and my husband got this as a gift. It's nicely divided, easy to read, and has great pictures.
