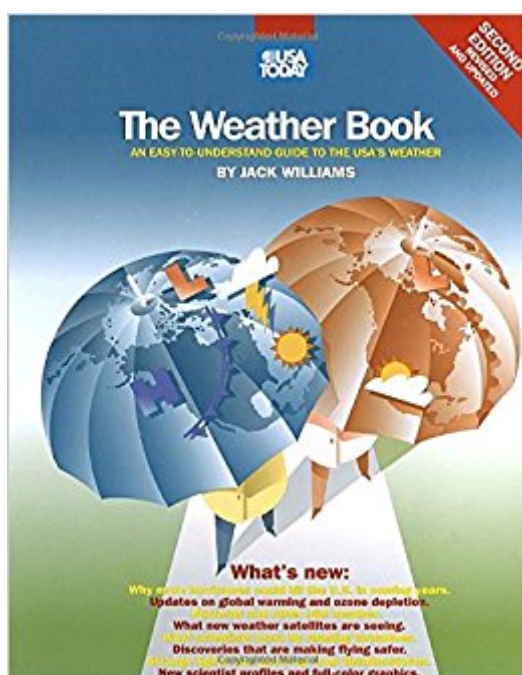


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# The Weather Book: An Easy-to-Understand Guide To The USA's Weather



## Synopsis

Featuring the full-color weather graphics of America's favorite newspaper, here is a newly revised edition of the most readable guide to our nation's weather. It also includes an updated state-by-state guide to weather patterns and scientifically accurate records. Online promo.

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The oft-disparaged USA Today has influenced the American press most notably in its thorough, graphic approach to weather. This book, written by the founding editor of the newspaper's weather page and illustrated by its artists, taps that expertise. Useful both as a reference work and a browse, the book presents a wealth of information, making complex ideas--such as why wind directions change with altitude--accessible through colorful maps and graphics. Chapters cover everything from storms to droughts, with a look at weather forecasting as well as the diversity of our country's weather. The chapters include interesting tidbits such as the effect of heat on an airplane's takeoff distance and the importance of seeking higher ground during a flood. Boxed sidebars examine weather disasters and profile weather scientists such as Jack Parrish, who flies into hurricanes to study them. In the margins Williams offers weather factoids such as Eskimo names for snow. Only infrequently does the newspaper's cutesy style grate, such as in a graphic headlined "Inside the Sun: Our Life-Giving Inferno." Included are a glossary and weather record for all 50 states.

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Most people are familiar with the colorful maps and other graphics used on the weather page of USA Today . This book, by one of the founders of that page, supplies the background to better understand weather maps and a multitude of weather phenomena. As one might expect, the illustrations are outstanding and the text is readable and up to date. But the text is meaty as well. This is a very good detailed introduction to the field, complementary to David M. Ludlum's The Audubon Society Field Guide to North American Weather (Knopf, 1991). The only negative aspect of the book is its narrow inner margins, making rebinding a problem. Recommended for public and high school libraries.- Joseph Hannibal, Cleveland Museum of Natural HistoryCopyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The title of this book could not be more perfect..."easy-to-understand"! This fabulous book brings the Weather alive to me! I have always loved reading the USA Today weather maps on Fridays and the short but informative articles next to them. This book is a collection of all those fabulous tidbits of information with accompanying diagrams that are so explanatory and colorful. I originally purchased this book several years ago at a used bookstore in Bellingham Washington, but left it in an airport! I have never forgotten it and yearned to see it once more, as I had only read the first 20 pages when I lost it. My replacement book from arrived sooner than expected and I have not opened it yet because it is a birthday present for me from one of my daughters...2 more weeks to go!The clearly explained text coupled with the expertly illustrated and detailed diagrams make this unique book invaluable to anyone interested in learning more about the Weather. I am a visual learner and for me this book makes the intricate components of weather systems jump right off the page and into my head! It is SO much more fun than reading chapter after chapter explaining how things work...this book Shows you with vivid examples! This book is a Must Have and could easily be useful to a school child, a college student, a teacher, or even a novice student of the weather like me.

I think this book is incredibly full of good information! The pictures are wonderful and the reading is not too difficult or too simplistic. My only issue is with finding answers to the questions my instructor gives us to complete. My guess, therefore, is that the problem is the instructor's questions, not the book! HAHAHA - we are allowed to use the internet as well though. :D Great buy!

I ordered this for my college course class weather science. The book was new and came on time. I choose to keep it as a reference because it has so much knowledge that I think will come in handy

later.

Read first edition disappointed with the errors.

Excellent book!! Easy to understand and filled with illustrations on every page. Provides an wonderful introduction to understanding the weather for the laymen!! Highly recommend!!

Very well organized and broken down step by step for every subject. Perfect for beginning weather enthusiasts!

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