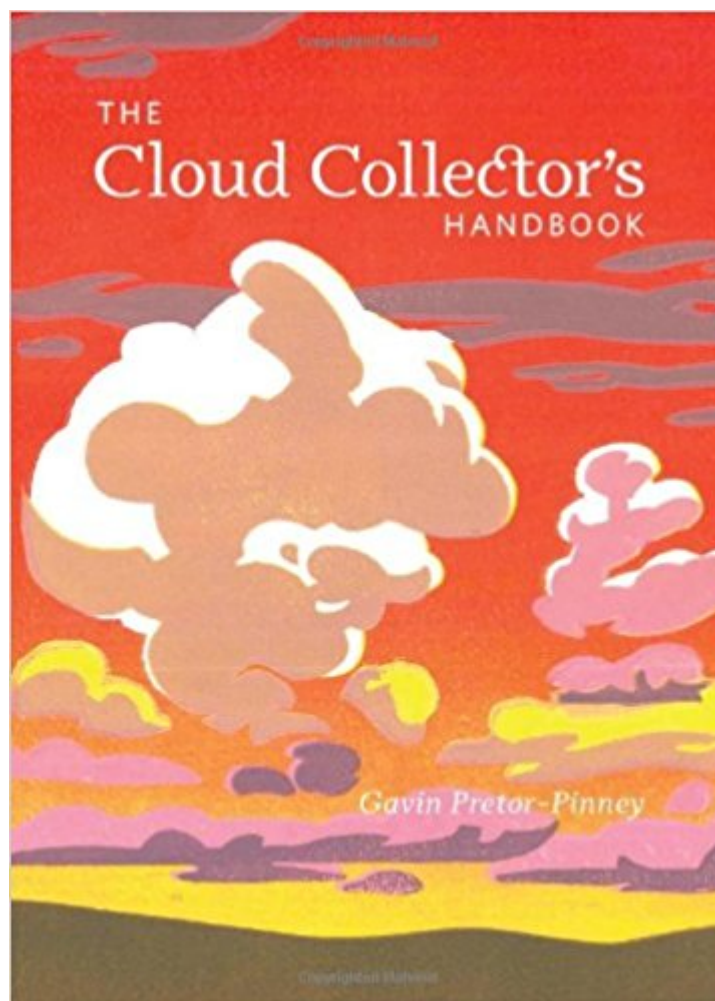


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The Cloud Collector's Handbook



Synopsis

The perfect incentive for keeping your head in the clouds, *The Cloud Collector's Handbook* is a whimsical guide to the wonders of the sky. Throughout, author and cloud expert Gavin Pretor-Pinney catalogs a variety of clouds and gives readers points for spotting them and recording their finds. This fun and useful book features gorgeous full-color photographs that showcase a new type of cloud on every spread, from fluffy cumulus to the super rare horseshoe vortex to the wispy noctilucent clouds that hang at the fringes of space. Sure to be a hit with both aspiring and seasoned cloud gazers, this clever handbook will have everyone looking up.

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"Gavin Pretor-Pinney's dreamy and beautiful *The Cloud Collector's Handbook* will turn your family into cloud chasers and cloud connoisseurs." -My Daily Find.
"I immediately fell in love with *The Cloud Collector's Handbook*." - Brain Pickings

Gavin Pretor-Pinney is the founder of the Cloud Appreciation Society, a global organization that fights "blue-sky thinking." He is also the co-founder and creative director of *The Idler* magazine and author of the best-selling *The Cloudspotter's Guide*. He lives in Somerset, England.

I love this book! My 10-year-old loves to help me spot clouds. I received it a couple days before a 2-week road trip, and I had such an enjoyable time reading through the book, looking at the pictures, and trying to identify what I was seeing. It's a fun idea--cloud collecting, and I have a new

hobby because of this book. Great quality of photos, pages, and binding. I carry it with me all the time, and it's still in great shape. I'd recommend this book to anyone who appreciates the sky, clouds, or nature. It's a bargain gift, too.

I have a nephew obsessed with weather and cloud formations. He likes to tell me what clouds he's recently seen. This book is 'way cool' for the weather buff in your life. It has a checklist and a fun "point" scale for scoring your sky-viewing. Very detailed, great pictures- lots of good science on the formations and what conditions are needed to generate them. I would easily give this book five-stars, except for the oddly generic and badly colored cover art. It's a god-awful pinky-orange hue that didn't really do the contents justice. Would definitely recommend despite this, but I hope they do something different with the cover for future editions.

Great little book for riding in the car and watching the clouds roll by. Small print (you'll need your readers along), but very informative with good illustrations. Fun activity for everyone on a long car trip - especially out west where you'll be able to collect all sorts of clouds.

This little handbook is a great extension from the Cloud Spotter's Guide. It is compact and robust enough to cart around with you, and has the same wit and concise information that made our Founder's guide so enjoyable. It suggests that as you accumulate clouds, you can take photos of them, and link the notes to the photos. This will allow us to compete aggressively with other cloud spotters in amassing beautiful and exotic clouds. I have only just started, but I think this is going to turn me into a cloud connoisseur. The photo examples in the book are very clear, and it has an image index at the back to help you work out what has taken your fancy. CAS Member No.: 15980

What a gem this little book is about clouds. It is great for reference, for enjoyment and for sharing clouds with kids who want to know more about them. Each entry includes pictures, a short, but comprehensive description, key points and a box called "I spotted a ?????". You can enter the date you spotted the formation, where, conditions and if you took a picture where you can find it on whatever image program you use. Chapters include: Ten Main Cloud Types Notable Species and Varieties Accessory Clouds and Supplementary Features Other Clouds Cloud Optical Effects Appendix/Indexes Technical Terms Cloud Classification Photographers Index Cloud Image Index Index Final Notes The Cloud Image Index is particularly nice feature if you are trying to compare similar looking clouds. The pictures have page numbers referring you back to the page the

cloud is discussed. If you can only buy one book on clouds, this would be a great one!

ALWAYS in car where so many oddities have been seen in cloud formation. You can tally points for rarities I saw 1st time out, a two-hour trip. Living near one of Great Lakes all my life (on shoreline now) and just an hour from another Great gives ample opps. Fun to have on Kindle which travels along anywhere, can switch from whatever I am reading to this.

This is an extremely comprehensive reference on types of clouds and other atmospheric phenomena. It is easy to navigate and well-illustrated. Each type of cloud gets a short section starting with a gorgeous image of the cloud and filled with easy to understand explanations and fun facts. I'm no expert on clouds and I found this book added a new dimension to something as "ordinary" as looking up at the sky. I purchased it on my Kindle but find it more fun to view on my Kindle app on my iPad, or on Kindle for PC, as the pictures are much nicer in color than black and white.

If you are at all interested in clouds, this is the book for you. It is written as a field guide for clouds, and includes the precise names for the different types of clouds and information about the conditions under which different types of clouds form. The book is beautifully illustrated by photos sent in by members of the Cloud Appreciation Society, which was founded by the author. If you are a painter, there are some great references here. If you home school your kids, this would make a good resource for weather, art or water segments. The book includes space to notate which clouds you've seen so you can "collect" clouds, and describes and illustrates some of the rarer forms. I'm a confirmed cloud watcher, and this book has photos of formations I've never seen before. The author has an entertaining voice, and provides just enough information without bogging down into dry facts. In short, it's fun. Great price, too.

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