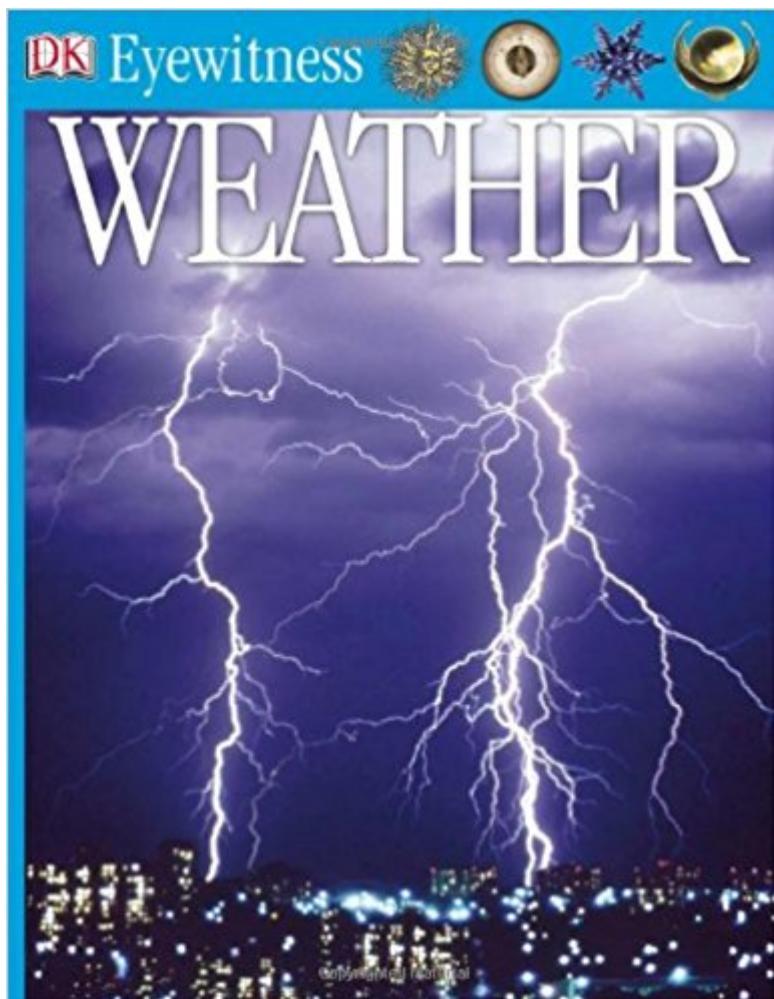


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# DK Eyewitness Books: Weather



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

A book about weather everything from the history of meteorology to the formation of hurricanes. There is a lot of information in each page, information about different equipment used to track and measure the weather. Photographs and graphics are used to describe the weather and how to track it. In the back of the book there are pages devoted to making a home weather station to track and record the weather. The book is indexed in the back for easy access to information. It makes the book a good choice to have for easy reference or a young student's weather project. The material is not presented in a boring matter. Some younger students may find too much information to understand at the first reading.

"Weather" is a particularly appropriate book to review now, as one hurricane/tropical storm after another seems to roil across the Atlantic. The first section is entitled "The restless air," and author Brian Cosgrove says: ". . .the very lowest level [of the atmosphere]. . .is forever on the move, boiling and bubbling in the sun's heat like a vast kettle on a fire." The subjects covered are the usual wide range of matters, typical of these DK publications, especially designed for younger readers. Topics explored include forecasting the weather, the power of the sun, frost and ice, clouds--from birth on, thunder and lightning, and wind. There is, too, weather is examined in different contexts--mountains, the sea, the plains. And if a kid gets interested in the weather, the last section shows how one can put together a home weather station. This would be a wonderful way for younger readers to actually study weather and learn in the process. So, yes, another successful Eyewitness Book.

THIS BOOK WAS ONE OF MY FAVOURITES DK BOOKS I EVER READEVERY PAGE OF THIS WAS VERY VERY GREAT.I'M INTERESTED INWEATHER TOO[...]

I had intended to buy the DK Eye Wonder Weather which I had checked out and liked at the library, but accidentally bought this DK Eyewitness book instead. I don't need the clip art CD or poster attached in the book, but some people like that kind of thing, which is probably why the CD and poster are included with the book. Most disappointing: some of the pictures of clouds and landscapes, for example, are too grainy and poor quality compared to similar pictures in Eye Wonder. However, the pictures of weather instruments and some drawings are quite good quality. I only wish the entire book had crisp, clear, high-quality pictures. The book cover seems waterproof

and durable; no jacket. Binding seems durable, but I have not had the book long enough to test its durability. The glossary and index in the back are useful. I love the DK books, and this Weather book is one reading children can reference again and again, and non-readers can enjoy for the colorful pictures.

Like all of the other DK Eyewitness books, this one is great as a fairly comprehensive overview of the topic and is nicely (and densely) illustrated. I have always loved the sort of clean and open layout of all DK books and while some tend toward cluttered (this is one of those), they are still better designed than 90-percent of the books in the world. DK found a cool design template and ran with it and I find it to be very comfortable and very accessible. That said, these books have a tendency to be sketchy on actual details. While there is a two-page spread on clouds, for example, it's not overly informative. The information provided seems accurate and interesting, but if you're looking for a guide to different types of clouds, this is not it. I looked up things like mammatus clouds in the index, for example, and they're not listed. There are a lot of things you'd think would be included that are not. But still, as an overview and as a quick outline, these books are great. And they do serve a good purpose in that they expose you to a lot of information quickly, which makes it easier to find books that delve more deeply into the things that interest you. I bought this book used for four cents, lol, and even though it had water damage and was missing the cd, I think I got a bargain.

This entire series of books is conveniently available and thus very easy to find at bookstores and libraries, but it is not the first place I prefer to go for information. Having read a couple of them, they all seem to have the same flaws (as well as good points). First, their format is often artificial, with every topic required to fit into a two-page spread. Most of the books lack a good introduction in which the most important concepts are systematically defined and presented in relation to each other. Instead, there is a kind of piecemeal approach in which one has to try to fill in such relationships as you go, and most of them will be overlooked until you supplement your reading with some better sources (such as National Weather Service web sites, in this case). In addition, the format is overly pictorial, yet strains to be dense. It is often quite unclear which things are meant to be read first on any given two-page spread, and this only adds to the disjointedness of the presentations. It is common for terms to be used which are not yet defined, and this particular book on weather has a great many cross-references (see page XX) which become quite tiresome, as it takes quite a while to read through the entire book, beginning to end (yet what other option is

there?). Key concepts, such as an occluded front, lack clear definitions, but will be casually referred to thereafter. On the plus side, these hodgepodges do present a great deal of information, so it would be hard not to learn something after all the time it takes to read these books. But much of the learning will take the form of barely-connected trivia. A coherent understanding of the subject must almost always be gained from some other source.

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