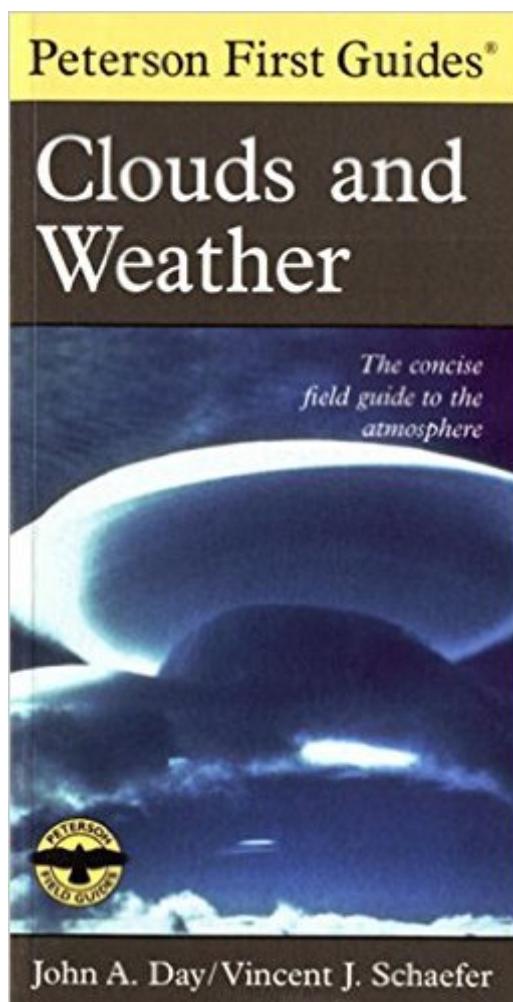


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# Peterson First Guide To Clouds And Weather



## Synopsis

This Peterson First guide contains easy-to-understand answers to questions about the weather, such as why the sky is blue, what makes it rain, and what causes rainbows. The book also features 116 color photographs that show how to identify clouds, with explanations of what each cloud type tells about the weather to come.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I was hoping this book would aid me in gaining a general idea of the weather to be expected by simply observing the sky and nature - it does not. There is plenty of useful information in this little book (which is mostly photos and diagrams), but if you are an outdoorsman or outdoorswoman looking for a few "tips" or bits of weather folklore to use on a day-to-day basis, then this is definitely not the book for you. If you want to learn to identify clouds, understand basic weather, and answer some nonpractical (to the everyday guy/gal) questions you've had about weather and the atmosphere, then get this book. Otherwise, I would recommend you pass this text by and find another, or at least look at this text only as supplemental material to what you are actually looking for. Again, this text is not bad, but it is not what I was looking for and the description had me thinking it might hold those qualities, but it does not. On the plus side, you can read all 124 pages (cover to cover, minus index) in less than an hour and you'll have some decent pictures to help you identify

clouds.

This book is a great beginners book. The text is easy to read and the pictures are beautiful. It came in particularly handy for my cloud physics class in which I had to keep a cloud journal.

This is an extremely handy book for making super quick predictions on the skies. Shows all sorts of different cloud formations and what they're bringing with them. Also nice photos of thunderstorms, lightning, etc. Good one to pick up just because.

This PETERSON FIRST GUIDE TO CLOUDS AND WEATHER is okay in identifying weather formations, especially clouds. However, it is rather slim (128 pp.) and getting quite long in the tooth (14 years old and counting). The NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY FIELD GUIDE TO NORTH AMERICAN WEATHER is of similar vintage and trim size but has over four times the page count, of course is much more detailed, and is vinyl-bound, yet costs (as of this writing) a little less than twice as much. The coffee-table-book-sized AMS WEATHER BOOK (THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO AMERICAN WEATHER) is both impressive and up-to-date, with great photos of weather conditions (especially the most extreme kinds) and state-of-the-art info about weather predictors like Doppler Radar. If you are very used to the Peterson First Guide format from other books, though, and are attracted by the low price, this is probably quite all right as a basic guide. A caveat for all these books is that they apply to North America only, and pretty much just the USA.

I definitely recommend this book as an introduction to weather and clouds. It's inexpensive and small enough to be portable. The illustrations are nice. The text straightforward. It was especially helpful to me spending time on an ornithology project needing weather descriptions, including cloud types, every hour.

This is a nice, simple, easy to read book on different types of clouds and weather conditions. Fast reference when you need 'em!

Disappointed. The book was lacking good photos and descriptions of clouds. A basic field guide to identifying clouds, mediocre content. I purchased this book used and the sellers description was not accurate either. Look for a different book, I picked up a book at the library that has what I was interested in.

Clouds And Weather is one of the Peterson First Guides, a descendent of the well-known Peterson Field Guide Series which, in turn, descends from the famous and widely respected Field Guide to the Birds by Roger Tory Peterson himself. However it's a long way from the fine Field Guide to the Birds and this little book on clouds and weather. The book is thin and narrow and somewhat flexible, so you can easily slip it into your pocket, a good thing for a field guide. And it has some very good color photos of clouds and precise descriptions of the clouds, how they're formed and what they portend for the weather. But on the whole the book is unsatisfying because it's badly arranged. The cloud photos and descriptions are at the beginning, and an explanation of weather - of high and low pressure, cold fronts, warm fronts, wind currents, temperature, and so on -- all the things that go to making up weather and clouds -- that's appended at the end of the book, almost as if it were an afterthought. However, it's only \$6.95, and if you're looking for a way to identify clouds, this book will give you the ability to do that.

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