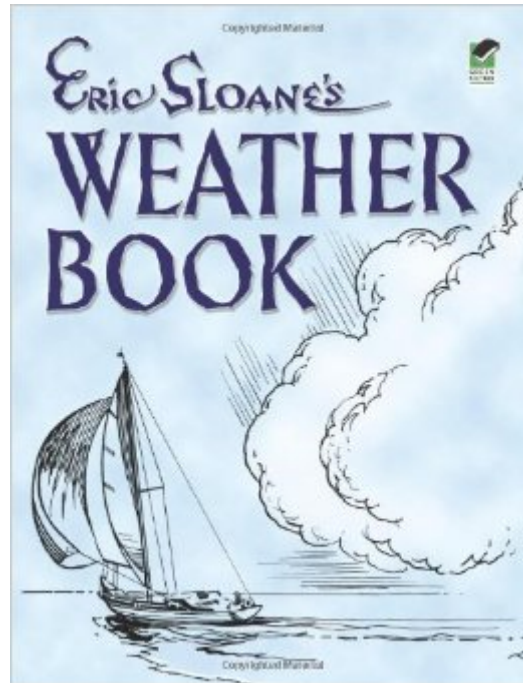


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"Amateur weather forecasters (which includes just about everyone) will find this volume an informative and entertaining account of the why and how of the weather." — The Nation
In simple language, Eric Sloane explains the whys and wherefores of weather and weather forecasting — and does it in a style that's universally appealing. With humor and common sense shining through in a book that's also lively and informative, Sloane shows readers how to predict the weather by "reading" such natural phenomena as winds, skies, and animal sounds. This beautifully illustrated and practical treasure trove of climate lore will enlighten outdoorsmen, farmers, sailors, and anyone else who has ever wondered what a large halo around the moon means, why birds "sit it out" before a storm, and whether or not to take an umbrella when leaving the house.

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Customer Reviews

For a sailor interested in weather, there are these days a myriad of marine weather books written with ever increasing sophistication and complication. I've read, even studied, many of them; and most have value. But this is the one that I reread before every season (and this will be my fifty-seventh sailing season). There is a simplicity and clarity to Sloan's explanations which, coupled with his wonderful illustrations, make this book superb and unique. I suppose that technophiles might quibble with the fact that this book does not include a few ideas or concepts that we now know, but which were unknown in 1949 when the book was first published. But that doesn't qualify what I've said about its excellence. Even if your interest involves weather fax, GRIBS, and 500mb charts, there is literally no better book to explain the basics of how weather happens. And, if, like

me, you no longer cruise, but just day sail or make the occasional overnigher, this book coupled with last night's TV forecast, a decent barometer, and Alan Watts' INSTANT WEATHER FORECASTING, is pretty much all you need. ERIC SLOAN'S WEATHER BOOK is really in a class by itself.

I didn't realize we had inherited a copy of this book from my father-in-law until I found it rather late in the semester I took Meteorology. I read it cover-to-cover while studying for the final and managed a 'B' which for me on a science topic was AWESOME. Eric Sloane's simplistic explanations and drawings helped this non-science major grasp some of the tougher concepts. The only time I really NOTICED how old it is was when he mentioned how the earth would appear if one were to take a trip into space in a suit made of air -- we hadn't landed on the moon when this was written. No mention of ozone or the top two levels of the atmosphere either but, hey, who knew they were there in 1949?

"Eric Sloane's Weather Book" was a very fun, easy-to-understand, and fascinating book about weather. He explained ways that a person can predict the weather by looking at the sky, how to read weather maps--what all the symbols mean--and use weather instruments. He covered information about our atmosphere, air, winds, heat, and clouds, and how it all works together to create weather. The author has a gift for making difficult ideas very easy to understand. He also included many black and white illustrations that reinforced what was taught in the text and made it clear. The book was packed full of practical information on how to become weather-wise. This book was first written some time ago (in 1949) and was based off of articles that the author wrote for sailors and aviators. Most of the information is still completely relevant, but it does show it's age in a few places. I'd highly-recommend this well-written and interesting book to anyone who's curious about how weather is created and how to predict it.

Great info for kids and adults alike. It'll help you understand your local tv meteorologists when they talk about high pressure areas, cold fronts, etc. This is timeless information that can be useful to you or just satisfy a curiosity. Easy to read and good illustrations.

This book, like all of Eric Sloane's works, is a delight to read. NOAA weather stations do not reach every wilderness area and meteorological predictions change. Therefore, all outdoorsman should be familiar with the basic weather wisdom contained in this book. OK, so every red sky does not

mean "sailor be forewarned." But used in combination with the other weather indicators Sloane describes, this book might save you from hiking in a severe thunderstorm. I will say this however, animals do react to weather. If you see a dark sky and all the squirrels racing frantically to gather food, something's on its way!! Kudos Eric.

This book opened my eyes to wonders of weather systems when I was a kid and inspired me to get an undergraduate degree in Meteorology. The drawings and descriptions are pure candy to a young and growing mind.

Very fun and informative read. Easy to understand with charts and pictures for the amateur (like me). Also an excellent summary of weather sources and conditions for the scientifically educated individual.

Very educational as well as a great reminder of my "Mamaw" [great grandmother] who was an excellent weather prognosticator who knew almost all of the weather signs.

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