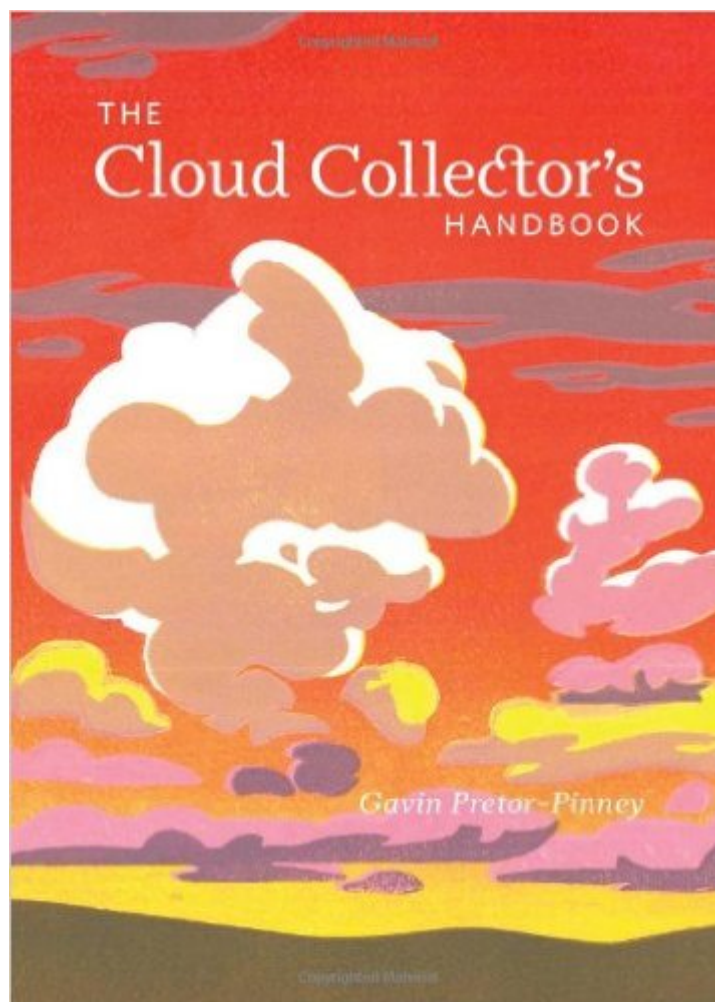


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The Cloud Collector's Handbook



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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A lot of lovely pictures! Spectacular! Some even ominous and scary! And the little clouds in some of the pictures are so cute! This book is great for an artist, but unfortunately not for someone who is still in school. Some things could lead a student astray and cause him to learn some things wrong in preparation for an exam. Here are some things that could use some improvement: (1). The section on Stratocumulus opens with a photo of scattered tall Cumulus clouds (*Cumulus congestus*). In the caption under this photo, the author says, "When Cumulus clouds become so plentiful that they join together and cover the sky, they are known as Stratocumulus." Although this caption correctly describes a way in which Stratocumulus forms, the caption does not describe the photo. The photo simply shows the wrong cloud type for this section of the book. (2). The section on Lenticularis opens with a photo of a smooth lenticular cloud just above (perhaps even touching) a ragged patch of low cloud. The sharp upper edge and the lack of a visible fibrous structure in the lenticular cloud

suggest that it is a water-droplet cloud, not an ice-crystal cloud. Yet, in the caption, the author says, "Lenticularis species of high Cirrus cloud." If the intent was to show lenticularis at the level of high clouds, it would have been better to aim the camera more horizontally (closer to the horizon) so that the great height of the lenticularis cloud above the lower clouds would be more noticeable.(3). In the table of "Cumulus Species" in the section on Cumulus, the author describes "Humilis" as "wider than it is tall." I don't think the ratio between width and vertical thickness is a good measure of the species.

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