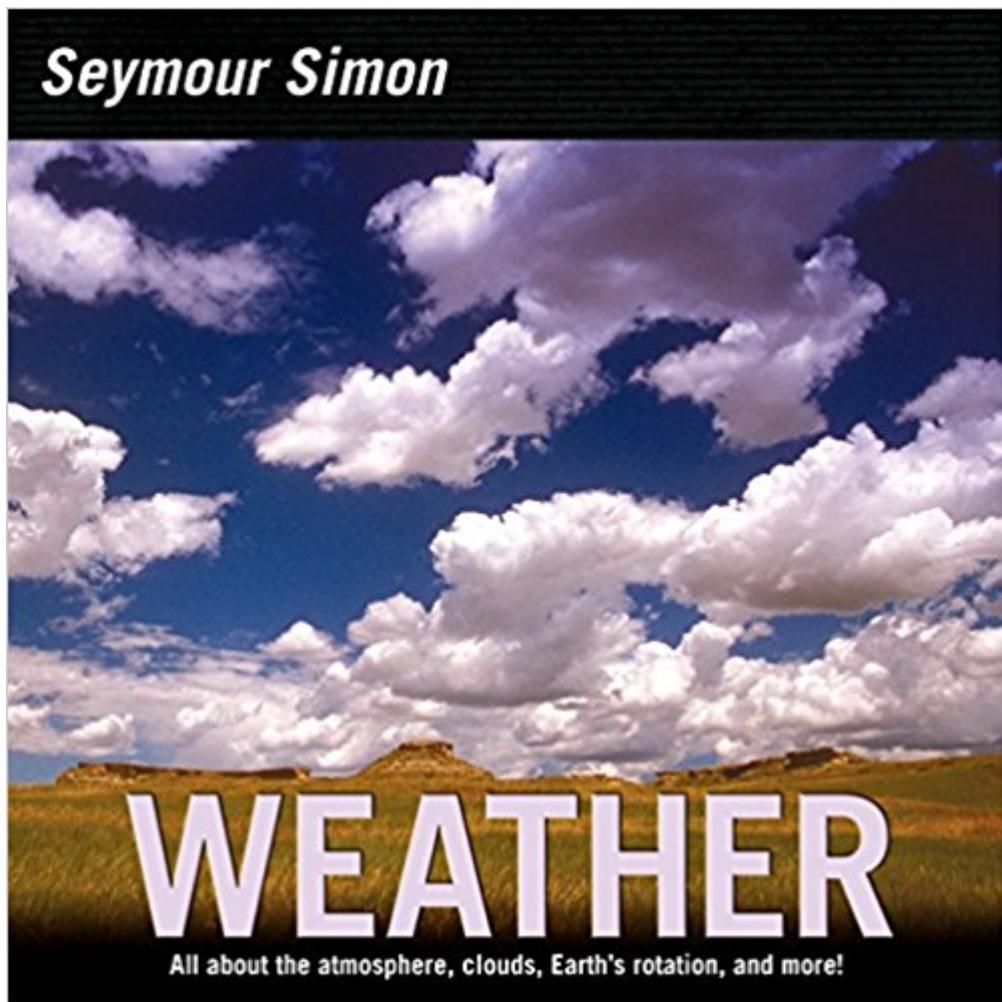


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Weather



Synopsis

Ever wonder what makes the wind blow? Or where clouds come from, or rain? Every day you experience weather, but why do you experience the weather you do? Explore weather, a subject that changes every day, with award-winning science writer Seymour Simon.

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Customer Reviews

Grade 4-7-As with Simon's previous titles on the individual planets (Morrow), this book is a perfect marriage of words and pictures. Each high-quality, full-color photograph or diagram is truly a work of art, suitable for framing. The large-print text, sometimes superimposed on the illustrations, is easy to read. Beginning with the general effects of the sun and the Earth's rotation, continuing with wind patterns, temperature, clouds, and precipitation, and concluding with smog and the greenhouse effect, the author lucidly discusses all of the terms and elements that constitute tropospheric weather. Instruments and the possible affects of human activity on the atmosphere are touched upon. Unfortunately, the full-page diagrams that demonstrate the way the sun warms the Earth and the speed of its rotation do not clearly explain those phenomena. Gail Gibbons's *Weather Words and What They Mean* (Holiday, 1990) covers much of the same information, but has a cartoon format. Martyn Bramwell's *Weather* (Watts, 1988; o.p.) is for older readers. Meryl Silverstein, American Museum of Natural History, New York City

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Remarking that ``nothing about the weather is very simple," Simon goes on to describe how the sun, atmosphere, earth's rotation, ground cover, altitude, pollution, and other factors influence it; briefly, he also tells how weather balloons gather information. Even for this outstanding author, it's a tough, complex topic, and he's not entirely successful in simplifying it; moreover, the import of the striking uncaptioned color photos here isn't always clear. One passage--"Cumulus clouds sometimes build up into towering masses called cumulus congestus, or swelling cumulus, which may turn into cumulonimbus clouds"--is superimposed on a blue-gray, cloud-covered landscape. But which kind of clouds are these? Another photo, in blue-black and white, shows what might be precipitation in the upper atmosphere, or rain falling on a darkened landscape, or...? Generally competent and certainly attractive, but not Simon's best. (Nonfiction. 10-12) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Very informative, and pictures are great. I was hoping it would be good for an eleven year old, not sure he enjoyed it as much as I did.

Just what you would expect from this well-respected science writer for children. Plenty of information for anyone through 6th or 7th grade, but not too hard for a read aloud for younger kids.

This is a good basic book on weather. I thought it might be more advanced than it is, but this is a good start for young students interested in meteorology or for anyone looking for basic information.

Great info but maybe a little too detailed for younger children, even as a read aloud.

My Grandson loved this book

I love the books by Seymour Simon. As a teacher I am always looking for nonfiction books that are not too difficult for elementary school children. The books always have accurate information and colorful photographs. My students ask for these books daily. I highly recommend these to other teachers and parents.

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