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Here are 48 'popular' questions on weather subjects answered in simplistic fashion at the rate of just under two per page. So we get replies to queries like 'Where do rainbows come from?', 'What are the swirly lines on a weather map?' and 'Why does it rain?' This is all right as far as it goes - but that is not far. Reading level required is well above that suggested by the book's super-photographic presentation, and the order of questions is random, so that knowledge acquired from early answers does not help the reader with later ones. So instead of a gradual build-up of knowledge we have a pile of meteorological trivia - satisfying for readers to dip into but unsatisfying for the purposeful reader and not useful in a library. So circumambient an influence as the weather deserves more thoughtful treatment than this. In the same series, *In the Bathroom* (March '95) was far better.

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