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If you have the unfortunate fate of requiring this book for a college course, you have my condolences. This class is terrible. The book itself goes into WAY too much detail on every little aspect of the complex Earth. You end up sifting through tons of irrelevant and unimportant factoids to find the answers to the test questions. Most students abandon trying to actually study the book after the first couple chapters as they soon realize that the subject matter is poorly explained... unless you happen to already be a meteorologist you will be lost if you dare attempt to commit a large percentage of this book to memory. Even though I consider myself a fan of science and find some of the subject matter quite interesting, and can certainly appreciate details, I find myself lost at times to explain why I need to know the etiology of a scientific term or why I would need to know deep meteorological concepts at all. The book is written with a deep liberal-agenda slant as well. Any conservative that dares doubt the popular paradigm about man-made climate change will be forced to answer questions affirming without a shred of doubt that humans are the major cause of climate change. This is preposterous as nothing presented in this book (or anywhere for that matter) can be considered sufficient evidence to make that claim. Man contributes to climate change? Sure. Causes it? Maybe... partially. Is the major cause of it? Not known.... but asserted with certainty in this book. The tons of pictures and graphs are vastly more informative than the text itself. But even
at that, the complex systems often modeled in these diagrams can give even a high-IQ student a challenge to decipher. If you can avoid this class, do so as if it were the plague.

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