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Book News

Where is the coldest and one of the windiest places in the world? What country first gave names to hurricanes? Can lightning strike in the same place twice? What are haboobs?

Weather enthusiasts will find the answers to these and many other questions in the second edition of *The Guinness Book of Weather Facts and Feats*, published by Guinness Superlative Limited and distributed by Sterling Publishing Company.

It was written by Ingrid Holford who was recruited as a weather forecaster during World War II to brief the air crews in the RAF Training Command.

The book is filled with fascinating facts about common and uncommon weather occurrences and climates around the world. It offers amateurs and meteorologists the opportunity to learn about many aspects of weather. *The Guinness Book of Weather Facts and Feats* provides concise information about the sun, winds, storms, clouds, forms of precipitation, weather charts, air pressure, the hottest and coldest areas, weather satellites and forecasting methods.

Numerous photographs show clouds, sea fog, icebergs, rainbows and weather instruments. Useful features of the book include a bibliography, comprehensive index and topical charts which make the location and comparison of weather data an easy task.

Although the book has a distinct British orientation, it was not judged to be objectionable. The book is an appropriate reference for the junior high or high school.

— R.K.V.

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