

I have given such a course over the past year at New York University and found the monograph suitable in a graduate teaching environment. The book itself was developed partly as an outcome of the author's personal teaching experiences with the University Center on Svalbard, and this has helped to structure the book in a student-friendly fashion. In a broader course—for example, on climate modeling—the text would serve as well as a reference. It is a very well-written text, contains the most relevant information on ice–ocean interaction, and will undoubtedly

serve students and researchers in this field in the coming years.

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2009 ASLI'S CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

At January's AMS Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Atmospheric Science Librarians International (ASLI) announced the 2009 ASLI's Choice winners for the best books in the fields of meteorology, climatology, and atmospheric sciences.

This year, the ASLI's Choice committee selected a winner and honorable mention for the main science category as well as a new category for popular titles. This year's nominations represented books from 31 different publishers—a record number for the awards. Selections were based on nine criteria: uniqueness, comprehensiveness, usefulness, quality, authoritativeness, organization, illustrations/diagrams, competition, and references.

The winner in the scientific category was *Clouds in the Perturbed Climate System: Their Relationship to Energy Balance, Atmospheric Dynamics, and Precipitation*, edited by Jost Heintzenberg and Robert J. Charlson, which was chosen for its “quality, authoritativeness, and comprehensive coverage of new and important aspects of cloud research.”

There were three honorable mention awards in the science category: *Aerosol Pollution Impact on Precipitation: A Scientific Review*, edited by Zev Levin and William R. Cotton, for “an authoritative, well organized, forum-based approach to the evaluation of a problem of global significance”; *Hydroclimatology: Perspectives and Applications*, by Marlyn L. Shelton, for “a well-considered, well-referenced text on an important topic”; and *Climate Change and Biodiversity: Implications for Monitoring, Science and Adaptive Planning*, by D. C. MacIver, M. B. Karsh, and N. Comer, for “good, clear authoritative statistical compilations, graphics, and charts on an important subject.”

The winner in the popular category was *Planet Ice: A Climate for Change*, with photography by James Martin and essays by Yvon Chouinard et al., for “beautiful photography accompanied by thoughtful essays on a topical and timely subject.”

Honorable mention in the popular category went to *The AMS Weather Book: The Ultimate Guide to America's Weather*, by Jack Williams, for “its accessible and informative approach to all aspects of weather, and the richness of its illustrations.”

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ASLI congratulates all of the 2009 winners!

