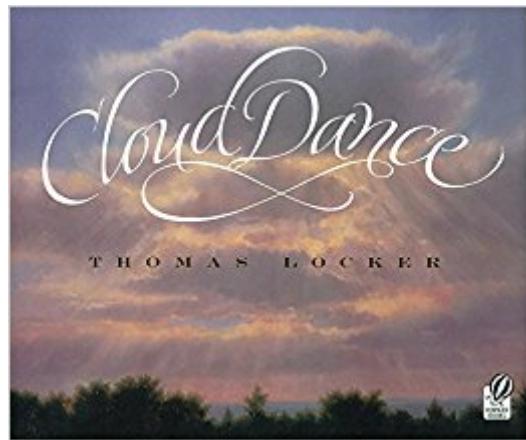


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# Cloud Dance



## **Synopsis**

Journey across the heavens through thick cumulus clouds, wispy cirrus clouds, and wide stratus clouds as they dance through every season of the year. Thomas Locker introduces young readers to the basic science of our natural world with brilliant illustrations and poetic prose.

## **Book Information**

Lexile Measure: 550 (What's this?)

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

Grade Level: 1 - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

PreSchool-Grade 2-This beautifully designed book celebrates clouds as they appear during the different hours of the day and seasons of the year. Each two-page spread features a few lines of prose on the verso and an illustration encompassing most of the recto. The oil paintings are done in subdued and relaxing colors. Many of them show a small child walking with an adult on a path. The book does not have a lot of action, but would be perfect for quiet and relaxed sharing between adult and child. Factual information about clouds is provided on the last two pages. Sheilah Kosco, Rapides Parish Library, Alexandria, LA Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Gr. 3-5. This picture book for older children follows *Water Dance* (1997) in what one hopes will be a long series. It blends Locker's spare, poetic, informative text with his well-known Hudson River school-style landscapes. The strength here, as with many of his works, is the way Locker lets his

paintings do most of the talking. Austere lines of text ("High, wispy clouds race in the autumn wind" or "Fluffy summer clouds march in the blue sky") are complemented by art that goes beyond the call of illustrative duty to reveal the wonder and beauty of the sky in different seasons and under various meteorological conditions. The paintings speak eloquently of the complete, seamless quality of the elemental natural world. An informative section at the book's end, entitled "About Clouds," links the beauty to the science. With Locker's immediate stylistic connection to the Hudson River painters, *Cloud Dance* becomes a successful blend of fiction, science, and art. Tim ArnoldCopyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Excellent book to give to an elementary aged child to help explain weather. I recommend it highly.

A beautifully illustrated, poetic book I purchased to read aloud to my students.

Wonderful book written for children. There is a lot of good information in here for all ages, I learned much as did my 9 year old grand nephew. I say a big "yes" for this book

My mother has dementia and can't read novels anymore, but loves clouds and weather. The lovely poems and beautiful illustrations give her great pleasure. This is a wonderful book for older readers who can no longer enjoy longer books.

She knows how to lead but doesn't like it. This caught her nine year old imagination and fed her interest in nature. She's read it several times. And now she quotes it.

Exquisite art, good writing. Love this line of books.

This book has some of the most beautiful pictures of clouds! A perfect compliment to my cloud lesson plans. Thank you!

The pictures are beautiful. arrived quickly.

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