

## ABOUT THE BOOK

There are many different kinds of clouds all around us. Clouds come in diverse shapes and colors. Some clouds are fluffy and others are wispy. Some clouds float high in the sky and others sit low on the ground. Some clouds warn of storms and other clouds tell of fair weather. Compare and contrast the characteristics of different types of clouds through vibrant photographs.

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## CURRICULUM CONNECTIONS

### *For Creative Minds*

The accessible content of this compare and contrast book, will lead to exploration of how clouds form and what they tell us about the weather in the For Creative Minds section. Children are able to engage in learning activities that include:

- Water Cycle Experiments
- Match the Clouds
- Weather Predictions

As a nonfiction, cross-curricular text, ***Clouds: A Compare and Contrast Book*** fits perfectly into Common Core and Next Generation Science Standards lessons for grades K-2. Exact standards alignment and a 15-30 page teaching activities guide are available on [Arbordalepublishing.com](http://Arbordalepublishing.com).

### *Classification Information*

Understanding that reading level alignment is important for classroom implementation *Clouds* has been assessed by the following organizations:

- Preliminary ATOS: 4.3
- Flesch-Kincaid: 0.8
- Lexile: 230
- Fountas and Pinnell: F

Bisac Codes include: Juvenile Nonfiction

- JNF037080 - Nature / Weather
- JNF013070 - Concepts / Size & Shape
- JNF013050 - Concepts / Opposites

This book has been vetted for accuracy by Dave Williams, chief meteorologist for WCIV in Charleston, SC.

# ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Katharine Hall is a life-long nature lover and avid reader. She hopes the Compare and Contrast series will help children use critical thinking skills to explore and learn about the natural world around them. In addition to *Clouds*, Katharine has written *Polar Bears and Penguins* and *Trees*. Katharine and her husband live in California with their dog, Tonks, and two mischievous cats.



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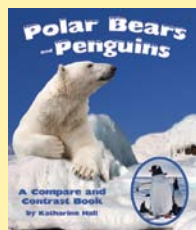


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#### POLAR BEARS AND PENGUINS

Polar bears and penguins may like cold weather but they live at opposite

ends of the Earth. What do these animals have in common and how are they different? You might see them near each other at a zoo but they would never be found in the same habitats in the wild. Compare and contrast these polar animals through stunning photographs.



#### TREES

Trees grow in many habitats, all around the world. Some trees are short and

some are tall. Some grow in hot deserts and others grow on cold mountains. Some have leaves that are broad and wide and others are short and narrow. Some trees stay green all year round while others have leaves that change color. Compare and contrast the different characteristics of trees through vibrant photographs.