

AMS BOOKS

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BOOK PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

If you are developing a book or book idea related to the atmospheric sciences and want to publish with the preeminent scientific society in the field, please consider AMS Books. Information on this page should help you decide if your idea coincides with our publishing intentions. If you find this is the case, please consider submitting a proposal according to our suggested proposal format, below.

ABOUT AMS BOOKS

AMS Books supports the American Meteorological Society's mission to advance the atmospheric and related sciences, technologies, applications, and services for the benefit of society. It is the goal of AMS Books to help educate the public and advance science by publishing and distributing high-quality books unique in content and character.

AMS Books has grown out of a monograph publishing program related to the nine peer-reviewed journals published by AMS each month. AMS Books encompasses a series of meteorological and historical monographs that reaches back five decades, as well as a growing list of general-interest trade titles related to the atmospheric sciences. For information about submitting a proposal to publish a **monograph**, please see the [Monograph Submission Guidelines](#). For information about submitting a proposal to publish a **book**, please read on.

OUR PUBLISHING INTERESTS AND INTENTIONS

AMS Books intends to grow its list through the acquisition of new general-interest atmospheric science books that appeal to a broad audience and promote the understanding of science. Topics of interest include climate change, policy, applications, weather phenomena, and more. Audiences may range from adolescent students who wish to learn about weather phenomena to highly educated adults who have a keen interest in science topics, though they may not share specialization in an author's area of expertise.

Please note that while we will consider publishing books in a broad range of topics that intersect with the atmospheric sciences, we do not publish fiction or poetry. Volumes honoring specific individuals (festschriften) and conference volumes are most often published as monographs (see [Monograph Submission Guidelines](#)).

BOOK PROPOSAL FORMAT

We accept well-posed and informative proposals via mail or email. Proposals may take different forms, but must include the following:

- Working title.
- Annotated table of contents.
- Specific and concise narrative description of the content, including themes, arguments, and goals, and the intended audience.

- Description of similar books now available, with an explanation of how your book is different. The more books published on a particular topic, the more important it is for your book to have a new perspective or “hook” that makes it new and significant.
- Author bio, including professional experience and affiliations, past publications, and information relevant to the subject area of the book.
- Estimated length of book, including a description of any images you intend to include and, if possible, their source and format.
- Your intended timeline for writing/developing the book.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR PROPOSAL AT AMS

Your proposal will be evaluated by AMS Books staff, some of whom are not specialists in your area of expertise. We will evaluate the project’s feasibility by considering the character and significance of the content, our ability to market to the intended audience, the costs of producing the book in the appropriate format, and more. We will analyze existing similar titles and consult with experts in the subject area within our staff and leadership, as needed, before deciding whether to acquire a new title. We will contact you 2–4 weeks after receiving your proposal.

WHAT AMS BOOKS CAN DO FOR YOU

AMS Books is the small but growing books program of a preeminent scientific society that publishes nine world-class, peer-reviewed journals. Our books receive attention at scientific meetings and are reviewed in significant international publications. Our books have won awards from both the world of science and the publishing industry.

The small size of the AMS Books list means authors receive individual attention, while our organizational reach allows us to tap world-class experts for help in ensuring the content that authors develop reflects the latest science available. It also means we are flexible and can take advantage of the latest helpful trends, models, and technologies in publishing. We are currently working to expand our marketing and distribution channels, and when appropriate we will use print-on-demand technology to keep costs down and distribution simple.

We serve society by providing unique and timely books that advance science and scientific understanding. Our acclaimed and award-winning titles include *Northeast Snowstorms* by Paul J. Kocin (formerly of the Weather Channel) and NCEP Director Louis W. Uccellini, and *The Callendar Effect*, by James R. Fleming, the sole biography of unsung scientist Guy Stewart Callendar, who in 1938 established the link between anthropogenic carbon dioxide and increasing global temperatures.

Could your book be one of our break-out titles? A flagship book? Please get in touch with us (see Contact Information, above).