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## **"Look at the Sky and Tell the Weather" The art and science of Eric Cloane**

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Eric Sloane was a 20th century artist who created a unique style and provided interesting, idiosyncratic, and informative images of clouds. He was the author of many books, but also created massive cloud murals, including one on an entire wall at the Smithsonian Air & Space Museum in Washington, DC. Sloane became interested in clouds when he flew as a passenger with some of the pioneers of aviation, including Amelia Earhart and Wiley Post. He also became weatherwise through his early employment as a painter of advertisements on the sides of barns, allowing him to observe many aspects of weather. Sloane received many awards for his contributions to science, including a special award from the American Meteorological Society in 1955 for "for pioneering contributions to public awareness of clouds, their beauty, complexity, and scientific importance; for an artistic legacy to all who feel a sense of wonder when they look at a cloud filled sky."