

## **San Francisco Weather Examiner: Top 5 Weather Books**

### **#5 The AMS Weather Book: The Ultimate Guide to America's Weather by Jack Williams, 2009**

Originally, the fifth book on my list was the *USA Today Weather Book* (1997) but Jack William's replacement book, now published by the American Meteorological Society has just been released. The new book, the *AMS Weather Book: The Ultimate Guide to America's Weather*, truly fits the description of being "new and improved" as it is both. It is full of the same type of rich color explanatory graphics from before but they are even brighter, crisper and up-to-date.

The book's focus is more toward operational and "real world" meteorology with just enough of the basics to help the reader make sense of the science behind the weather. It could certainly be used as a great supplemental textbook, especially at a bargain cover price of only \$35 and available online for about \$25! I especially enjoyed the full page mini-articles about a wide variety of the people of meteorology, including hurricane hunters, television meteorologists, NOAA scientists and educators. Though brand new right now, I am sure that soon this will be another of my dog-eared, close at hand favorite weather books.