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There is, and always has been, a lot of room for a simple book that explains a basic natural phenomenon in simple terms without being finger-waggingly dull. In a spare 'infant' text and a 7.5 inch square format such as this one the choice of words is vital; when this choice is well made, the results can be truly heartening, as here they are. It's a basic look at the water cycle - where water is, how rain happens, the nature of clouds, monsoons, deserts and floods, wells and dewponds. Especially well made is the point that there is no new water and so all that we use has to be recycled. Refreshingly radical definitions abound - 'Used water is called sewage' and 'Fog is cloud near the ground' - and it's a proper book too, with numbered pages, contents, index and glossary. With the little margin for error that this miniature format allows, we cannot necessarily expect uniformity of excellence in this whole series, but any book that has enough imagination to define hailstones as 'hard frozen balls of rain' has got to have something going for it, and this little one has a lot.

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