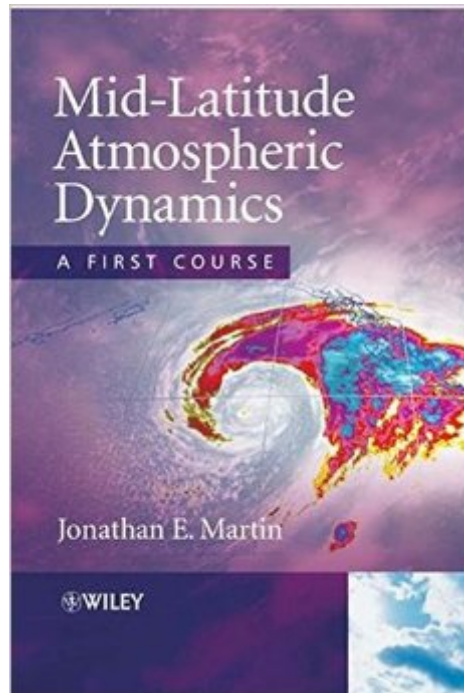




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I'm an applied mathematics undergraduate with a strong interest in atmosphere-ocean dynamics, and out of all of the books on this topic that I've been through, this is by far the best in terms of clarity and exposition. Dr. Martin provides great physical explanations/interpretations of the mathematics and his discussions are very insightful. I HIGHLY recommend this book. It is great for self-teaching, as I have done, or perhaps for a one or two-semester class.

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