

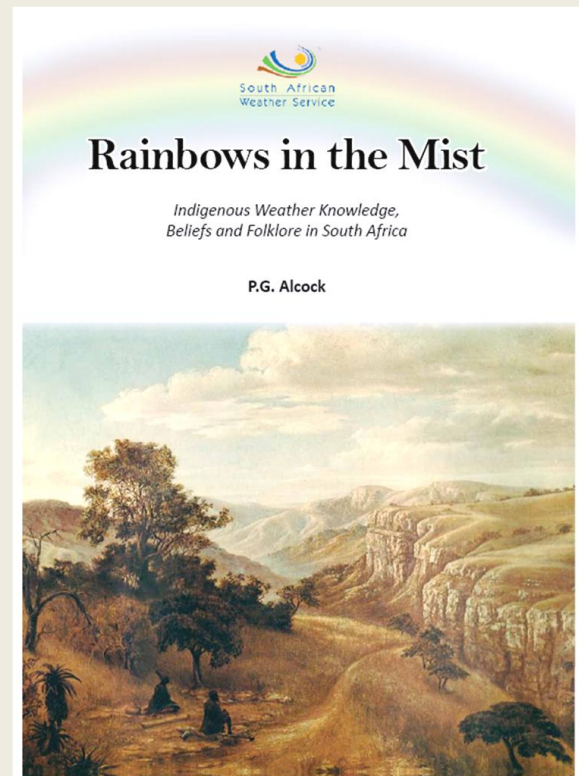
Rainbows in the Mist: Indigenous Weather Knowledge, Beliefs and Folklore in South Africa

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In this very interesting 600-page book, about to be launched by the South African Weather Service, the Author discusses weather phenomena and indigenous knowledge, including the heavens, mostly related to South Africa. Many topics are covered, ranging from the significance of the Pleiades, to historical rain ceremonies. A number of weather myths are explored, such as the ill-fated Kalahari Scheme to change the climate of southern Africa, which caused an uproar in the early years of the last century. South African place names linked to the stars and the weather form an integral part of the book. Selected South African poems, which describe or refer to the weather and the heavens, are listed for further investigation by interested readers.

Technical terms have largely been avoided in this easy-to-read volume, which invites you to browse at leisure. The author has spent several years gathering material on this fascinating topic, although there is undoubtedly yet more information to be unearthed in the future. This publication is the first to collate the rich weather



heritage of South Africa's diverse populations. The book has an extensive bibliography for those who wish to delve deeper into an important part of South Africa's cultural legacy.

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