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Under the Weather: Us and the Elements

By Tom Fort

Cornerstone. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Under the Weather: Us and the Elements, Tom Fort, Tom Fort, whose writing has been variously described as 'jocund', 'slightly loopy', 'unbelievably poignant' and 'deeply peculiar', travels around Britain experiencing some of its extremest climates and some of its more typical with a view to explaining what we make and have made of the British weather and what it has made of us. There are two interlocking strands: the story of those who - moved to an exceptional, sometimes obsessive degree by the fascination felt by so many of us - sought to know and understand our weather; and the story of its impact on us - our history, our culture, the way we think and behave. He focuses on the people - the clergymen, the gentlemen of leisure, the crackpots, visionaries, charlatans and shysters, all now largely or utterly forgotten - who volunteered and toiled for the cause, telling their stories by tracking them down to the places - usually their own gardens - where they indulged their quite passion for measuring rainfall, scrutinising dewdrops, tapping their barometers and peering at their thermometers. Once their age - of the amateur scientist...



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