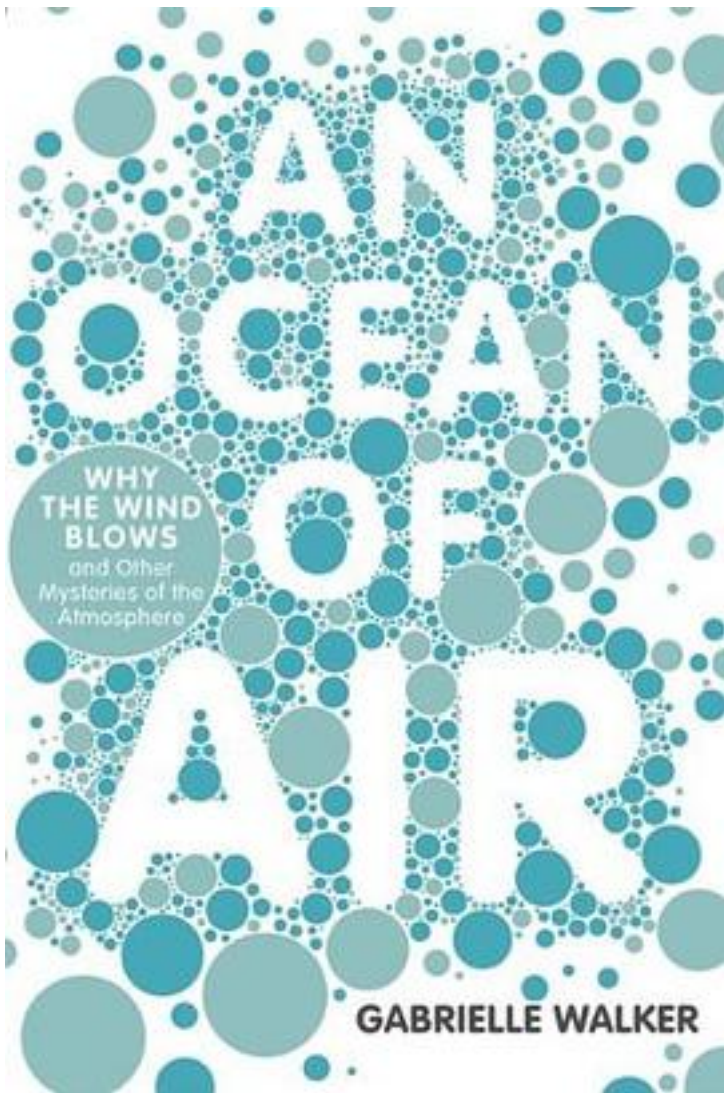


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We spend our lives surrounded by air, hardly even noticing it. It's the most miraculous substance on earth, yet responsible for our food, our weather, our water, and our ability to hear. In fact, we live at the bottom of an ocean of air. In this exuberant book, gifted science writer Gabrielle Walker peels back the layers of our atmosphere with the stories of the people who uncovered its secrets: - A flamboyant Renaissance Italian discovers how heavy our air really is: The air filling Carnegie Hall, for example, weighs seventy thousand pounds. - A one-eyed barnstorming pilot finds a set of winds that constantly blow five miles above our heads.- An impoverished American farmer figures out why hurricanes move in a circle by carving equations with his pitchfork on a barn door. - A well-meaning inventor nearly destroys the ozone layer. - A reclusive mathematical genius predicts, thirty years before he's proved right, that the sky contains a layer of floating metal fed by the glowing tails of shooting stars.

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淡蓝色臭氧和紫外线是如何被发现的？南极天空破洞是如何形成的？全球最终达成严禁氟利昂、傲骄的杜邦公司乖乖关闭生产线，其中有哪些内幕？
特朗普应该补上这一课。当然特朗普也会名垂青史...

作者一開始,把鏡頭拉到了1960年的那一場偉大的"人體實驗"
我們跟著美國空軍上尉Joe Kittinger,一起到了人類遠離地心引力極限的太空邊緣,在離地表30公里的高度然後縱身一躍,開始享受一次空前絕後的大氣層觀光之旅.....
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