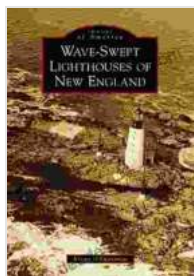


Wave-Swept Lighthouses of New England: Images of America Explores the Enduring Legacy of These Iconic Beacons



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The rugged coastlines of New England have long been dotted with lighthouses, standing as sentinels against the relentless Atlantic Ocean. These wave-swept beacons have served as guiding lights for mariners for centuries, warning them of treacherous shoals and guiding them safely to harbor. In the book "Wave-Swept Lighthouses of New England: Images of America," author Jeremy D'Entremont takes us on a visual journey through the history and beauty of these iconic structures.

A Rich Tapestry of History

The story of New England's wave-swept lighthouses begins in the 17th century, when the first wooden beacons were erected along the coast. These early lighthouses were simple affairs, often little more than lanterns

hung from a pole. As shipping traffic increased, so too did the need for more substantial and reliable lighthouses. In the 18th and 19th centuries, stone and brick lighthouses began to proliferate, many of which still stand today.

Each lighthouse has its own unique story to tell. Some have witnessed shipwrecks and rescues, while others have served as homes to generations of lighthouse keepers. Many of these keepers displayed incredible courage and dedication, braving storms and isolation to keep the lights burning. Their stories are a testament to the human spirit and the importance of these beacons in safeguarding maritime commerce.

Architectural Marvels

In addition to their historical significance, New England's wave-swept lighthouses are also architectural marvels. They represent a wide range of styles, from the simple and functional Cape Cod Light to the elaborate and picturesque Portland Head Light. Many of these lighthouses are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, recognized for their architectural and historical value.

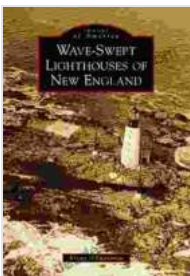
The architectural details of these lighthouses are as fascinating as their histories. The conical towers of many lighthouses are designed to withstand the force of hurricane-force winds. The intricate ironwork and decorative brickwork add to the beauty and character of these structures. Each lighthouse is a unique work of art, reflecting the skills and artistry of the builders who created them.

A Visual Journey

"Wave-Swept Lighthouses of New England: Images of America" is a visual feast, featuring over 200 stunning photographs of wave-swept lighthouses from Maine to Connecticut. The images capture the beauty and majesty of these structures, from their windswept exteriors to their cozy interiors. Through these photographs, we can almost feel the spray of the ocean and hear the sound of the waves crashing against the rocks.

The book also includes informative captions and sidebars that provide historical context and additional information about each lighthouse. These captions enhance our understanding of the lighthouses' significance and the challenges faced by the keepers who maintained them.

"Wave-Swept Lighthouses of New England: Images of America" is an essential addition to the library of anyone interested in maritime history, coastal architecture, or the beauty of New England's coastline. Through its stunning images and engaging text, the book brings the spirit of these lighthouses to life, reminding us of their enduring legacy as beacons of hope and safety for mariners throughout the ages.



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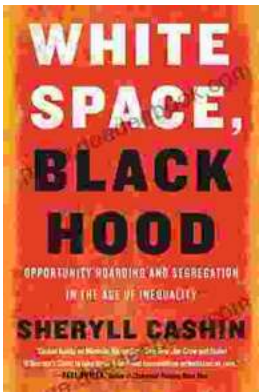
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