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Great American Lighthouses
By F. Ross Holland

When asked for a recommendation for the best or most comprehensive book on American lighthouses, I have always responded America's Lighthouses by F. Ross Holland. Although it contains some errors, and is a bit skimpy in some areas, it does cover the country, types of aids and provides some pre-American history of lighthouses. Now, Ross has produced a new work, Great American Lighthouses, which was just released by the Preservation Press and is carried in our Keeper’s Library. Great American Lighthouses is almost an updated version of his first book, but does cover many different light stations. It starts out with a more comprehensive 40 page overview of the history of aids to navigation in this country: the administrations, types of aids, the life of the keepers, etc. This is followed by a short section of where our lighthouses are today and what he sees for the future of these no longer needed stations. The main body of the book is divided into sections or regions almost identical to our society Districts. The book is liberally laced with photos and each page (of the long, narrow format book) has a short article on one or two light stations. A very brief side bar next to each article gives pertinent establishment and reconstruction dates and very simple directions to the station, such as: "Off route 109 near ABC State Park." If the book was meant to be a guide book it fails along those lines, but it is an excellent collection of facts with very few errors. The book is well indexed and has a lengthy listing of sources. Like

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