



## AMERICA'S ATLANTIC COAST LIGHTHOUSES - A TRAVELER'S GUIDE

By: Ken Kochel

At long last a comprehensive travel guide to the lighthouses of the east coast. Author Ken Kochel spent over ten years traveling the east coast, searching out all the lighthouses of that region. If they are accessible by car, Ken has found them. His guide gives detailed instructions and provides a clear map of how to reach those elusive critters. Ken comments on hours of operation; if they are open to the public; ferry schedules; other attractions in the area and who to write or call.

There are a few computer generated drawings of the lighthouses and some incidental historical information, most of which is found in the hundreds of other books on the subject. But the real meat of this manual is the accurate and detailed instructions of how to get 'there' as Ken takes you by the hand and leads you down the lighthouse trail.

One of our members, while using the book, noted he suggested using an insect repellent when taking a trail to a particular lighthouse in Maine. She told us she disregarded the advice as it was fall and, wearing shorts, took the trail sans repellent...and suffered bites all over her legs! She said, "The Colonel was right!" (Ken is a retired Army Colonel.)

This is the manual for anyone who wishes to experience hassle free visits to lighthouses. We hope Ken has the determination and energy to produce volumes for the Great Lakes and West Coast.

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## LIGHTHOUSE HORRORS

Reviewed by: Connie Jo Crowder

Long periods of solitude, heavy weather, long nights, and hard physical work all combine to make the lives of lighthouse keepers and lighthouses the perfect subjects for horror stories. A caption on the back of this book reads

"...you'll never look at a lighthouse in quite the same way again." To some this may be true. As long as the book is looked at as entertainment, there will be no long range aftereffects.

This anthology contains seventeen stories that are just that, stories. A few of them are believable; a few definitely came from the deep recesses of someone's mind. There are stories by famous writers (such as Ray Bradbury, Rudyard Kipling, Robert Bloch, and Edgar Allen Poe), and some not so famous writers. Introductions to each story describe the authors and their work.

Tales of men gone mad can be found in *The Disturber of Traffic*, *The Lighthouse Keeper's Secret*, *The End of the Reef*, *Madhouse Light*, and *Land's End*; *Ghost Island Light* is the tale of tragedy while tending a lighthouse.

*Messengers at the Window*, *The Woman at Seven Brothers*, *When the Five Moons Rise*, and *By the Hair of the Head* present supernatural happenings, and *On the Isle of Blue Men*, *Three Skeleton Key*, *The Light-House*, and *The Door Below* are pure psychological horror that would make Alfred Hitchcock shudder.

Love stories are also included in this book. *The Fog Horn* is the tale of a lonely sea creature searching for love. *All the Way Home* tells of love gone wrong, and *The Driven Snow* is a child's version of love and hate.

Soft cover, 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>"x8<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>". 208 pages, no illustrations. Available in the Keeper's Library for \$11.95 plus \$4.00 shipping and handling.

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