

Let There Be Light – Paintings by Leslie Noseworthy

With text by Dr. Leslie Harris

An unusual lighthouse book just came to our attention – a book of drawings and paintings of the lighthouses of Newfoundland. Published by the Canadian Coast Guard Newfoundland Region Alumni Association, this volume is basically a coffee table book consisting of black and white drawings and simplistic (like folk art) paintings by the artist, Leslie Noseworthy.

The first 59 pages are devoted to one lighthouse per page. Each page contains a painting of a different lighthouse, the date it was established and a very small chartlet showing its location on the Newfoundland coast. The text is minimal with a brief description of the lighthouse and a few historical facts.

Pages 60 through 71 contain some extra views of those covered along with a few strong black and white sketches, three pages of documented rescues and a glossary.

A fair reference book as to what the lighthouses of Newfoundland look like and more or less where they are located.

Hard cover, 9-1/2" by 12", 71 pages, published in St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada. It may be hard to obtain. Its ISBN is 0-9687465-0-0. Since it was a gift to the Society library from Irene Robertson, and it is not stated on the jacket – the price is unknown.

The Lighthouse Companion

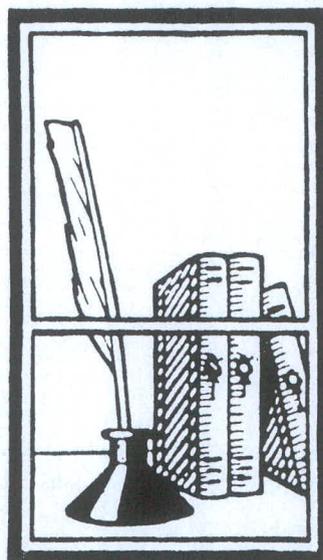
Tide-mark Press with photos by Paul Rezendes

Here is a nifty little guide book for you lighthouse fans who travel the by-ways of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

The book covers 42 lighthouses in those states, although a few, like Avery Point, aren't real lighthouses. Each lighthouse is provided two pages. On the left is a beautiful color photograph of the lighthouse with its latitude and longitude and on the right, written directions and two neat little chartlets, with contact information, if applicable. A very brief section of historical facts is also included.

At the rear of the guide is a listing of yearly events in the two states, recommendations of where to stay and other attractions and a few blank pages for notes you may wish to make during your travels. This is a perfect guide for those two states and we hope that the publisher will expand this type of guide to other areas of the county. It's compact and published on high gloss paper, which really brings out the beautiful photographs and will wear well in the glove compartment of your vehicle.

Soft, color cover, 6" X 9", 112 pages, numerous color photos and chartlets. \$9.95.



Monhegan Island and Its Lighthouse

By Thomas Taylor

Tom Taylor, a frequent contributor to *The Keeper's Log*, just released another book. This one regards an island of which he has a long association and fond memories, having spent his youth there.

The first section is devoted to an overall history of the island that certainly had a colorful past. Following this is the history of the first lighthouse erected on the island and illuminated in 1824, one of New England's earlier lighthouses. The section includes a plethora of information about the early keepers of the station and shows a considerable amount of research.

The next section details the reconstruction of the station and, again, involves personnel information and the history of the fog signals used on Monhegan and nearby Manana Island.

The fourth section of the book concerns the early days of the twentieth century regarding technical changes at the light station, but also the evolving life on the island and a list of keepers and assistant keepers.

The last section describes the island and lighthouse's history since World War II detailing the changes brought about by the Coast Guard and the eventual automation of the station.

Also mentioned is the development of the local Monhegan Historical and Cultural Museum Association and that entity's involvement with the light station.

At the back of the book is information on how to obtain transportation to the island, information on the museum and a listing of all the keepers who served at the station.

This is a very well researched book by one who is intimately associated with the island and light station. The book is laced with historic photos and drawings.

Soft cover, 12" by 9-1/2", color covers and numerous black and white photos. \$14.95 plus shipping and handling. To order the book call (877) BUY BOOK or (610) 520-2500.