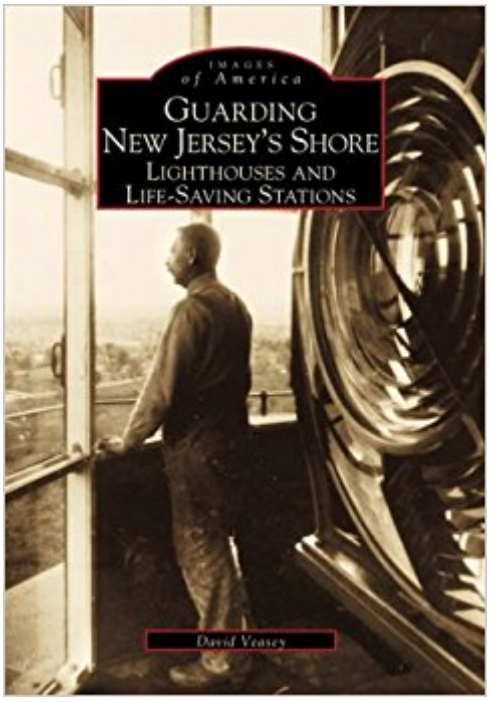
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Synopsis

From the seventeenth to the twentieth century, New JerseyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s low-lying, sandy coast has been the site of thousands of shipwrecks as ships bound for New York City or Philadelphia foundered on its offshore shoals. As coastal and international trade dramatically increased after the War of 1812, the federal government was forced to increase safety aids to mariners. To ensure their safe passage, a series of lighthouses was built and the U.S. Life-Saving Service was created. More than two centuries of the history of New JerseyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s treacherous coast are preserved in Guarding New JerseyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Shore: Lighthouses and Life-Saving Stations. Gathered from a wide array of sources, more than 200 historic photographs and fascinating, documented text combine to create the only illustrated history of the stateÃ¢â ¬â„¢s thirty-eight lighthouses and forty-one life-saving stations. Sandy Hook, built in 1764, is thenationÃ¢â ¬â„¢s oldest operating lighthouse. NavesinkÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Twin Lights was the first lighthouse to use electricity and was the home of MarconiÃ¢â ¬â„¢s early radioexperiments. From the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor, which once served as a lighthouse, to Cape May Point, and up the Delaware Bay and River, the fascinating story of protecting mariners from perilsÃ¢â ¬Å“Down the ShoreÃ¢â ¬Â• is presented and preserved in Guarding New JerseyÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Shore: Lighthouses and Life-Saving Stations.

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Author David Veasey is a former journalist and professional writer. His work has appeared in a wide variety of publications, including Military History and Naval History Magazines, as well as in the New

York Times, the Los Angeles Times, and the Washington Post. Veasey is a lifelong New Jersey resident who first became interested in lighthouses as a teenager under BarnegatÃ¢â ¬â„¢s beam on Long Beach Island.

A very nice book that blends lots of history and a little technology into the annotations of literally hundreds of photos. The book covers lighthouses, lightships, harbor lights, coastal lights as well as a facinating description of the US Life-Saving Service which, along with the Revenue Cutter Service, later became the US Coast Guard. The only reason that I did not give a rating of 5 was because I feel that there should be maps that show where the various lights were/are.

Purchased this book to help my son do his NJ 4th Grade Fair Project and by the time we were done with the book and finished with the several month long project, the bindings were worn out and all pages were dog-eared. This book ended up being more informative that a lot of stuff that we found on the internet and in the local library.

I wonderful look into the guardians of the New Jersey coastline. Especially interesting was the pictures of Old Orchard Shoal Light that was recently destroyed during Hurricane Sandy.

If you’re into coastal NJ history (prior to Superstorm Sandy), this is a great book about those who have guarded the seacoast over a couple of hundred years.

It is a forgotten Federal Agency. Its peak years were from 1878 to 1915. It was the United State Life Saving Service. Lifesavers were popular folk heroes, storm warriors. It was started in New Jersey in 1848. The New Jersey shore had more wrecks than the Outer Banks, Cape Hatteras. New Jersey is the graveyard of the Atlantic, not the Outer Banks. The book details the life saving service, light houses, light ships. There was a Light House Board in the United States Treasury Department until it merged with the Coast Guard. In 1889 the Life Saving Service became uniformed because of complaints. Lifesavers were generally recruited from local fishermen who knew surf and sea conditions. Numerous life saving stations are shown. The book exists for its pictures, which are plentiful. Basically it is a picture book. Detailed explanations are given. The plan of the book is simple and forthright. We had occasion to use the book just this morning to plan an outing to see a restored stucture. Indeed, there it was, pictured, in this highly useful book.

This small book on lighthouses is just chock full of fascinating information and wonderful historic photographs. If you have any interest at all in lighthouses, you should really love it. I recommend it enthusiastically! This is a special book.

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