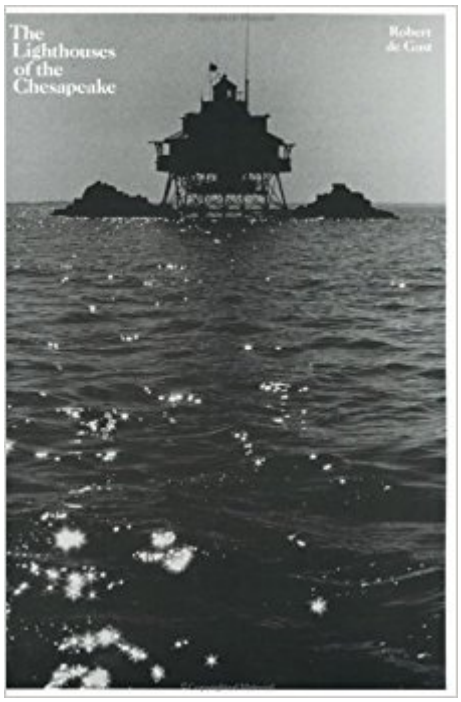
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Synopsis

This text features a sequence of 32 photographic essays, documenting in 170 haunting images each of the lighthouses still standing along the shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay. For each lighthouse there is a photograph of the structure in its setting, a view looking out from the lighthouse, and a close-up of some singular detail of the building. The text discusses how and why the lighthouses were built, important events in their history, and in some cases the lives of their keepers. The sequence of lighthouses follows an imaginary journey around the Bay, starting at Cape Henry, site of the oldest existing light.

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"The finest record of lighthouses available." (Baltimore Sun)"A rich assemblage of atmospheric black-and-white photographs filled with a sense of time, detail, and texture. It is a handsome gift as well as a guide." (Washington Post)"The illustrations say it all. Through his camera’s eye you really ’see’ each lighthouse. Not just candid shots of ’high buildings’ with lights on top, but close-ups of the hand-hewn stone stairs of Old Point Comfort Lighthouse... even the wooden privy of the front light of the Craghill Channel Range." (Chesapeake Bay Magazine)

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the No Point Light; the bronze caster that rotated the light at Sandy Point; even the wooden privy of the front light of the Craghill Channel Range.' -- 'Chesapeake Bay Magazine'

Not the most complete reference book on the subject, but the distinctive black-and-white phototography is excellent. A very different visual treatment than you'll find in most other books about Chesapeake Bay lighthouses.

This book is generally good for anyone wanting general information about each lighthouse and about the locations of ones that don't exist anymore. However, the photography is extremely poor. The pictures are very dark with too much glare and have very poor contrast. I would have thought that they would have none better even in 1973! I have seen pictures taken by the coast guard of lighthouses in other books that are way better than these and they were taken earlier than these. If you buy this book and want clear, crisp colorful pictures along with good textual content, you will be extremely disappointed like I was.

This was one of the first lighthouse books for this region, and because of that, it's kind of dull compared to some of the more recent ones. However, it's great for people who want historical information (for example, lighthouses that have been torn down) and for people who want a comprehensive list of area lighthouses, not just the most photogenic or easy to get to lighthouses!

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