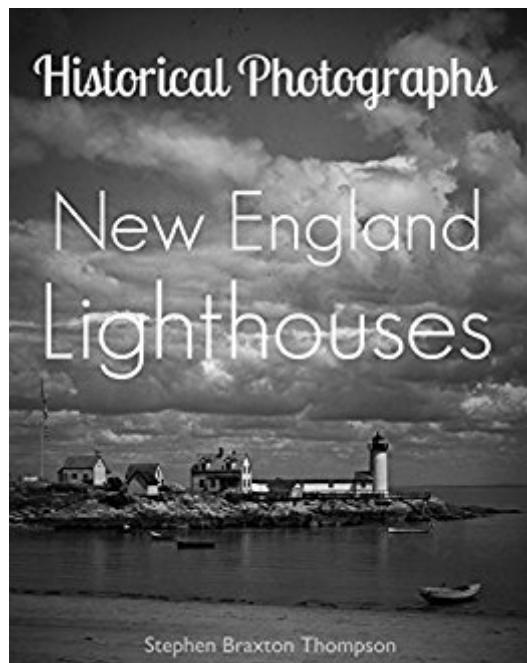


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Time and tide has taken an inevitable toll of the earliest American lighthouses, those reassuring beacons which cut through the dark of night, providing a measure of comfort to those on fog-shrouded or ferocious storm-tossed seas and inland waterways. Some rugged lighthouses survived the centuries and continue their life-saving duties, but many ultimately were replaced, abandoned, vandalized, razed to the ground, or pounded into submission by the elements. Today, a number of early lighthouses have been taken under the protective wings of public and private organizations which have transformed the structures into monuments and museums, while others have been absorbed into protected parklands safeguarded by neighboring communities and counties, along with state and federal agencies. Some of these lighthouses are now in private hands, used as homes or commercial enterprises. This ebook, the first in a planned series featuring captioned vintage photographs of early American lighthouses, focuses on many of those towers dotting the rugged New England shoreline and storm-battered islands at the birth of a nation. The hyperlinks to assorted websites were fully functioning at time of publication.

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