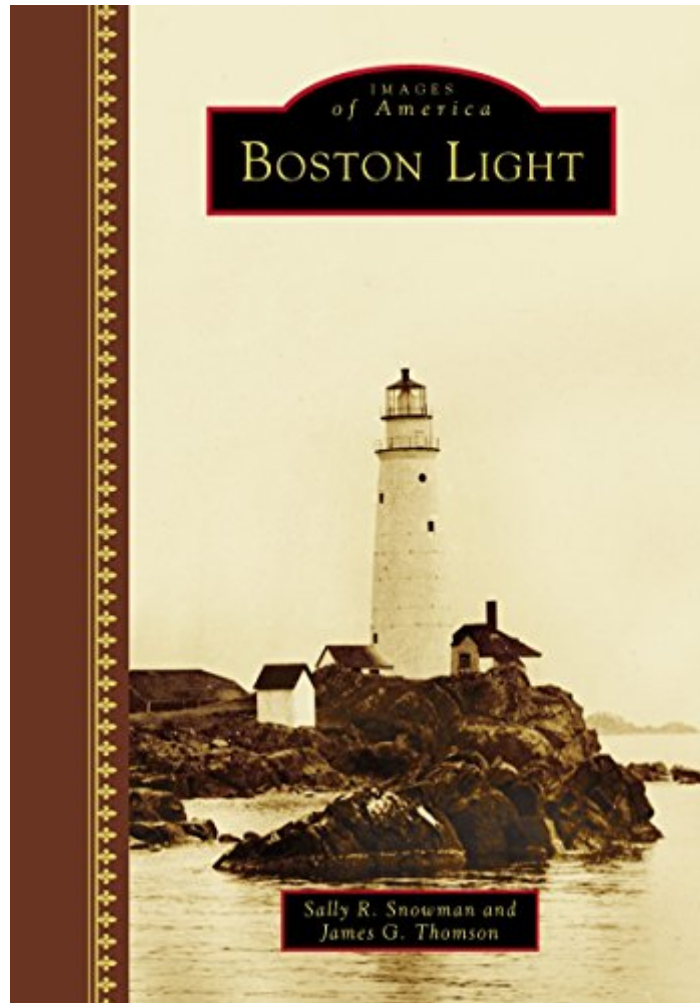




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On September 14, 1716, Boston Light became the first lighthouse established in Colonial America. With many ships floundering in the treacherous waters of the Massachusetts harbor, there was a great need for navigational aid. At night and during storms, it was difficult to discern the entrance to the main shipping channel of Nantasket Roads, situated between the Brewster islands and the town of Hull. The ledges had become a graveyard for ships, resulting in great loss to human life and cargo— a deterrent to European colonization efforts. Ship captains and merchants petitioned the colonial government for a lighthouse to be erected on Little Brewster Island as a way of safe passage to the inner harbor. Three hundred years later, Boston Light continues to serve its purpose. Today, the lighthouse is protected by an ever-present Coast Guard civilian keeper and a cadre of specially trained Coast Guard Auxiliary volunteer assistant keepers.

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Great photos and history

This is a book filled with everything you want to know the oldest continuous working lighthouse in America. Dr. Snowman is the 70th Keeper of Boston Light with the first 69 having been men. It is the last manned Coast Guard light station in the country. She has been the Keeper for 10 years and along with her husband, Jay Thomson, has done extensive historical research on this distinctive piece of Americana. You will discover the historical significance of the first established lighthouse in colonial America in 1716 as well as modern technologies and challenges in maintaining this Boston Harbor landmark. The book also has rare photographs of the island and informative about the classical 1859 Fresnel lens that remains in operation. Dr. Snowman and her life as a lighthouse keeper has been seen on Chronicle, This Old House, and featured in Yankee Magazine. Most recently, Boston Light is being highlighted in a U.S. postal service commemorative series. There are so much data in the book that it can be brain overload to try to absorb it all at once. It is better to spread out the reading over several time periods and then keep the book handy for quick referencing anything you want to know about the lighthouse. Dr. Snowman is also a sought-after speaker, I bought my book after her guest appearance at the Tufts Library in Weymouth, MA. Her passion for having this unique position was evident throughout her presentation. The myriad facts and figures in the book came to life with her enthusiastic stories and personal experience on the island. Highly recommended for readers interested in history, New England, lighthouses, sea stories.

Lots of history in this book. So interesting! Great pictures too, I would recommend this to anyone into lighthouses or history of Boston harbor.

Filled with history of Boston Light and Boston Harbor. Filled with pictures and stories. Worth the read for sure. Great book.

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