

Boston Light: Images of America



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Boston Light is the oldest lighthouse in America, and it has been a beacon of hope for sailors for centuries. Perched on a tiny island in Boston Harbor, the lighthouse has witnessed some of the most important events in American history, from the founding of the nation to the Civil War.

This book tells the story of Boston Light through stunning images and engaging text. The book features over 100 photographs, many of which have never been published before. The text provides a detailed history of the lighthouse, from its construction in 1716 to its present-day status as a National Historic Landmark.

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Chapter 1: The Early Years



The first lighthouse on Little Brewster Island was built in 1716. The lighthouse was a simple wooden structure, and it was only 29 feet tall. However, it was a significant improvement over the previous system of beacon fires, and it quickly became a vital aid to navigation.

The early years of Boston Light were marked by a series of challenges. The lighthouse was frequently damaged by storms, and it was often difficult

to keep it lit. In 1776, the lighthouse was attacked by British forces during the Battle of Bunker Hill. The lighthouse keeper, John Rowe, was killed in the attack, but the lighthouse itself was spared.

Chapter 2: The 19th Century



The 19th century was a time of great change for Boston Light. In 1859, the lighthouse was rebuilt using granite blocks. The new lighthouse was much taller than the original, and it was much more resistant to storms.

The 19th century also saw the development of new technologies that made Boston Light even more effective. In 1856, the lighthouse was equipped with a Fresnel lens. The Fresnel lens made the lighthouse's light much

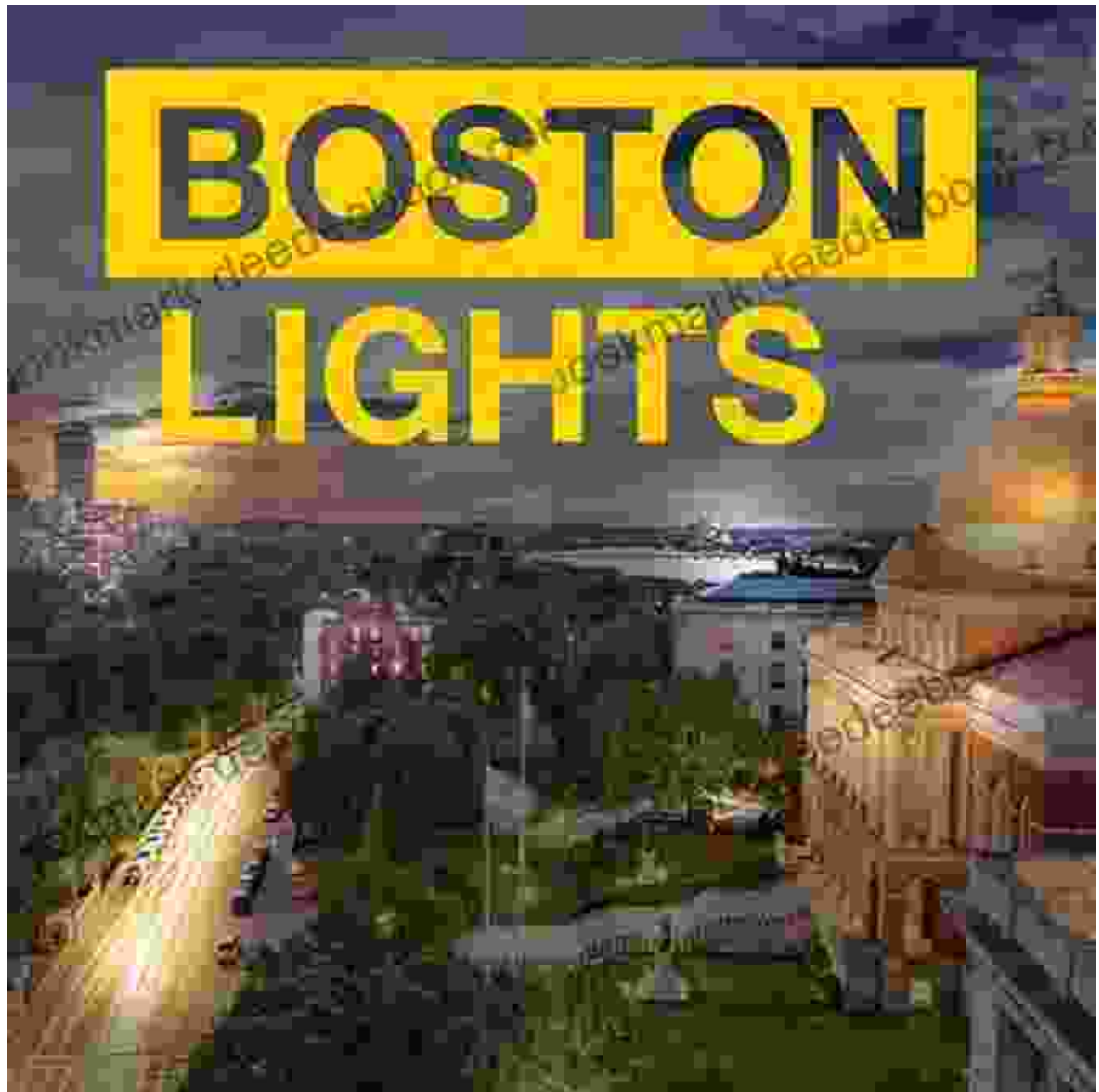
brighter and more visible. In 1891, the lighthouse was electrified, making it even easier to keep it lit.

Chapter 3: The 20th Century



The 20th century was a time of relative peace and prosperity for Boston Light. The lighthouse continued to serve as a vital aid to navigation, and it became a popular tourist destination.

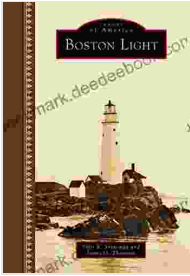
In 1989, Boston Light was declared a National Historic Landmark. The lighthouse is now managed by the National Park Service, and it is open to the public for tours.



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