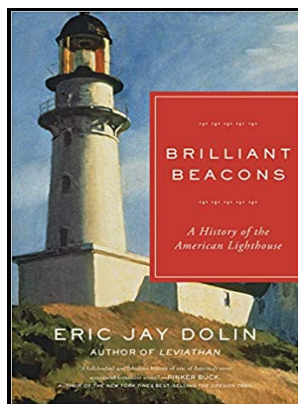


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History

First and foremost, keepers were expected to maintain a good light each and every night, and during periods of poor visibility, ensure the fog signal was sounding its audible warning.

Lighthouses

The first British colonial lighthouse is located in Boston, Massachusetts. The Fresnel lens was not a flat sheet of glass, like a window-pane, which was what other lighthouses had used previously — it was a series of prisms — shaped and ground and arranged in such a way that all the angles of glass directed and concentrated the light from its source the lamp into a single, solid, unbroken beam.

A History of Lighthouses

Either cliffside or island lighthouses, with million-dollar beachfront views, or isolated lighthouses, built on rocky outcrops offshore, or even out in the middle of nowhere! The third keeper abandoned the lighthouse in an attempt to rescue his companions and was also lost to the sea. The Gay Head Light was built in 1856. The first lighthouse in Florida is located in St.

Lighthouse

Unlike a shore station, a lighthouse in the open sea had to contain everything that it might need and be self-sufficient for weeks on end. These early lighthouses were primitive, and were not strong enough to survive for any serious lengths of time. Next, esteemed engineer John Smeaton built a lighthouse with a broader base that lasted for 123 years, until a concerned Trinity House disassembled the lighthouse for fear that it would be destroyed in 1882.

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