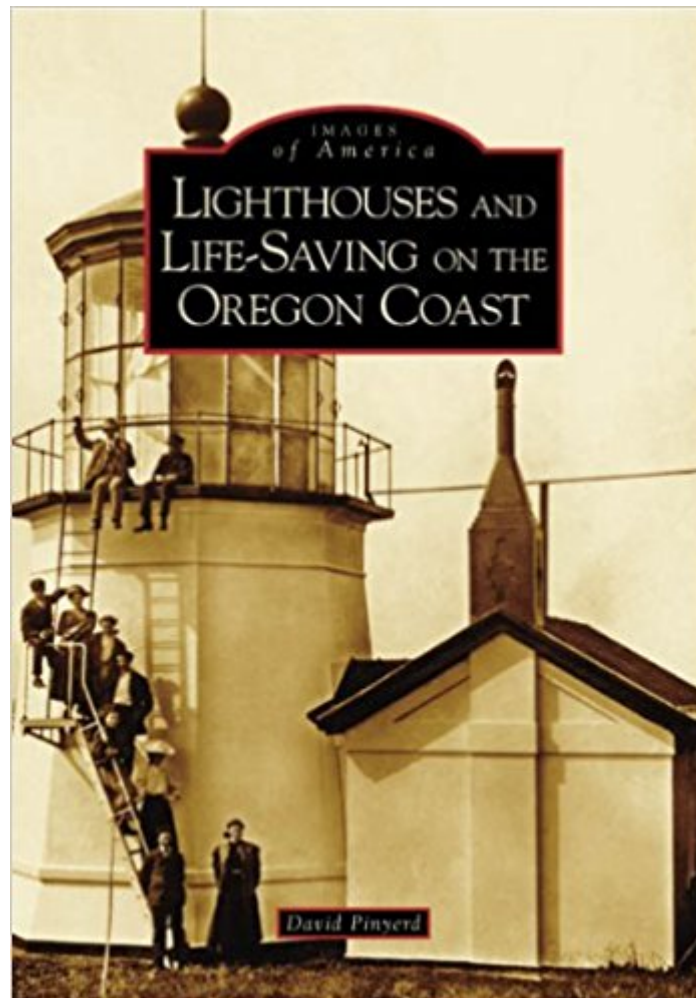




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Synopsis

The Oregon Coast has been the site of shipwrecks even before Lewis and Clark's arrival in 1805. Even as the population grew, the federal government let the Oregon Coast go unguarded by lighthouses and lifesavers for decades. Economic and political pressures finally forced the government to build the first Oregon lighthouse in 1857 at the Umpqua River. The LifeSaving Service followed in 1878 with a station at the mouth of Coos Bay. Eventually, most of the harbor entrances and headlands were protected by both the Lighthouse Service and the LifeSaving Service, the precursor to today's Coast Guard. Lighthouses and Lifesaving on the Oregon Coast commemorates the true heroes who served to warn, protect, and rescue those who went to sea.

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Author David Pinyerd combines thorough research with an extensive collection of previously unpublished photographs to create a vivid portrait of a coastal economy dependent upon the Pacific Ocean. Pinyerd is a member of the board of the U.S. LifeSaving Service Heritage Association, working to save the artifacts and story of the LifeSaving Service and the Coast Guard. Gathered from a wide variety of sources, more than 180 historic photographs document the history of the state's lighthouses and lifesaving stations.

Good book.

Wonderful pictures and information about the lighthouses along the Oregon coast. We just returned from a west coast trip and this was the perfect "souvenir."

Excellent.

The "Images of America" are such incredible books. I have liked everyone one of them! Pictures and history of an area are so nicely done.

I've written a dozen Arcadia books and reviewed dozens more. Arcadia offers the best of both worlds, a simple format that forces the writer to be concise and efficient, but, unfortunately, it also tends to lead the unwitting author down a path away from narrative storytelling. Some authors get stuck moving from picture and caption to picture and caption, never creating a cohesive and readable book from end to end. David Pinyerd completed his master's thesis on the architecture of the early Coast Guard stations in Oregon, dating back to the days of the United States Life-Saving Service; as such, I can't think of anyone more qualified to write this book. His depth of knowledge on the topic of Oregon's lighthouses and life-saving stations and their architectural styles is unparalleled. Life-saving stations, as a class, are among the most endangered buildings in America. As they disappear, books like this one will be important as research tools for future historians wanting to know more about the construction techniques used in building the stations, and even the shipwrecks to which the men who served in them responded. Most importantly, this book does tell a story, of the coast the Life-Saving Service almost forgot, and how the mariners sailing into and out of its ports finally did receive at least some help that could save their lives when storms arose.

An excellent book! The author has put together an outstanding set of illustrations to offer a very coherent view of the development of lighthouses and life-saving stations in Oregon, covering the period from 1857 to 1939. The human side of lightkeeping and life-saving is given all its due, with many photos of people who were engaged in those occupations.

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