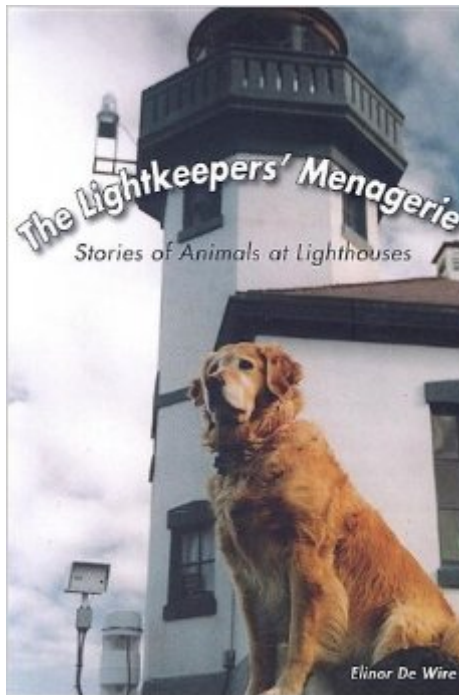


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# The Lightkeepers' Menagerie: Stories Of Animals At Lighthouses



## Synopsis

Elinor De Wire has been writing about lighthouses and their keepers since 1972. During that time she found that hundreds of lighthouse animals wandered into her research notes and photo collection. This book is the story of all these cold-nosed, whiskered, wooly, hoofed, horned, slithery, buzzing, feathered, and finned keepers of the lights. Where else would a dog learn to ring a fogbell; a cat go swimming and catch a fish for its supper; or a parrot cuss the storm winds rattling its cage? Who other than a lightkeeper would swim a cow home, tame a baby seal, adopt an orphan alligator, send messages via carrier pigeons, or imagine mermaids coming to visit? The Lightkeepers' Menagerie gathers together animal stories from lighthouses all around the world, tales of happiness and sadness, courage and cowardice, tragedy and comedy, even absurdity. Sometimes, fur, feathers, and fins tell the best tales.

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## Customer Reviews

I thought this was an extremely interesting, informative, historically well-researched, and entertaining account of one group of people whose lives are enriched by their bond with animals, and who value the animals with whom we share this planet enough to help them when they can.

I thoroughly enjoy this book. I purchased a second copy to give to friends for a Christmas present. This is a wonderful book for anyone who enjoys reading and learning about lighthouses, and is a lover of pets. Lots of stories about dogs, cats, horses, mules, chickens etc., and the stories are

funny and tender as well.

This is a great book about the pets that were with the caretakers of the Lighthouses. Even if you don't like to read books, you will like this one. The stories are very short for each pet. If you love animals and lighthouses, you will like this book. This book also includes a lot of photographs.

After visiting the Upper Peninsula and taking two shipwreck tours, this subject became very interesting to me. Who knew that many, if not most lighthouse keepers had pets of every kind, not just dogs, cats, rabbits, goats, and horses? A very interesting read for pet lovers.

This is a good collection of stories from all across the world. This focuses on all animals, from companions such as dogs and cats to work animals, like horses and cows. There are stories that focus more on the animals, others that focus more on the human masters. All in all, an excellent collection of stories that focus on generally overlooked parts of lighthouse lore.

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