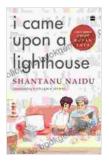
Came Upon Lighthouse: A Beacon of History and Beauty on Whidbey Island

A Serendipitous Discovery

Nestled on the northwestern tip of Whidbey Island in the heart of Washington's Puget Sound, Came Upon Lighthouse stands as a testament to the region's rich maritime heritage. This charming lighthouse, with its iconic red exterior and sturdy white tower, has guided countless seafarers through treacherous waters and served as a beacon of hope and safety for over a century.





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A Legacy of Maritime Guidance

The story of Came Upon Lighthouse begins in 1887, when the U.S. Lighthouse Board recognized the need for a navigational aid on this strategic stretch of coastline. The lighthouse was designed by renowned architect Carl F. W. Walther and constructed in 1891, marking the beginning of its enduring service to mariners.

Throughout its history, Came Upon Lighthouse has played a vital role in ensuring the safe passage of ships and vessels navigating the treacherous currents and dense fog that often shroud Puget Sound. Its powerful lantern, visible for miles around, has guided countless mariners to their destinations, preventing countless maritime accidents.

Intricate Design and Enduring Strength

Came Upon Lighthouse is not only a beacon of maritime safety but also a testament to the architectural ingenuity and craftsmanship of its time. The lighthouse features a robust cylindrical tower made of cast iron, rising to a height of 52 feet and topped by a distinctive red lantern room.

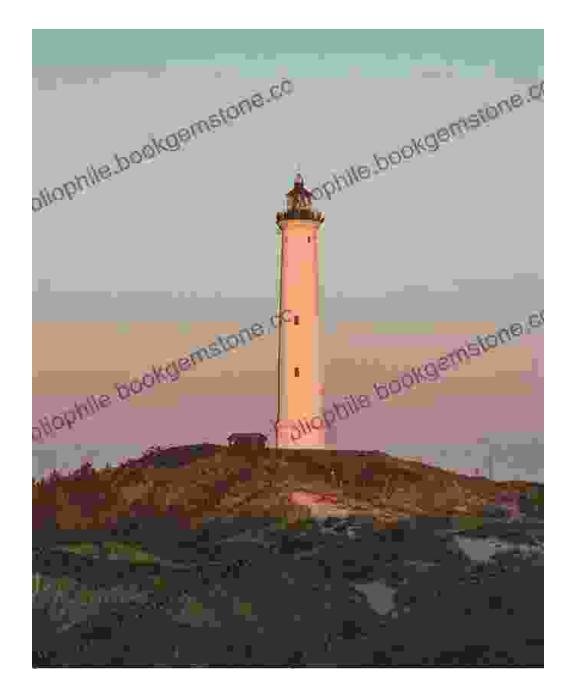


The lighthouse's rugged iron construction and weathered exterior bear witness to its enduring strength and resilience.

The tower's exterior is adorned with intricate ironwork, including decorative railings and balconies, which provide access to the lantern room and offer breathtaking views of the surrounding landscape.

A Photographer's Paradise

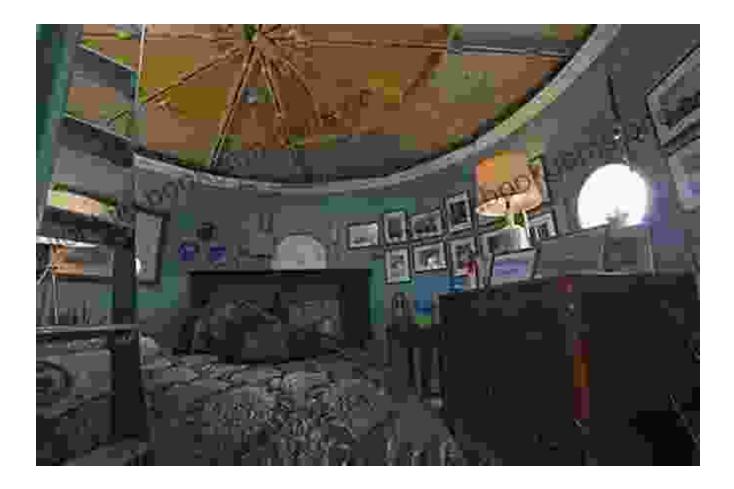
In addition to its historical significance, Came Upon Lighthouse is renowned for its stunning scenic beauty. Perched atop a rocky bluff overlooking the vast expanse of Puget Sound, the lighthouse offers unparalleled panoramic views of the surrounding islands, mountains, and shimmering waters.



Visitors can capture breathtaking sunrise and sunset photographs, where the lighthouse becomes a dramatic silhouette against the vibrant colors of the sky. The surrounding parkland provides ample opportunities for hiking, picnicking, and wildlife viewing, making it a delightful destination for outdoor enthusiasts.

A Preserved Legacy

Over the years, Came Upon Lighthouse has undergone several renovations and restorations to preserve its historical integrity and ensure its continued operation as a navigational aid. In 1987, the lighthouse was added to the National Register of Historic Places, recognizing its architectural and historical significance.



The lighthouse's interior has been meticulously restored, providing a glimpse into the life of lighthouse keepers.

In 2002, the lighthouse underwent a comprehensive restoration, which included the repair of its ironwork, the restoration of its living quarters, and the replacement of its lantern room. Today, Came Upon Lighthouse stands as a testament to the dedication and craftsmanship of those who have preserved this maritime treasure.

Plan Your Visit

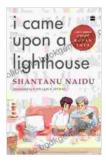
Came Upon Lighthouse is open to the public from April through October, offering visitors a unique opportunity to explore this iconic landmark. Guided tours are available during the summer months, providing insights into the lighthouse's history, architecture, and the lives of the lighthouse keepers who once tended its flame.

Visitors can also wander the surrounding parkland, enjoy scenic walks along the bluff, and take in the breathtaking views of Puget Sound. The lighthouse's remote location and tranquil surroundings make it an ideal destination for those seeking a peaceful and memorable coastal escape.

A Timeless Treasure

Came Upon Lighthouse is more than just a navigational aid; it is a symbol of maritime history, architectural ingenuity, and scenic beauty. Its enduring presence on the shores of Whidbey Island has witnessed countless sunsets, guided countless ships, and inspired countless hearts.

Whether you are a history buff, a lighthouse enthusiast, or simply someone seeking a tranquil coastal escape, a visit to Came Upon Lighthouse is an experience that will leave a lasting impression. Its timeless beauty, rich history, and breathtaking views will undoubtedly captivate all who make the pilgrimage to this extraordinary landmark.



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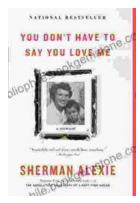
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