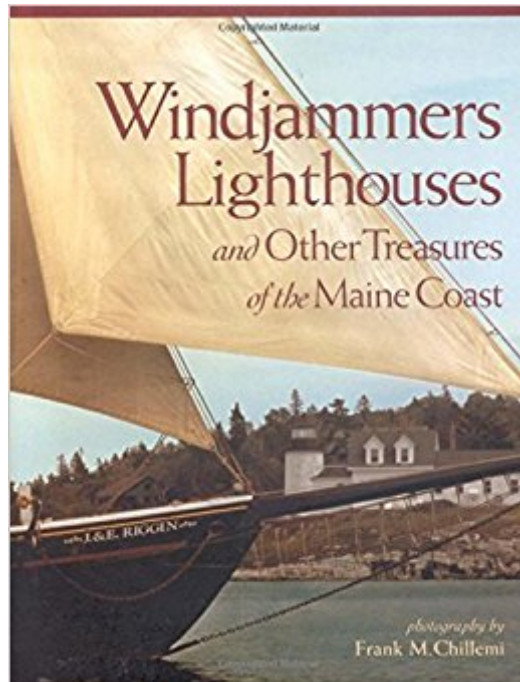




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Photographer Frank Chillemi experienced the coast of Maine with its evocative light and beauty for the first time in 1988, and in his heart he has never left. Working, studying, and teaching along these shores ever since, Frank has produced a body of work, represented in this book, that reflects his love, passion, and utmost respect for the land and the sea, its maritime traditions, and the people who call this coast home.

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Customer Reviews

Frank Chillemi is a photographer and writer who heads the photo and art department of one of Long island's largest companies. He has taught photography at the State University of New York, and now teaches photographic workshops along the Maine coast. His work has appeared in such magazines as Newsday, Aviation Week, and Smithsonian, and his photos have been exhibited at museums and galleries in the New York metropolitan area.

Windjammers, Lighthouses and Other Treasures of the Maine Coast is an exceptional piece of photographic literature anyone with an appreciation for the sea and the beauty of the northeast can enjoy. The book is a compilation of the author's photographs that have been taken during his travels along the north shores of Maine. The photos in this book vary from timeless, nostalgic images to

captured moments of nature's awesome beauty. I recommend this book to anyone with an affection for the sea, those who enjoy nature photography, general photo enthusiasts, and/or anyone that simply wants to be taken away by stunning and compelling images this book has to offer.

If you love Maine history and the sea, then this book is for you! One of my grandfathers and several of my great grandfathers were Maine sailors. And my grand uncle was a lighthouse keeper . . .

Just as I expected. It's a very peaceful book to go wondering through. Makes you feel like your in Maine.

The most difficult thing about photographing the Maine coast is not having enough film or enough empty space in a memory card for those who use digital. In just about every nook and corner, there is something to capture: a scene with boats, lighthouses, the ocean in its glory, birds, and people earning a living in the fishing industry. Maine is a state with natural beauty, history, and at times a glimpse of life as it used to be, though it is still a reality in this amazing northeast state. Yet with all the diversity, we often see the same scenes just captured by someone different. If you want to find some unique and beautiful images, Frank Chillemi's **WINDJAMMERS, LIGHTHOUSES, AND OTHER TREASURES OF THE MAINE COAST** is just the book for you. Chillemi, who offers photographic tours of the Maine coast aboard a windjammer, captures these beautiful vessels as well as the many lighthouses along the Maine coast. While he includes some of the famous Maine lighthouses: Portland Head, Nubble, and Pemaquid, he focuses primarily on the mid-coast area of Maine and offers interesting shots of lesser known lights. He also captures the beauty of sail with his windjammer shots. I first saw this book when I was visiting Maine and decided I have to take a photographic tour with the author/photographer, hoping that under his tutelage I may get a few good shots too. I am sure I am not the only amateur photographer who has seen the book and decided the same thing. I haven't looked at the price of a windjammer tour yet, so maybe I will have to put it on hold for a while. One thing I do know, friends and family members who love Maine will be getting a copy as a Christmas or birthday present and I'm sure that once seeing this book, you'll love it too.

I was thrilled to experience a different view of a maritime theme. The photos become a chronicle to an experience, an impassioned interlude; engulfing you in a spiritual journey along the coast. One need not be an "old salt" to appreciate the sea mists, the majesty of the Windjammers, the regal lighthouses. My gosh you can almost smell the brine ! Let me not forget to mention how life has been

captured in print. The artistry of capturing the unspoken dialogue, the needless interview, is presented in stunning portraits and personal close-ups. I recommend this book for the casual observer and for those who appreciate good art. Seldom is the maritime themes so stark and diverse.....Mr. Lee - Bay Shore, New York

Frank Chillemi has done a stunning job of capturing the essence and beauty of Maine coast lighthouses and windjammers. Through his magnificent photography, each picture captures a special scene in time and mood. The photographs are mostly full-page size, with a short description below. Each scene, in my opinion, is so beautiful it could be framed. I highly recommend this inspiring book for anyone who is not only interested in photography, but also one who appreciates the beauty of tall windjammers, lighthouses and nature. Frank Chellemi, through his photography, will take you to places that you might not otherwise see, at the most beautiful times of the day.

This is a gorgeous collection of maritime photographs. You neither need be from Maine nor be a photographer to appreciate the stunning beauty of the windjammers and lighthouses that Mr. Chillemi has so artfully captured in these photographs. The pictures are left to speak for themselves, with little commentary from the photographer at all, and absolutely no technical photography jargon; however, the introduction provides some insight into the joys and challenges experienced and some basic techniques employed while capturing these magnificent subjects on film. After admiring these pictures, I had a strong urge to get in my car and head "down east" to the Maine coastline myself.

Those with even the most casual interest in the schooners and lighthouses of the Northeast will find this book fascinating. For those with a keen interest, the book is an absolute "must have". Having experienced sailing aboard a windjammer with Mr. Chillemi on one of his photo workshops, I can say with some degree of authority that he has a passion not only for photography, but also for the tall ships and lighthouses that dot the beautiful coast of Maine. Chillime has masterfully captured the grandeur. To loosely paraphrase an earlier reviewer, one can almost smell the salt air and wet canvas within the pages of this book.

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