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The Lennard Island Lighthouse is near Tofino, B.C.

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Writer lives at a lighthouse

Caroline Woodward lives at a light station near Tofino, B.C. The lighthouse is on Lennard Island. The lighthouse is very important. It has lights that guide ships along the rocky shores of the Pacific coast.

Caroline and her husband, Jeff, have lived and worked at more than 12 light houses along the B.C. coast. The couple have jobs to do at the light station. They share the work.

Caroline and Jeff have other occupations

As well as working at the light station, both Caroline and Jeff have other occupations. Caroline is a writer. She writes poetry, books for adults and books for children. Jeff is a photographer.

Growing up in a small town

Caroline grew up near Cecil Lake, a small town in northern British Columbia. She went to a one-room school. The school was far from her home. She had to walk for one mile and then take a bus.

She loved growing up in a small community. She says, "There were hundreds of acres of land, horses to ride, forts to build and a radio which ran on batteries." Her family did not have electricity or running water.

Caroline moved to Fort St. John to go to high school. It was there that she started to write. Her first job was writing for the Alaska Highway News.



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Caroline washes the walkway.

"I am wearing a sun hat, ear protectors, gloves, rain pants and steel-toed gumboots. Washing the walkway is a long and wet job. It is important to remove slimy mold and dirt from the tanks and cement walkways."

-- Caroline Woodward

Writing books

Caroline has written several books. Her first book was based on her childhood. It is called *Disturbing the Peace*.

In 1999, she wrote a book of short stories for adult new readers called *Work is a 4-Letter Word*. Her newest book is about her life as a lighthouse keeper. It is called *Light Years. A Memoir of a Modern Lighthouse Keeper*.

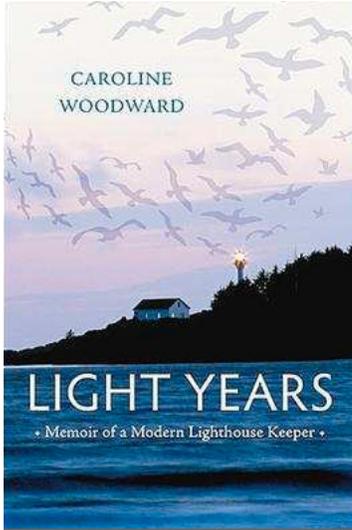


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Caroline Woodward writes fiction, poetry and children's books. She also works and lives on Lennard Island at the light station.

Caroline has many jobs to do at the light station.



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Caroline measures the temperature of the water. She measures the amount of salt in the water. She sends the data to scientists.

Caroline loves her life

"I am very happy at this stage of my life. I am writing nearly full-time, living on the wild West Coast. I am surrounded by books and wild ocean beauty and I have excellent company. I count my blessings daily."

Story written by Patty Bossort