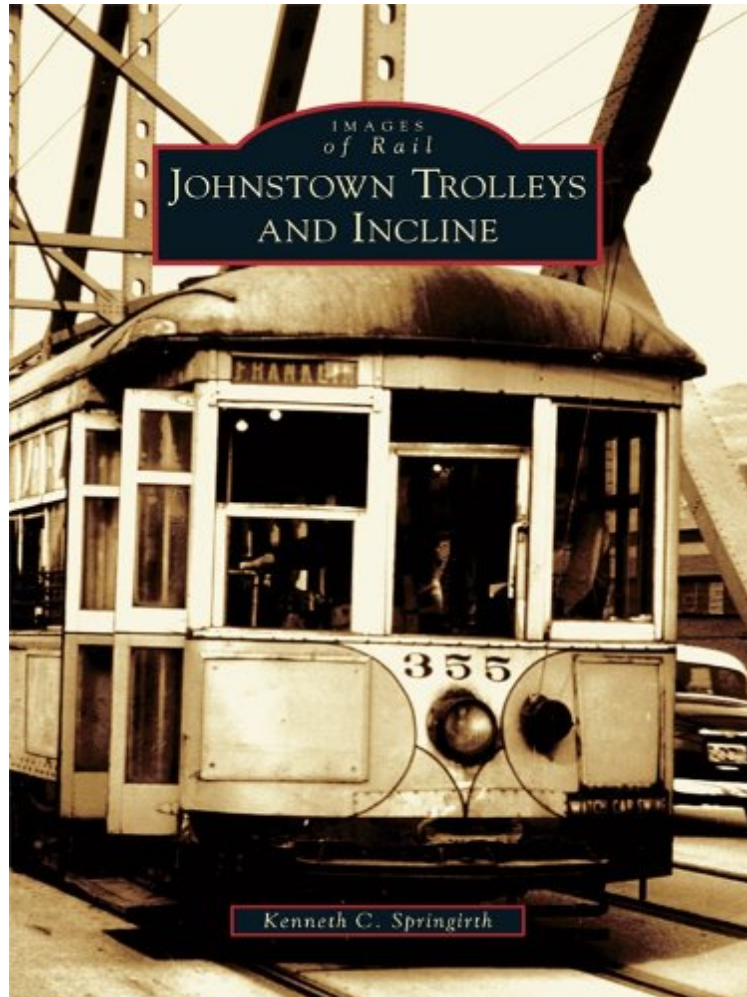


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thorough to a fault. For example, one might ask: Was it really necessary to include a final chapter on the Cambria County Transit Authority? Pictures of modern-day public buses heading to Oakhurst and Moxham do little but remind us how bad those areas have become. These buses' place in transportation history is so unremarkable that they can be usefully (rightly?) skipped over. 4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. My hometown system. By Richard A. Clark I thoroughly enjoyed the pictures of the streetcars and the Incline Plane Railway from my hometown of Johnstown PA. Growing up there in the last days of the streetcar system I felt like I had lost many good friends when they were discontinued. I also met Mr. Springirth on several occasions during this time. Theodore Burkett 0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My wife came from Johnstown and actually remembers riding on ... By KARL SPENCE My wife came from Johnstown and actually remembers riding on specific numbered streetcars . Loads of photos and an interesting coverage of the line which was one of the last streetcar systems in Pennsylvania.

The Johnstown flood on May 31, 1889, virtually demolished the horsecar lines of the Johnstown Passenger Railway Company, resulting in the system being rebuilt with electric trolley cars. Johnstown Trolleys and Incline covers the history of the trolley car system, trackless trolleys, and the Johnstown Incline Plane. Johnstown was the last small city in the United States to operate a variety of vintage and modern trolley cars along with trackless trolleys. The Johnstown incline played a key role in transporting residents to higher ground in the devastating floods of 1936 and 1977. Ridership declined with the coming of the automobile and the changing industrial scene in the region. Rail enthusiasts from all parts of the country came to Johnstown on its last day of trolley service in 1960, and the last runs are fully illustrated in these vintage photographs.

About the Author Kenneth C. Springirth, author of Greater Erie Trolleys, has a vested interest in rail history, as his father was a trolley car motorman in Philadelphia and his grandfather was a motorman in Washington, D.C. Springirth made several trips to Johnstown to photograph trolleys and conduct research for this book. He has walked the lines, photographed, and ridden trolley cars in the United States, Canada, Mexico, Australia, Isle of Man, England, the Netherlands, Switzerland, Finland, Portugal, and Hong Kong.