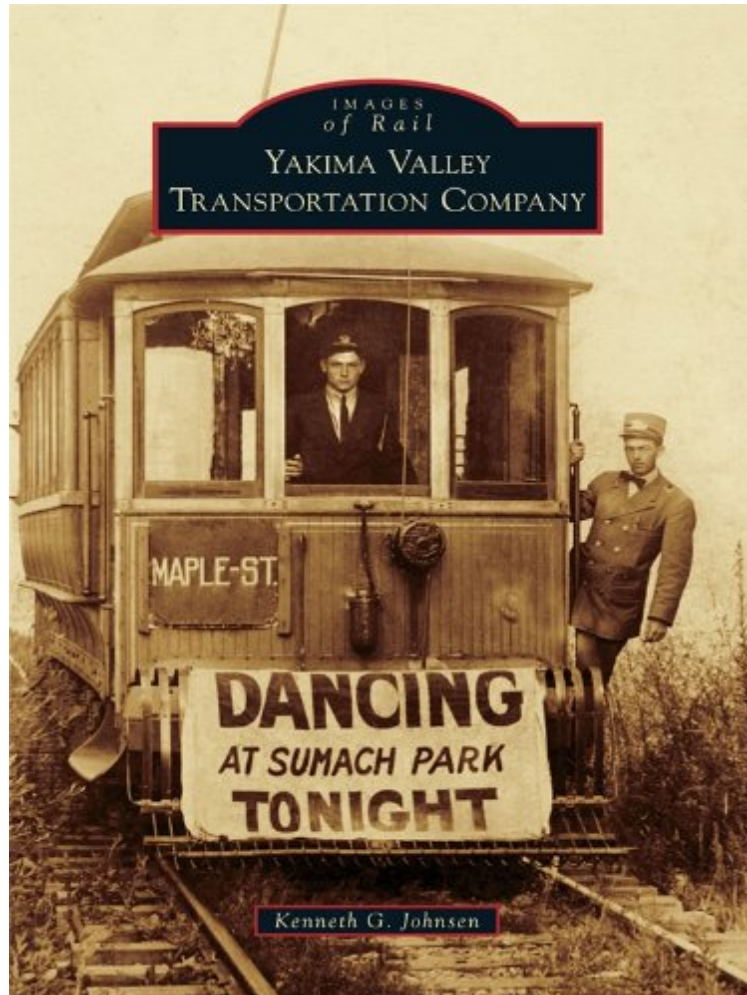


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Kenneth G. Johnsen : Yakima Valley Transportation Company (Images of Rail) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Yakima Valley Transportation Company (Images of Rail):

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Company was an exceptionally long-lived line, thanks to its later ownership by the Union Pacific, and also thanks to its sizable freight traffic--primarily, apples. Like others in the Images of Rail series, the Yakima Valley's is told in hundreds of sharp black and white photographs taken over a period of 90 years. The result is a portrait of a small city and its rail-based connection to the rest of the country. There are enough photographs of construction details, street scenes, and rolling stock to keep an interurban modeler busy for years. There are even photographs of steam engines at work building the line in the 1910's! Best of all, the Yakima Valley continues to live, thanks to the author's volunteering to keep trolleys alive and on the streets of Yakima during the 70's and 80's, and the activities of a local group to re-establish trolley service to the Yakima Convention Center. Kenneth G. Johnsen's book reminds us that transit history wasn't convinced to the large urban centers traditionally covered in the railroad press; smaller cities, too, had colorful interurban lines that, often, survived well past their peak. The Yakima Valley Transportation Company represents an excellent value interested in reading about, or modeling, interurban railroads serving smaller cities and agricultural areas during periods of growth, expansion, decline, and rebirth. Note: although I received an early review copy, this is a book I'd re-buy for myself or a friend.

The National Register of Historic Places lists the Yakima Valley Transportation Company (YVT) as the last intact early 20th century electric interurban railroad in America. From its beginning in 1907, the YVT was no quitter, surviving a takeover by the Union Pacific, large financial losses as the last trolley railroad in Washington state, attempts at dieselization, and a concerted effort to put the company in its grave. Thanks to the efforts of local preservationists, YVT trolleys are still in operation. The railroad and its infrastructure never changed. What is seen today is what was built 100 years ago a living slice of history. Images of Rail: Yakima Valley Transportation Company is the most authoritative chronicle of the famous YVT yet compiled.

About the Author Author Dr. Kenneth G. Johnsen has been called the YVT's godfather, savior, and world authority by Yakima's historic-preservation community. He began studying and photographing the railroad in 1966 and has amassed an extensive archive of YVT photographs. In 1973, Johnsen persuaded Yakima's City Council to bring streetcars back to the YVT and has operated them as a volunteer motorman ever since. He authored a previous book on YVT, Apple Country Interurban, and is president of the nonprofit Yakima Valley Trolleys organization.