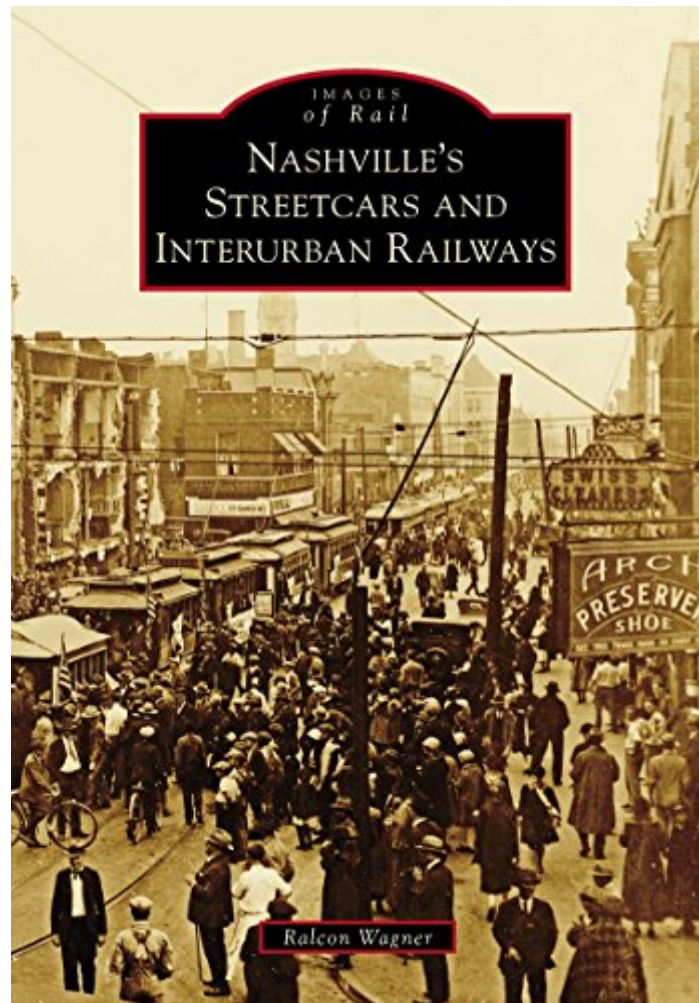




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Synopsis

Nashville's 150-year public transportation heritage is a rich and colorful one that began in 1866 when two private companies, the McGavock and Mount Vernon Horse Railroad Company and the South Nashville Street Railroad Company, commenced operation. The first cars were mule powered. During the 1880s, as streetcar routes became longer and too strenuous for animal power, steam dummy lines were introduced. On April 30, 1889, Nashville became one of the earliest cities served by electric street railways, developing a 70-mile system by 1915. In addition to its advanced streetcar system, Nashville was also served by two interurban railway systems. Over time, improved roads and affordable cars caused ridership on public transportation to drop rapidly. By February 1941, buses had replaced the last of the city's aging streetcars. The traction era had come to an end.

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An outstanding book. Very well written, both text and captions. In addition to the subject itself, there is a brief history of Nashville and its history, to include some noticeable civic and retail structures,

embedded throughout. Contains some great 'then and now' photographs too. Only nitpick is the lack of usable maps. With the repeated citing of photograph locations - streets, intersections, etc, there is no context for locations. I have noticed this in other Arcadia books, and it may be a space issue, but unless you are a local resident, just enjoy the research and information. I highly recommend this book.

My great- grandfather drove the streetcars in Nashville and it was so nice being able to have some of that history brought back to life for me. Very interesting.

Excellent reading on early days of trolley service.

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