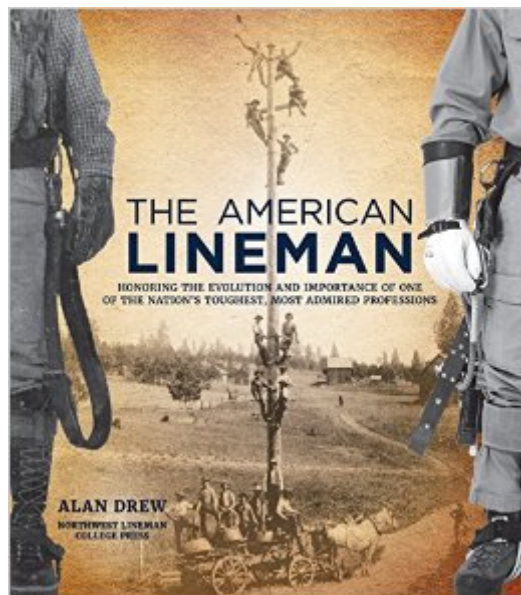


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# The American Lineman: Honoring The Evolution And Importance Of One Of The Nation's Toughest, Most Admired Professions



## Synopsis

Electricity, perhaps the cornerstone of Western civilization in the 20th century and beyond, has a luminous history. The linemen who built the electric power systems stretching across the United States are the unsung heroes of the country's history and progress. Here, the lineman's story is illustrated in comprehensive, fascinating detail for the first time. They faced terrible bouts of weather, rigorously long hours, and dangerously energized power lines, and the job of a power lineman is still considered one of the most dangerous professions. With over 250,000 linemen employed in the U.S. today, their work is no less important now more than a hundred years after the spread of commercial electricity. In a collaborative effort to bring the history of the lineman to the general public across the world, Alan Drew and the Northwest Lineman College (NLC) have created this beautiful depiction of the lineman's footprint on America. It is a magnificent portrayal of an industry little known by the public, yet which has arguably been as instrumental to the course of U.S. history as the oil or railroading industries. With more than 500 photos and illustrations, *The American Lineman: Honoring the Evolution and Importance of One of the Nation's Toughest, Most Admired Professions* is the perfect book for anyone affiliated with or intrigued by the power delivery industry and its influence in America.

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Excellent book and well worth the money. I worked on line crews for 41 years and this book brought back a lot of memories. The technology in the electrical field has changed dramatically and this

book captures most of that.

This was a gift for my husband who is a journeyman electrician and proud former lineman. He loves this book and the history it shows. A true lineman would enjoy respect this book gives to the professional lineman.

• A robust and epic documentary of the first order. Brim full of stunning facts and details commanding a previously neglected void in electrical technological history. Communication and electric power linemen soar to great heights within this immersing and colorful chronicle. Alan Drew's masterful distillation of drama, pathos and technological triumph basks the reader in an impassioned afterglow to linger long after the first pages are turned. •

Excellent book and very complete. Bought as a gift and the person I gave it to was a lineman and enjoyed it immensely. There is so much information in it and wonderful photos. Will be kept as great history book of the lineman profession.

Bought this for my Dad for his birthday. He was a lineman for 30 years and took great pride in it. He loved the book and can't wait to show his father who is also a retired lineman.

This is a wonderful book. Nice heavy quality pages full of color and Blk & Wht illustrations. I was fascinated by all the accumulated historical information. We originally bought this book as a present for our Lineman son. Our son loved the book, thought it was "Bas Ass!" We had fun with our son looking up Lineman terminology like "headache" and seeing how many of the terms are actually used out here on the west coast. I would recommend this book as a gift for any Lineman. I will probably purchase another one for myself.

I bought the book on a recommendation. This was a new topic for me, but sounded interesting. I had no idea how large a part these people played in our history, or how exciting their work was and is! I was pulled right in by the elegance of the layout, while the story line and the illustrations and photos made me feel like I was there. I am happy to have the book.

I have been in the trade for over 30 years. I find the book to be quite educational. My greatest frustration is I haven't taken the time to read it cover to cover. But I thumb through it from time to

time and read a section that will catch my eye. It is perfect as a coffee table book for visitors to peruse while waiting in the lobby or conference room.

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