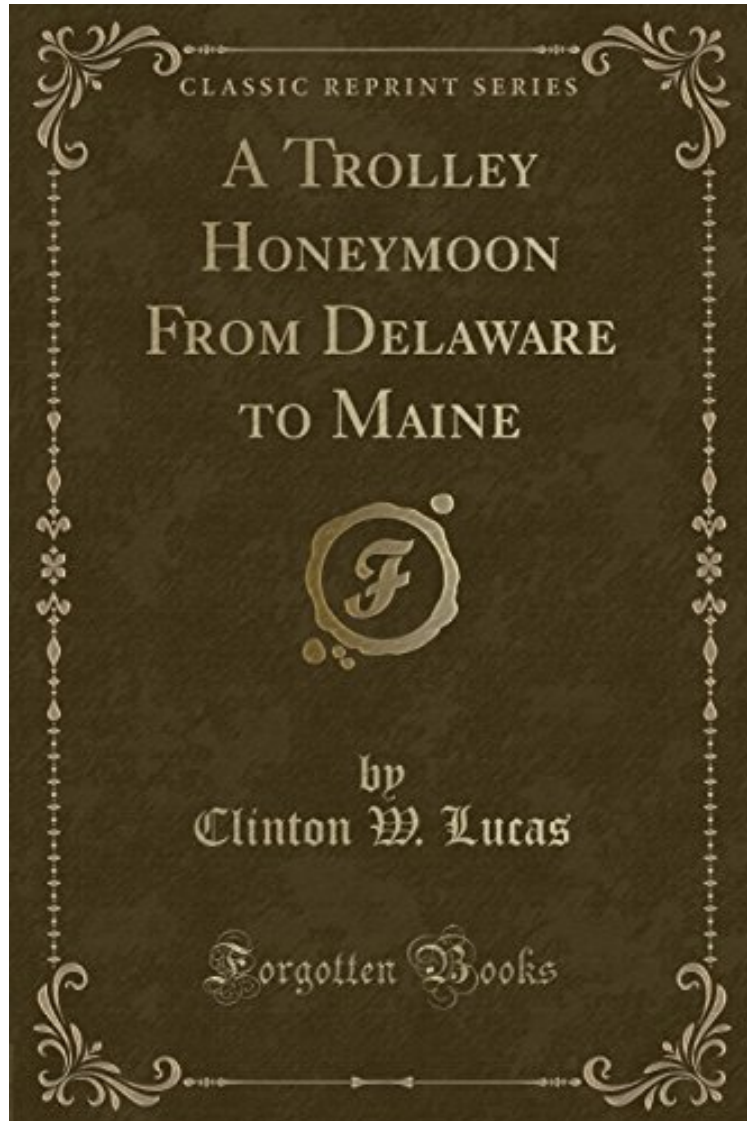


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**Clinton W. Lucas : A Trolley Honeymoon From Delaware to Maine (Classic Reprint)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Trolley Honeymoon From Delaware to Maine (Classic Reprint):

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Memory Like No Other from a Time Long ForgottenBy Dr. Michael B. GehlI noticed a reference to this remarkable and unique gem of a booklet while reading John R. Stillgoe's

extraordinary book "Metropolitan Corridor" (1983, Yale University Press). In Chapter 11, simply entitled "Trolley", he quoted from this book while describing a brief and largely forgotten period in American transportation history - namely, the era of Interurban Railroads, from about 1890 to 1930. Before highways and automobiles literally pushed these rural trolley cars off the side of the road (where many of them had literally been built), for about a generation, many Americans, especially in the Northeast, the Midwest and on the West coast, were able to experience a transportation system like no other before or since. Often small rail vehicles, sometimes even having only four wheels, and sides that could be rolled up in pleasant or warm weather ("open cars"), these trolleys bumped along on often rather flimsily laid rails on top of light ballast, connecting towns and villages to each other. The distances were often short - 10-15 miles, and the cars would start out at a village square, rambling down "Main Street", then tearing off at a blazing 30 mph onto the sides of country roads and even on their own lightly ballasted roadbeds over the rivers and through the woods. Passengers got on or off just about anywhere and could get on again after sightseeing or visiting; most rides costing 5 or 10 cents! While the traveling was slow by today's standards (as well as often dusty, wet, too hot or too cold), it was cheap, and allowed for sightseeing and utterly relaxed travel unknown to us today. I had the pleasure of growing up on one of the very last surviving suburban trolley lines, namely Philadelphia - Willow Grove, PA, and therefore had had as a child a distant taste of what traveling by trolley might have been like in the young 20th century. This booklet (less than 50 pages) was written by a young couple who, in 1904, essayed a journey from Wilmington, Delaware to the beaches of Maine, all by trolleys, over ten days and over a dozen individual trolley lines - a trip they could have taken by "Steam" train in less than 24 hours! Clearly, there have always been a few of us with esoteric tastes in transportation! Their adventures in traveling, in the places they visited and the fellow passengers they met along their disjointed but enthralling trip are a unique tableau of a time and place in our history that is almost completely lost to us in the 21st century. For any with an interest in "forgotten" American history, transportation and especially electric railroading, this unique and fascinating look back in time is a treasure like no other. Although the times, the travelers and the trolleys are all long gone, to any with a careful eye, you may find two segments of these young honeymooner's trip that can still be enjoyed today! That is has been reprinted is nothing short of a miracle! Michael B. Gehl, MDmbgdoc11@verizon.net

Excerpt from A Trolley Honeymoon From Delaware to Maine The chief object of this volume is to record the adventures and misadventures of a ten-days trolley trip from Delaware to Maine - a distance of about five hundred miles, as the electrics run. As the dominant idea was a pleasant outing, the two travelers did not follow the direct route, preferring in every case the allurements of an attractive countryside to the mere saving of time and distance. For there are more things in trolleying than are dreamt of in the philosophy of time-tables and connecting schedules. Though the experiences here recorded are in the main autobiographical, yet the sequence of events has sometimes been changed, and an element of fiction added to give unity to the narrative. Philadelphia, Pa. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at [www.forgottenbooks.com](http://www.forgottenbooks.com) This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully; any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.