

Further Reading

1. TM - The Milwaukee Electric Railway and Light Co - Joseph Canfield, CERA (Central Electric Railfans Association) Bulletin 112

The bible for anyone interested in the Milwaukee Electric Interurban and the Milwaukee streetcar lines

2. Badger Traction - Bulletin 111, CERA

The definitive history of all the other streetcar and interurban lines in Wisconsin besides TM

3. North Shore, America's Fastest Interurban, William D. Middleton, Golden West Books

A wonderful history of the North Shore Line, the last interurban in Wisconsin

4. South Shore, The Last Interurban, Revised 2nd Edition, William D. Middleton, Indiana University Press

A comprehensive updated history of the South Shore line. ETRM has one of the largest collections of operating South Shore Interurbans.

5. Path of a Pioneer, A Centennial History of the Wisconsin Electric Power Co. 1996

A history of WE Energies which was the parent of the Milwaukee Electric

6. Chicago Cable Cars, Greg Borzo, The History Press

Not many people know that the largest cable car system in the world was in Chicago. This is one of the very few books about that system.

7. Empires of Light, Edison, Tesla , Westinghouse and the race to electrify the world, Jill Jonnes, Random House

One of the best accounts of how we came to have power while explaining technical concepts in non-technical language.

8. Electric Interurbans and the American People, H. Roger Grant, University of Indiana Press

A wonderful, recent examination of how the interurban changed life significantly and set the foundation of many features of life as we now know it.

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9. Robber Baron, the Life of Charles Tyson Yerkes, John French, University of Illinois Press

The father of the Chicago cable car system which evolved into the streetcar and rapid transit system. He built the loop, a development he originally opposed. To polish his image, he donated the observatory named for him to the brand-new University of Chicago.

10. The Merchant of Power: Sam Insull, Thomas Edison, and the Creation of the Modern Metropolis, John Wasik, St. Martin's Press

Sam Insull built a utility and interurban empire which changed where and how people lived and worked. He also supported the Chicago Lyric Opera and built the Civic Opera House

11. Traction Classics, The Interurbans, William D. Middleton, Golden West

Vol I: The Great Wood & Steel Cars

Vol II: Extra Fast & Extra Fare

Vol III: Interurban Freight

A deeper dive into selected aspects of interurban history