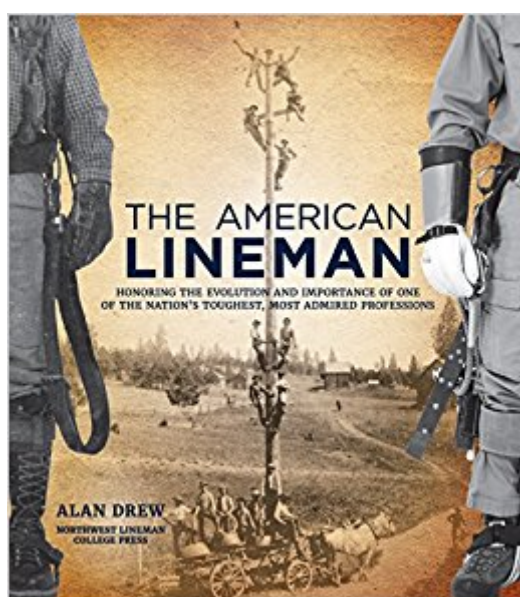


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# The American Lineman: Honoring The Evolution And Importance Of One Of The Nation's Toughest, Most Admired Professions



## 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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“The greatest historical collection about the history of linemen ever written.”  
Andy Price  
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The son of a power company executive, and 2008 International Lineman Hall of Fame inductee, Alan Drew has been climbing poles since he was six years old. With a lifetime dedicated to the power delivery industry, he has become a leading historian in its rich American history. Northwest Lineman College gave Alan the opportunity to explore and write an in-depth chronicle of the American lineman in his upcoming book, *The American Lineman: Honoring The Evolution and Importance of One of The Nation's Toughest, Most Admired Professions.*, for which he was awarded the Crystal Benchmark Award. Referred to as the "Harvard of lineman colleges, Northwest Lineman College is committed to providing the benchmark standard of education in the power delivery industry. Founded in 1993, NLC annually educates more trade professionals in the power delivery industry than any other educational institution in the United States. With campuses in Meridian, Idaho; Oroville, California; and Denton, Texas, Northwest Lineman College educates thousands of trainees each year. Its president, Aaron Howell, was recently inducted into the Lineman Hall of Fame.

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.

Great gift for my hubby that's a 2nd generation lineman. We have 4 linemen in our family and a son who is looking forward to becoming an apprentice lineman. I am very proud of the commitment to the challenges of their job. This book is full of the history of the trade.

A wonderful gift for the lineman in your life. My husband has been a lineman for almost 30 years and the whole history of the occupation is there, along with beautiful pictures and amazing stories. For those of us who live with them, it gives families a better perspective of the lives linemen live when they aren't with us. The book only added to the immense pride I have in my husband already. Buy it already:-)

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.

For A Gift for my Lineman Husband... This is a Great Hard backed Book on the History of Linemen in their Work... Great photos

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.

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