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## United Airlines - A Gay Geography of the Main Line Airway [Pictorial Atlas]

**Stock#:** 76819  
**Map Maker:** Taylor White  
**Date:** 1939 circa  
**Place:** n.p.  
**Color:** Color  
**Condition:** VG  
**Size:** 10 x 10.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 475.00



### Description:

A handsome example of Ruth Taylor White's circa 1939 United Air Lines pamphlet illustrating that company's air routes from New York to San Francisco and Los Angeles.

This is one of the best of the pictorial "atlases" issued during the Golden Age of Pictorial Mapmaking, epitomizing Ruth Tylor White's exciting cartoon style. The maps have an upbeat and humorous inflection despite the troubled times of the Great Depression.

White's *A Gay Geography of the Main Line Airway* illustrates an important aspect of early air travel; no direct cross-country routes were feasible with the aircraft technology of the time therefore, much shorter and, in some cases, curious leg-routes were needed to move from one side of the country to the other.

On each page is a map illustrating a section of route along with a description of the corresponding area. As the airplanes of the 1930s flew slower and lower than modern jetliners, passengers had more opportunities for sightseeing and careful study of the landscape.

Estimated date taken from Rumsey 7824.



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**Detailed Condition:**

Folding pamphlet. 14 pages (not including integral self-wrapper covers).