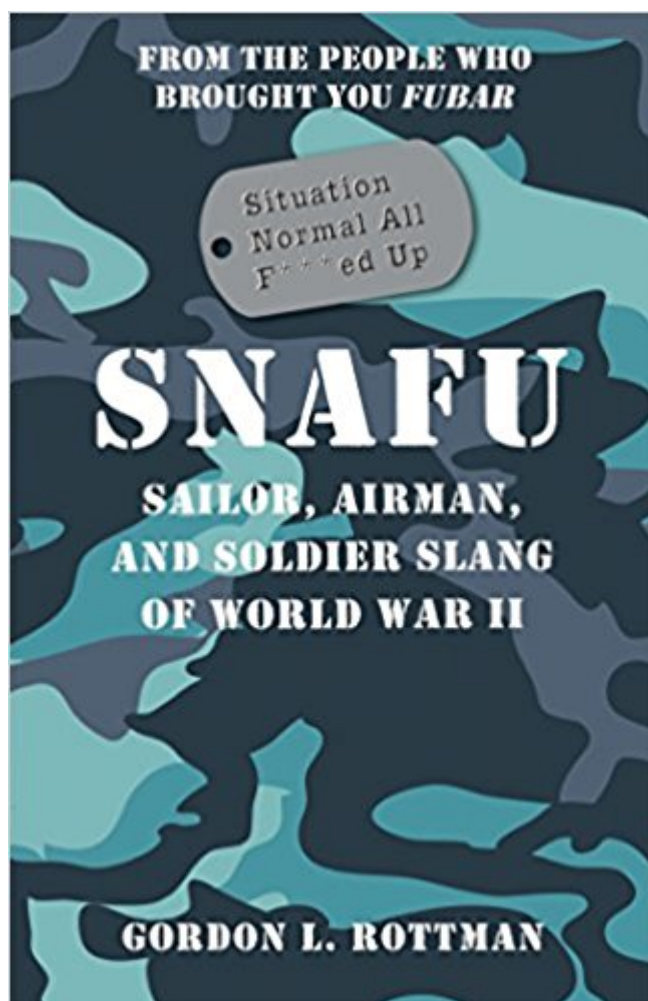


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SNAFU Situation Normal All F*ed Up: Sailor, Airman, And Soldier Slang Of World War II (General Military)**



Synopsis

A follow-up to 2007's highly successful FUBAR: Soldier Slang of World War II, SNAFU covers the slang of sailors and airmen, as well as soldiers. Military life has always been ruled by its own language, specific sets of terms and phrases that separate the serving man or woman from their civilian counterpart. There is the official version of ranks and acronyms, and the more unofficial, colloquial language of the barrack room and battlefield - both are covered in this humorous look at soldier slang. World War II saw vast numbers of young men and women pass through the ranks of the various armies involved, and they inherited and developed a vocabulary in response to their unique situations - many of whose words and phrases have passed into the common vernacular and are still in use right up to the present day. SNAFU explores the language and slang of the major combatant powers, delving into their origins and explaining their uses, all illustrated with contemporary cartoons and other images showing the phrases in use. Detailed sections are included for each of the major combatants of World War II, and additional appendices detail the nicknames given to the major surface vessels and aircraft types of the war.

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This book continues where FUBAR leaves off. My rating of 5 stars is because I enjoy these types of books. It is a look at the past not through the eyes of the officers but a look at a world through the eyes of the enlisted men. Some of the slang doesn't make sense that of the British and Germans of World War II and that maybe a problem for the casual reader. But give it a try and you will discover things about our ally and our enemy during this war that you didn't know. If you are offended by bad language then be warned some of it is salty, but hey they were entitled it was their war.

Again another book one who wants to understand the military must have in their collection for reference on military people. This will not only amuse you but leave you with an odd linguistic understanding of the language those in uniform speak. Between this and FUBAR, you will have felt you have been through basic and maybe even a little trades training yourself. S A Gallard CDCdn
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good experience

My husband read about this book and FUBAR the companion volume and had to have them. He's having a great time reading them.

I always enjoy books on slang. It would be nicer if it had more origins of the words. Blah, Blah to fill word requirements.

4.5 Stars A comprehensive collection of slang terms used during WWII. There's a section for different branches of the U.S. military (except the U.S. Army, which is featured in FUBAR), the British services, and even a German section. Very enjoyable and put together well. Recommended

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