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An Army of Tribes - Edward Burke - 2019-09-01
This is the first such study of Operation Banner, the British Army’s campaign in Northern Ireland. Drawing upon extensive interviews with former soldiers, primary archival sources including unpublished diaries and unit log-books, this book closely examines soldiers’ behaviour at the small infantry-unit level (Battalion downwards), including the leadership, cohesion and training that sustained, restrained and occasionally misdirected soldiers during the most violent period of the Troubles in Northern Ireland. It contends that there are aspects of wider scholarly, anthropological and psychological literature that throw light on our understanding of the British Army in Northern Ireland. It also offers fresh insights and analysis of incidents involving the British Army during the early years of Operation Banner, including the 1972 ‘Pitchfork murders’ of Michael Naan and Andrew Murray in County Fermanagh, and that of Warrenpoint hotel owner Edmund Woolsey in South Armagh. The central argument of this book is that British Army small infantry units enjoyed considerable autonomy during the early years of Operation Banner and could behave in a vengeful, highly aggressive or benign and conciliatory way as their local commanders saw fit. The strain of civil-military relations at a senior level was replicated operationally as soldiers came to resent the limitations of waging war in the UK. The unwillingness of the Army’s senior leadership to thoroughly investigate and punish serious transgressions of standard operating procedures in Northern Ireland created uncertainty among soldiers over expected behaviour and desired outcomes. Overly aggressive groups of soldiers could also be mistaken for high-functioning units - with negative consequences for the Army’s overall strategy in Northern Ireland.

The PhDictionary - Herb Childress - 2016-05-02
This is a book of advice for students considering doctoral programs and doctoral students considering faculty life. It is framed as a glossary of about 150 terms that author Herb Childress, as a first-generation student, wishes that he had known and understood as he applied for and completed his PhD and went into the academic job market. The guide examines the practices of doctoral education and faculty life through entries that illuminate terms such as buyout, edited volume, and FERPA; so many things that most academics learned somewhere along the way and forget that others don’t know. The alphabetical reference format enables readers to turn directly to the topic in question and find some borrowed wisdom. Each entry features a little storytelling, then some larger context, and leaves readers able to put on the mask of the capable scholar even though they feel they ought to know. Every time they hear a term they feel they ought to know, it is here. The book is often funny as well, attempting to offer both encouragement and reality to students facing unanswerable odds as they search for safe harbor. As more than half of all college instructors are now adjuncts, the questions about an academic career are changing, and there are now fewer reliable answer/sand answers. Herb Childress s volume promises to be a trusted companion to many a graduate student, aspiring academic, and adjunct professor. *
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