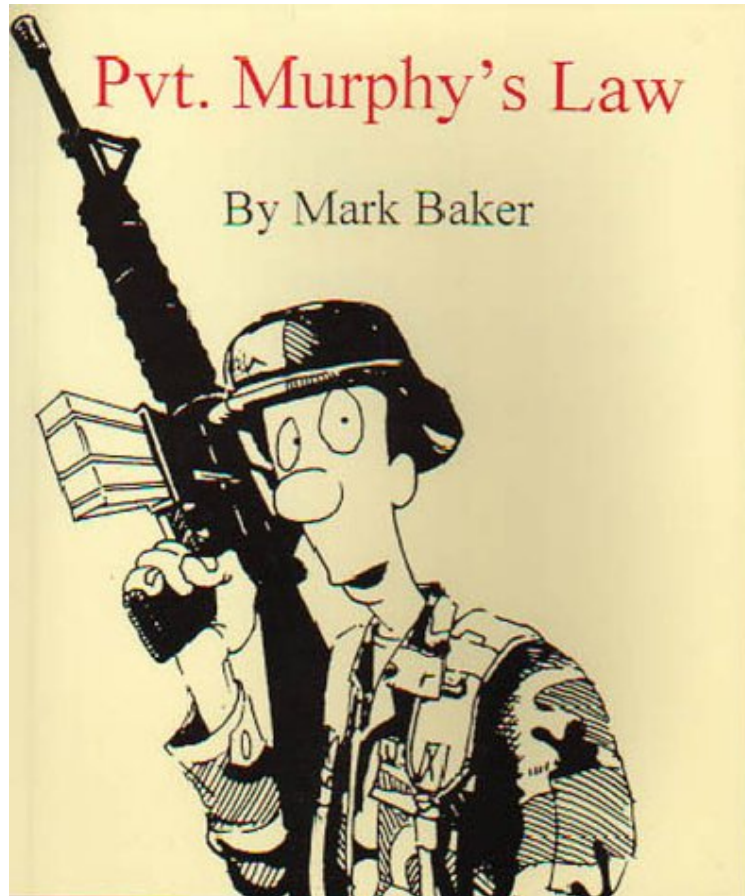


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Mark V. Baker : Pvt. Murphy's Law before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pvt. Murphy's Law:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Paratrooper MurphyBy GoldFalconSixI recall fondly meeting Private Murphy for the first time in the Fort Bragg newspaper, The Paraglide, back in the mid-80s. I was an officer in a parachute infantry battalion, and I always looked forward to the latest installment of Warrior Murphy. In those days, almost all the strips had Murphy serving in an airborne unit. Mark Baker's humorous swipes at airborne operations always had me chuckling and saying, "How true, how true!" I never saw a situation in a Murphy cartoon strip that I had not encountered myself somewhere at one time or another! Granted, some situations weren't funny at the moment, but with all military humor, they are hilarious in retrospect, as depicted by Mark. I honestly don't think that a civilian can truly get the greatest appreciation for Mark Baker's wonderful humor; like the old saying goes, "Ya had to have been there!" Note the number of five-star ratings.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Hooah!!! for Pvt. Murphy and Mark BakerBy Matthew HennickCartoonist Mark Baker has penned a wickedly funny and accurate portrait of Army life. Through Murphy's mishaps, misadventures, trials and triumphs Baker sheds light and provides

some telling insights about how the average Joe sees the world. Pvt. Murphy represents a typical soldier. He starts off dumb and clueless, then learns the ropes of Army life and provides an often jaded but inevitably funny running commentary on everything that is wrong (and right) in the Army. He lampoons every target of opportunity in sight--- incompetence, bureaucracy and the sheer inevitability of the fact that, despite his best efforts, Murphy always finds himself behind the eight-ball. The fact that Murphy maintains his optimism and patriotism against all odds is a tribute to Baker's skill as a cartoonist---and serves as well-deserved recognition to the real-life Murphys in uniform who get the job done in spite of every obstacle that fate throws in their path. Some readers might have trouble translating Baker's cartoons, since they draw heavily on Army life in general and life in the Airborne in particular. I've shared this book with civilian friends, vets, and current and former paratroopers, and the responses range from "huh?" to "been there, done that," to "oh, man, remember when...". Everyone seems to connect with Murphy at some level, because there's some Murphy in all of us. I hope this book goes back into print soon. Used copies are hard to come by, and I'm getting tired of having to wrestle my copy back from friends every time I loan it out. Best of luck to Mark Baker, his loyal readers and all the Murphys out there who make the world go round.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A funny and accurate view of Army life

By Michael J. Mazza "Pvt. Murphy's Law," by Mark Baker, is a collection of cartoons that follow the career of the young soldier of the title. The cartoons in this book actually tell a continuous story: Baker follows Murphy from his interview with a recruiter, through Basic Training, and through other milestones in the life of a young soldier. Thus, the book could actually be read as a graphic novel. I have served in the U.S. Army Reserve myself, and have been in a lot of the situations that are humorously depicted in this book. Baker's portrait of the Army is right on target, and very funny. Nearly half of the book is devoted to Murphy's experiences at Basic Training. It's especially entertaining to see new recruit Murphy responding to Army jargon as if it were a "foreign language" (as he calls it). Most of the key Basic Training elements are covered: first meeting with the drill sergeant, standing fire guard, going through the notorious gas chamber, etc. Murphy himself is a likeable character. He looks a little like a young, thin Homer Simpson, and occasionally has "Calvin and Hobbes"-like flights of imagination. I especially like the fact that Baker makes Murphy on the whole a good, enthusiastic soldier. Baker generally goes for realistic humor, not ... unbelievable laughs. The book is clearly geared towards an Army audience, and some non-veterans may be a little mystified at some of the Army jargon and abbreviations used throughout the book. But the overall charm of the book should overcome that potential cultural barrier. At any rate, "Pvt. Murphy's Law" would certainly make a great read for any veteran of the U.S. Army experience.

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