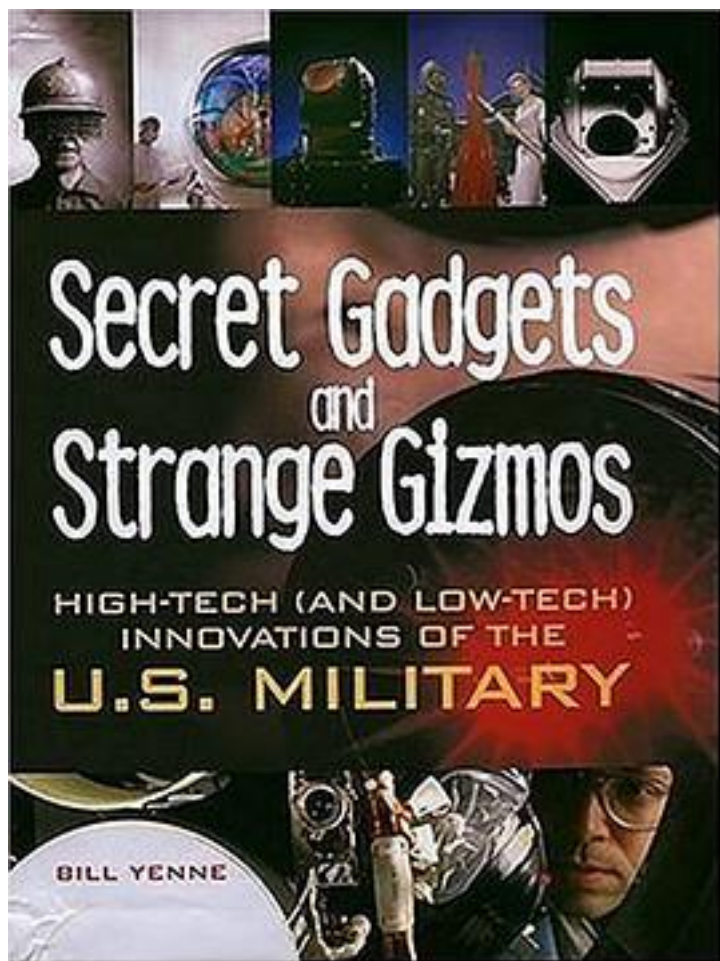


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Strange Gizmos" traces this evolving connection from the deadly innovations of the Union and Confederate forces to the top secret, high-tech inventions that are making military history today. Chronicling the hits, the misses, and the important technological advances produced by the military's high-tech hubs - aviation, wireless communication, the Internet, atomic energy, satellite technology, and space travel - this richly illustrated book takes readers from the ironclads, land mines, and ship-launched hydrogen balloons of the Civil War to the world-changing bombs of the Atomic Age; from the military's first flirtation with flight to the conquest of space; from the acceleration of wireless communication during World War I to modern innovations like the mob-clearing Banshee grenade and portable medical suites outfitted for front-line surgery.

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