Catch-22 by Joseph Heller

Catch-22 is the story of an American airman’s attempt to survive the insanity of the Second World War. The book - which was originally titled Catch 18 –tells the story of Captain Joseph Yossarian, a member of a US bomber crew stationed on a Mediterranean island. Yossarian is convinced that the military is trying to get him killed, and that those around him are insane, and he spends the book trying to get out of flying any more seemingly suicidal missions. This ground breaking and iconic novel took Heller seven years to write and reflects his experience on the front line and what he saw as the madness of military life.