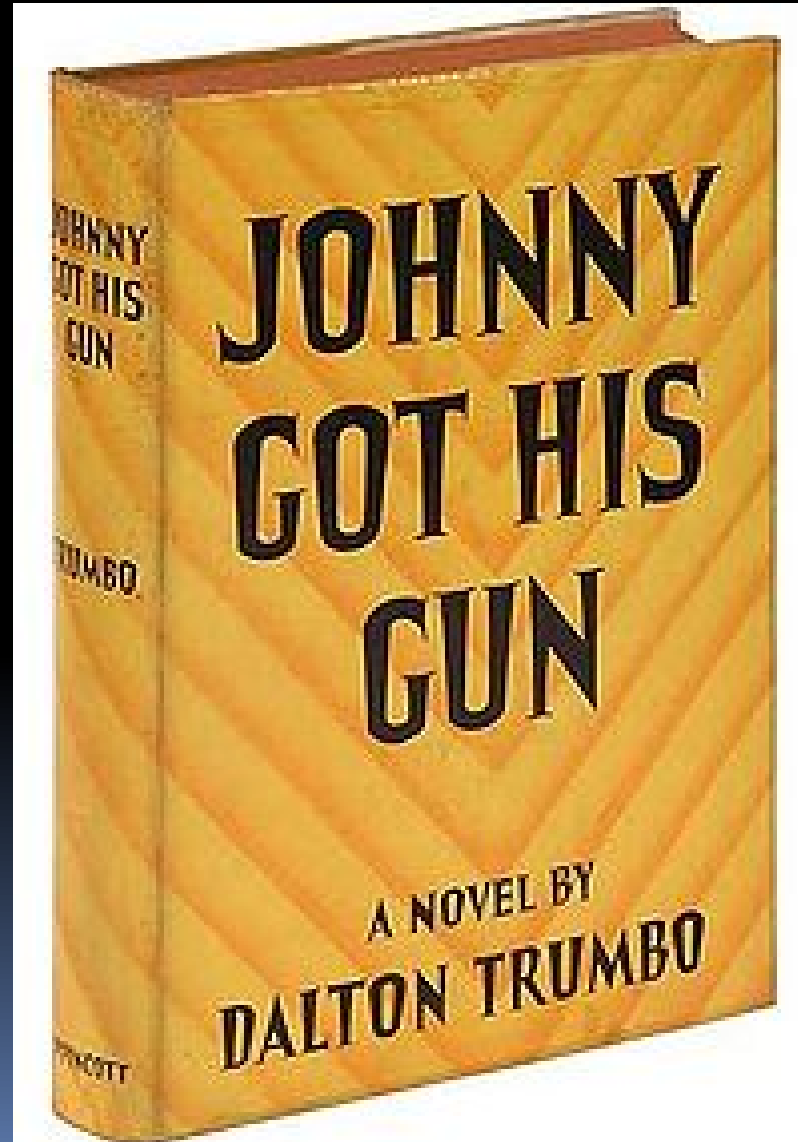


Johnny Got His Gun (1939): Intro

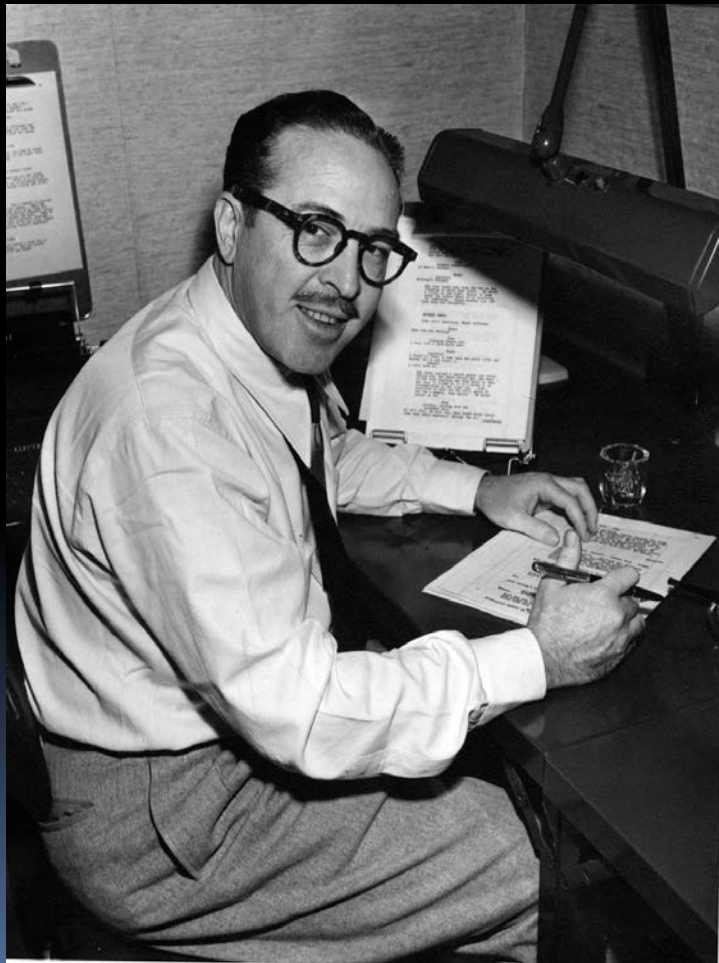


Conflict: A soldier awakens in a hospital only to discover he is severely wounded.



Origins

Writer Dalton Trumbo



Trumbo was a committed Communist.



1939: World War II Begins



Trumbo's Purpose: To try to keep the U.S. out of it.

FDR was sympathetic to the Brits.



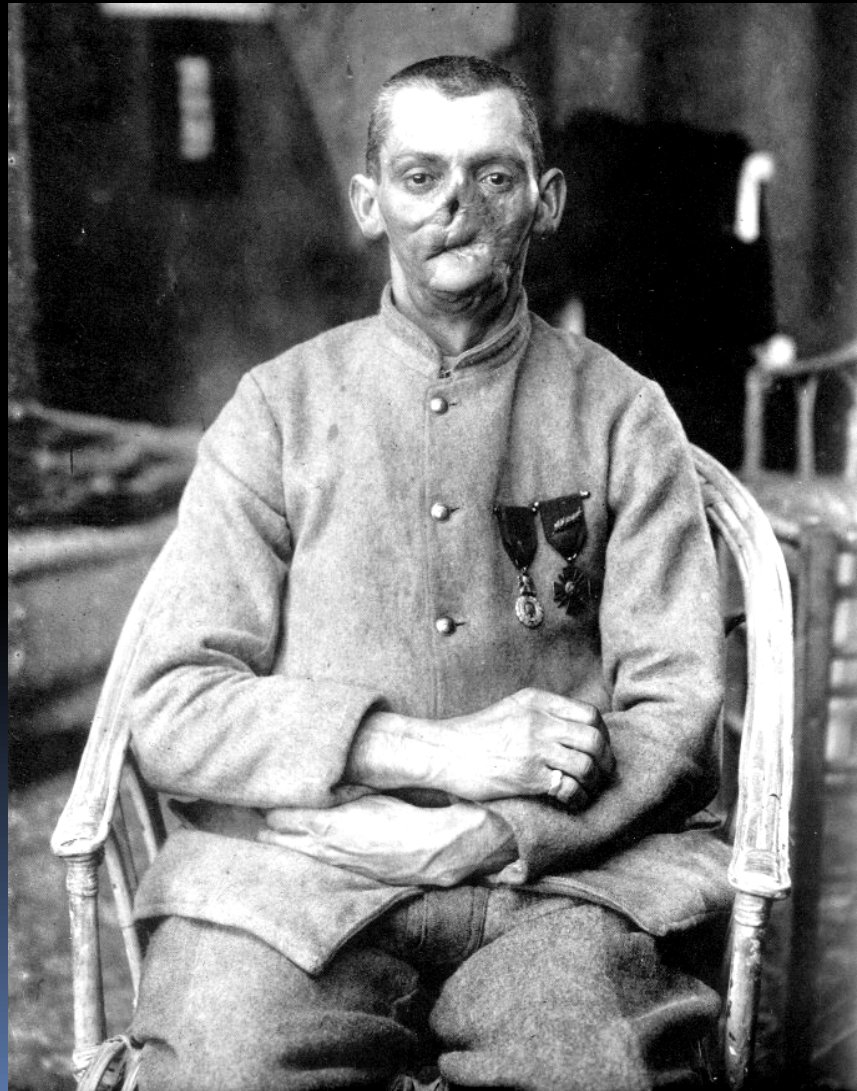
Winston Churchill urged U.S. entry.



The Nazis had signed a pact with the USSR.



Trumbo decided to use The Great War (WWI) to make his point

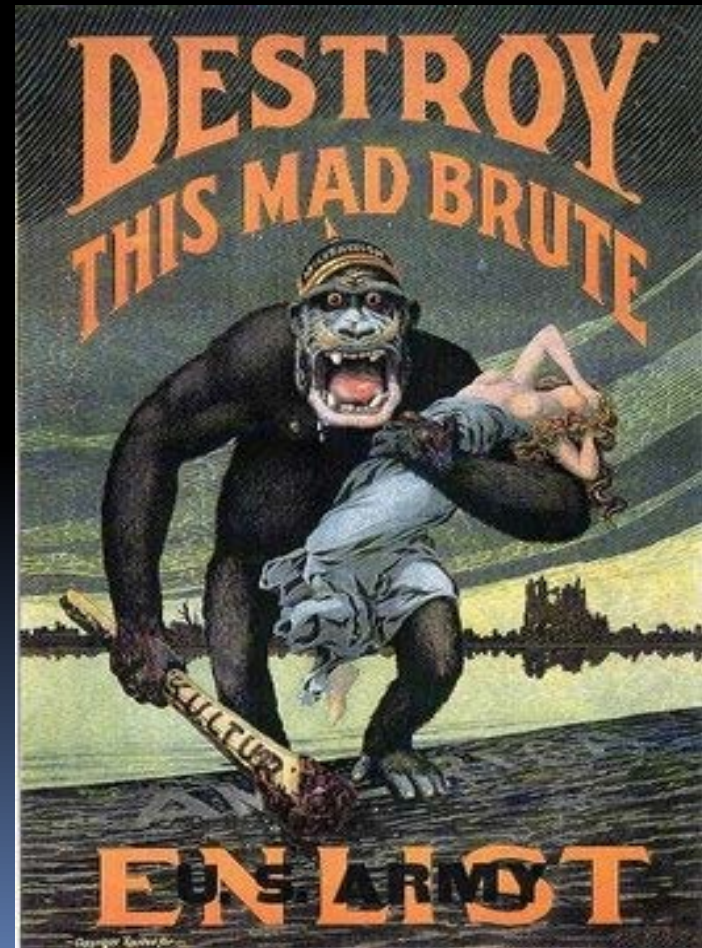


Protagonist: Joe Bonham

Joe's a patriotic American.



He enlists to fight for his country.



Once he's there, he experiences the horrors of war.



Things get really bad when Joe is severely injured in a bombing.



He's trapped within himself,
with no way to communicate.



Reception: the novel won the American Booksellers Award.



When Germany attacked the USSR in 1941, Trumbo reversed his position!



Check out Trumbo's style, though.

