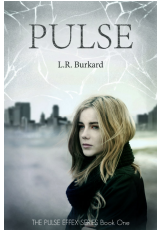


An Introduction to Prepper Speak



An Accompaniment to [*PULSE: Suspense Fiction for the End Times*](#)
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Do you know Prepper Speak?

If you start browsing popular prepper websites and blogs you're sure to run into it. Don't get flummoxed: Here's an introduction.

A Short Dictionary of Popular Prepper Acronyms

ABAO	All Bets Are Off
AGL	Above Ground Level (ie., an airstrike)
BIB	Bug in Bag—prepared emergency bag you can use if you shelter in place.
BO	Bug Out—leave in a hurry
BOB	Bug out bag –prepared emergency bag to grab and take with you if have to bug out. Usually contains enough food and water for 3 days of survival as well as basic gear such as flashlights, fire starters and a first aid kit (and more).
BOL	Bug out location—a pre-designated place to take shelter, other than home.
BOLO	Be on the lookout for
BOV	Bug out vehicle—usually a specially fitted vehicle with emergency supplies and, for those expecting violence, defensive accessories.

Bug In	Shelter in place
Cache	A stash of supplies
CME	Coronal Mass Ejection (A solar flare)
EDC	Every Day Carry (Items or Bag)
EMP	Electromagnetic Pulse
FARADAY CAGE	Shielding for electronics that is protective in the event of an HEMP.
FUBAR	("F****") Up Beyond All Recognition. From the film, Saving Private Ryan. ("Fried" is not the word. I don't see this one used much, however.)
HEMP	High altitude electromagnetic pulse
MOLON LABE	"Come and Take It!" (Not an acronym, obviously)
MRE	Meal, Ready to Eat (US military ration). These have a long shelf life, up to 25 years, and are nutrient dense. Some preppers include these in their family food storage supplies or bug-out bags.
OPSEC	Operation Security
TEOTW	The End of the World
TEOTWAWKI	The End of the World as We Know It
SHTF	(Stuff) Hits the Fan; (ie., when it all goes down, chaos is let loose, the disaster strikes, etc. To avoid a bad word, some also use "Storm Hits the Fan.")
SOP	Standard operating procedure

WTSHTF When the (stuff) hits the fan

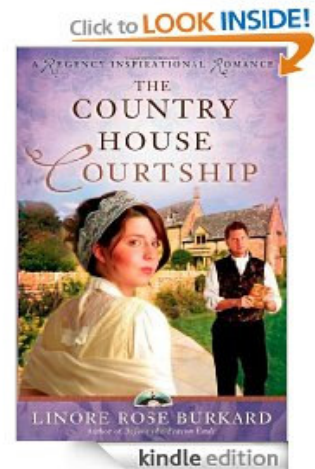
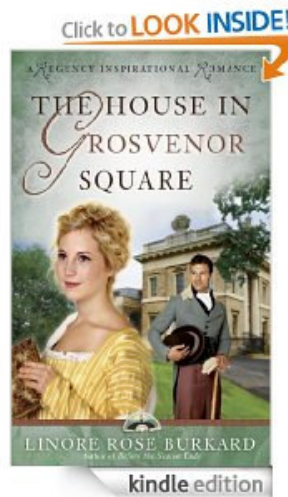
YOYO You're On Your Own (ie., there's no government help coming.)

ZOMBIES No, not the living dead. In prepper speak, this most often refers to the unprepared masses who will try to take what you have painstakingly prepared for yourself and your family. Roaming marauders, looters, etc.

Note: there are some who seem to believe that a REAL zombie apocalypse can happen. To see my thoughts on that, please read my [GoodReads review](#) of Sam Sheridan's book, *The Disaster Diaries*. (Sorry, Sam, it ain't gonna happen.)

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