



GABRIEL'S STAND, the new novel by Jay B Gaskill, will be released in May 2014 in both paper and electronic editions by Central Avenue Publishing of British Columbia, Canada. Copies will be available throughout the USA via Amazon, Barnes and Noble and other vendors.

This is a novel in the tradition of Orwell and Huxley, in which a dark theme is balanced by an American sense of heroic optimism. It is also a father-daughter story, a saga of family, friendship, loyalty and betrayal.

Gabriel Standing Bear is a Native American US Senator who risks everything in a battle to save his family and the US constitution.

Gabriel's story unfolds in a plausible, near-future USA where the old polity has been fractured by a series of ecological calamities. Anxiety has stoked popular panic. Technology is alternately embraced and feared, loved and hated. In this turbulent setting, an opportunistic, malevolent ideology has gained traction. Its followers present themselves as well-meaning "greens," but beneath their public veneer a toxic mindset has metastasized. These are true eco-fanatics, cultists to the core, who harbor the chilling vision that the earth (**Gaia**) is a *living organism*, on which humanity is a plague, an *ecophage*. Their agenda (ruthlessly concealed), is that the *Gaia's final cure will require human extermination*.

The political path to the agenda's implementation is a loophole in the US Constitution through which a ratified treaty can create a super-agency with power to control "dangerous" technologies. Gaia must be cured of the ecophage. "Disarm the humanity's medical defenses and the plagues will do Gaia's work." It is to be the final holocaust.

The *Gaia's cure* agenda will remain invisible to the useful fools in the "Earth Restoration" movement. Hundreds of naïve followers and their wealthy American supporters, unwittingly recruited to facilitate the great cleansing, are also to be sacrificed.

When Gabriel's college friend, **Dr. John Owen**, a major pharmaceutical maker, is imprisoned for making antibiotics that actually work, and Gabriel's daughter, **Snowfeather**, is targeted for elimination, Gabriel faces a series of wrenching choices.