



## **GABRIEL'S STAND** : A THRILLER FOR INTELLIGENT READERS

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Jay Gaskill's *GABRIEL'S STAND* is a genre-bending legal/political thriller from a well-known California trial lawyer who gave up his "life of crime" to write stories and essays about the human condition. Mr. Gaskill's legal career (with the exception of a restorative period as a "country lawyer" in Idaho) was spent as an urban public defender, inhabiting jails and appearing in courtrooms throughout Alameda County, one of the nation's most diverse and crime-ridden jurisdictions. It was a rich source of insights into the human condition.

As Gaskill put it, "*I learned much more than the craft of a defense lawyer over those years because I was so intensely curious about the riddle of moral failure.*"

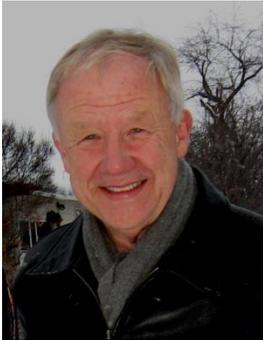
*Gabriel's Stand* takes place in a near-future America in which a powerful and dangerous group of extremists, posing as traditional environmentalists, implement a well-funded plan to seize power by exploiting a "back door" embedded in the US constitution. These over-the-top cultists secretly believe that the earth, Gaia, is a living being that has been infected by the human pathogen: They will be Gaia's antibodies.

The novel's two puzzles (that such lunatics could realistically hope to succeed; and that a single US senator could reasonably hope to stop them) are gripping and persuasively answered. But these puzzles are trumped by the novel's core mystery: How the general public could sleep through its fatal disarmament. As Louise Berker, the Gaia cult's leader, said: "We will take away humanity's medical defenses and let the plagues do Gaia's work."

In *Gabriel's Stand*, terrible crimes remain officially unsolved: a firebombing with a thousand casualties, a covert kidnapping, and a few assassinations. But these were just stepping stones to the end game: mass murders in the service of a radical depopulation agenda achieved through natural means. Before the sleeping public stirs, the criminals have become the government. In the last section of the novel, a popular physician will face federal felony charges for his crimes - having used and sold forbidden technologies to heal his fellow human beings.

This is Gaskill's third work of fiction (all three released by *Central Avenue Publishing* of British Columbia); and it is a page turner, his most compelling work yet.

## Germs of a Thriller



As a law student during UC Berkeley's student protest days, Gaskill witnessed movement politics from the inside, and he saw the faces hidden behind the public veneer. These were the true-believer ideologues, the inner circle camouflaged by moderate and respectable types. The blithely unaware innocents formed the "front," the people Lenin had called the "useful idiots" of the revolution. In those turbulent protest days, a latent ideological strain was germinating unnoticed. Its acolytes would later surface in the US Southwest, and eventually would include the "Earth First" activists who would take up the cause of eco-terrorism. Their slogan, "Earth First!" actually meant "Humans last!" The germs that would eventually ripen in *Gabriel's Stand* were first planted in the New Left's hothouse in Berkeley California.

After working as a public defender trial lawyer, the author served for a decade as the 7<sup>th</sup> Chief Public Defender of Alameda County, where he supervised 100 lawyers in a diverse jurisdiction about the same size as New York City's five boroughs. After finally leaving public service, Gaskill was asked to serve as a moot court judge in an international law contest. His research revealed that the Treaty Clause of the US Constitution is a back door that can be exploited to enable a stealth *coup d'état*. The setting for *Gabriel's Stand* was complete.

The author of *Gabriel's Stand* has conducted confidential interviews with more than 10,000 criminals over his decades of public service. He has written extensively about crime, punishment, and criminal justice, and he has appeared as a criminal trial commentator on *CBS 48 Hours*. He is currently working on a new novel, *When Angels Died*, a crime thriller with a disturbing psychological theme, set in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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