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**An Epic Conflict of the 1960s: Legally Bound to be a Soldier,
Morally Determined to Oppose a War**

NEW YORK, NY: In the new novel *LaRue's Maneuvers*, author James Isaiah Gabbe plumbs the dilemmas faced by the rock 'n' roll generation coming of age in the oppressive shadow of an unpopular war: an idealistic generation torn apart into peace protestors and soldiers.

This debut novel introduces Jesse Danbar, a leader of the anti-war movement who ends up as an army officer tucked away in a military psychiatric ward -- haunted by a tragedy, shrouded in guilt and self-recrimination -- and decorated by his country for combat heroism he knows nothing about.

Under the nom de plume 'LaRue,' Danbar writes curious poems that evolve into a memoir he hopes will illuminate his past and release him from its clutches. From the Battle of Michigan Avenue to student rebellion in Paris, from Age of Aquarius California to military headquarters, from secretly tender and also sinister places in Vietnam to a not-so-safe haven on the New England coast, he battles to find himself and the will to live.

Says the author, "Danbar learns truths about war and love and life that transcend anything he could have imagined. And those truths are as relevant today as in another time when a well-intentioned America lost its way and stumbled into tragedy."

This clear-headed, insightful and dramatic story takes readers on a journey into some of the most inspiring, formative and terrifying events of the Vietnam War period. As never before, the psychic battles of young people trapped in an epic tragedy are illuminated in dramatic, compelling and heart-wrenching fashion.

While a novel about a moment in time, *LaRue's Maneuvers* tells a story that is truly timeless.

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