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Cold Tree Press Announces The Highly Anticipated Release Of *The Trip Into Milky Way*

Set as 1960s Idealism Fades into the Disillusionment of the 1970s, Milky Way Follows One Man's Epic Journey in Life, a Path Irrevocably Changed By his Decision to Avoid the War in Vietnam

Nashville, TN — Cold Tree Press announced today the release of author Gary Paul Corcoran's highly anticipated novel, *The Trip Into Milky Way*.

When Clay Matthews, the hero of *The Trip Into Milky Way*, is drafted into the Vietnam War, he refuses to serve and thus becomes a man without a country, chased equally by the brutal specter of war and his own uncertain conscience.

Told with the student anti-war protests and bloody riots of the late 1960s America as a backdrop, Clay thinks of his incessant and often frenzied journey as a path towards liberty and enlightenment, but what he finds is incarceration in a Mexican prison, a forced march across the Sonoran Desert and bloody failure in his attempt to rescue the friend he left behind, leaving Clay to surmise, dying for one's country might well have been easier than the path he is on.

From the deserted beaches of Hawaii to the verdant jungles of Mexico, from the heartland of America through the desert Southwest to the shores of California, Clay is determined to achieve lasting romance with the woman he loves, but these dreams are now haunted by the memory of his friend wasting away in a Mexican prison. Having no peace and driven to do the right thing, Clay must allow his own heart and conscience to be his guide. There are no signposts. Clay alone must decide what is right and what is wrong.

The readers of *The Trip Into Milky Way* will be swept away on this rollercoaster adventure of the '60s and in the touching conclusion reminded how a war and political idealism and a simple search for peace through harmony with the universe once changed a generation and perhaps the entire world.

The Trip Into Milky Way is available at coldtreepress.com, amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com or by order from most retail book stores for \$26.95 for paperback edition (size: 6"x9", 720 pgs. ISBN# : 1-58385-166-6) and \$32.95 for hardcover edition (size: 6"x9", 720 pgs. ISBN# : 1-58385-119-4).

About the Author

Mr. Corcoran was born in Hartford, Connecticut, moved to California with his family as a young boy and grew up in the world of orange groves and suburban tract homes south of Los Angeles in the 1960s. Bitten by the wanderlust bug at an early age, he abandoned college and traveled extensively through Europe and the Mediterranean, only to learn he had been drafted into the Vietnam War upon returning from his journeys. A child of the free speech, coffee house idealism of the early sixties and a survivor of the psychedelic journey that followed, Mr. Corcoran still embraces the militant pacifism that led him to become a draft dodger from the Vietnam War and an expatriate as a young man.

An author of numerous poems and song lyrics over the course of a lifetime, Mr. Corcoran began to write fiction in 1992 and has completed two other novels, *Lover Boy* and *The Last Love of Eleanor Sands*, as well as a fictional memoir, *Sober in America*. He is currently working on a fourth novel, *Love in a Dying World* and an anthology of short stories, *Tales from the Sixties*. Mr. Corcoran resides in Laguna Beach, California, lives alone, travels frequently to Baja California for inspiration, and writes as much as his profession will allow him. For more information please visit <http://www.tripintomilkyway.com>.

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