

“An Act of Sedition” by Mike Gill: A Dystopian Thriller with Real-World Echoes



Tomah, Wisconsin Aug 20, 2025 ([IssueWire.com](https://www.IssueWire.com)) - In an age when democratic institutions are under threat around the world, author and community radio broadcaster Mike Gill delivers a gripping and timely political thriller with his novel, “An Act of Sedition”. Published in 2023, this compelling narrative explores the gradual erosion of freedom in a fictional yet all-too-familiar version of the United Kingdom.

Set in a near-future Britain ruled by an increasingly authoritarian “national” government, “An Act of Sedition” follows Ambrose Jackson, a successful economist and journalist who has long turned a blind eye to the crumbling state of civil liberties—until he is wrongfully detained during a government crackdown. What begins as an accident soon forces Ambrose onto a path of resistance.

As the regime silences dissent, Ambrose discovers that the greatest weapon against authoritarianism may not be violence—but truth, culture, and the enduring power of ideas. Through underground journalism, rebellious art, and grassroots defiance, he becomes an unlikely leader in a revolution that tests his beliefs, threatens his life, and redefines his sense of justice.

“This is a novel not only about political resistance, but about the importance of art, culture, and human dignity,” says Mike. “When tyranny suppresses creativity, our collective memory and soul are at risk. That’s what Ambrose fights for.”

The story is infused with historical parallels to 19th-century Britain’s struggle for suffrage, the rise of fascism in 1930s Europe, and today’s troubling decline in democratic norms. While fictional, its themes ring hauntingly true in today’s world.

About the Author

Mike Gill is a retired HR professional turned author and community radio director based in Oldham, East Manchester. Since 2006, he has written fiction and non-fiction works spanning memoir, management, and political commentary. His previous titles include *Corruption*, *Human Resource Management Made Easy*, *Handling Discipline and Grievance in the Workplace*, and *Touch and Go*—a deeply personal account of his battle with COVID-19 after spending nearly a month in an induced coma. “An Act of Sedition” marks his return to fiction and delivers a powerful warning and an enduring message of hope.

Mike is currently working on a historical novel about Britain’s early democracy movements—continuing his commitment to stories that illuminate social justice and resilience.

“I was inspired by the way authoritarian and populist political figures and parties have increasingly inserted themselves into mainstream politics in Europe, the UK, and the US,” says Mike. “These movements often rely on fear, division, and the demonization of vulnerable groups. I wanted to write a story that reminds us how democracy, once lost, can be almost impossible to regain—and how important it is to fight to protect it.”

Blending current political anxieties with echoes of history—such as the fall of the Weimar Republic and the Nazi takeover of Germany in 1933—“An Act of Sedition” serves as a sobering reflection on modern society and its democratic institutions. The novel also celebrates the power of cultural resistance—through writing, music, and community—as a counterforce to state propaganda and control.

Message from the Author

“Although this book is about a serious subject area, it is full of characters that are flawed, complex and

very human. There is humor, love, grief and struggle with lots of twists and turns. The story carries a message that democracy is fragile and to keep it, we need to fight for it, and it focuses on the importance of freedom of expression and speech to the very existence of democratic life. I want to emphasize that although this book is based in the UK, it translates with ease to present day America where there are very clear parallels.”

Mike Gill has shared insights on “An Act of Sedition” through a feature interview on Oldham Community Radio and a recent spotlight interview with esteemed host Logan Crawford. (Logan Crawford TV Interview Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8F7CMFqBSas>)

“An Act of Sedition” is available on Amazon in paperback or you may click through the following links <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Act-Sedition-Mike-Gill/dp/B0CDQ42GKC> and [An Act of Sedition | Ukiyoto Publishing](#)



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