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Chelsea Manning's Memoir to Be Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux

New York, May 13, 2019 -- Farrar, Straus and Giroux announced today that it will publish Chelsea Manning's memoir. The book will be published in Winter 2020. Colin Dickerman, Vice President and Executive Editor, acquired the memoir. Luke Janklow and PJ Mark of Janklow & Nesbit represented the author in the negotiations.

"FSG is proud to be publishing Chelsea Manning's memoir," Colin Dickerman said. "It will, for the first time, allow readers to experience the full depth, breadth, and weight of her journey. Ms. Manning has made headlines around the world, but they couldn't possibly capture the complexity of her experiences. Here are the details of how and why she made the choices she did, along with her reckoning with the consequences. It's a riveting book--intimate, passionate, galvanizing, and necessary for our times."

In 2010, Chelsea Manning, working as an intelligence analyst in the United States Army in Iraq, sent 720,000 classified military documents she had smuggled out via the memory card of her digital camera to WikiLeaks. In March 2011, the United States Army sentenced Manning to thirty-five years in military prison, charging her with twenty-two counts relating to the unauthorized possession and distribution of classified military documents. The day after her conviction, Manning declared her gender identity as a woman and began to transition. In 2017, President Barack Obama commuted her sentence and she was released from prison.

In her as yet untitled memoir, Manning recounts how her plea for increased institutional transparency and government accountability takes place alongside a fight to defend her rights as a trans woman. She reveals her challenging childhood, her struggles as an adolescent, what led her to join the military, and the fierce pride she took in her work. We also learn the details of how and why she made the decision to send classified military documents to WikiLeaks.

Last month, Ms. Manning was jailed for resisting forced testimony because of her political objection to a secretive grand jury process and her unwillingness to participate in a process she fears could be disastrous for an independent press.

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