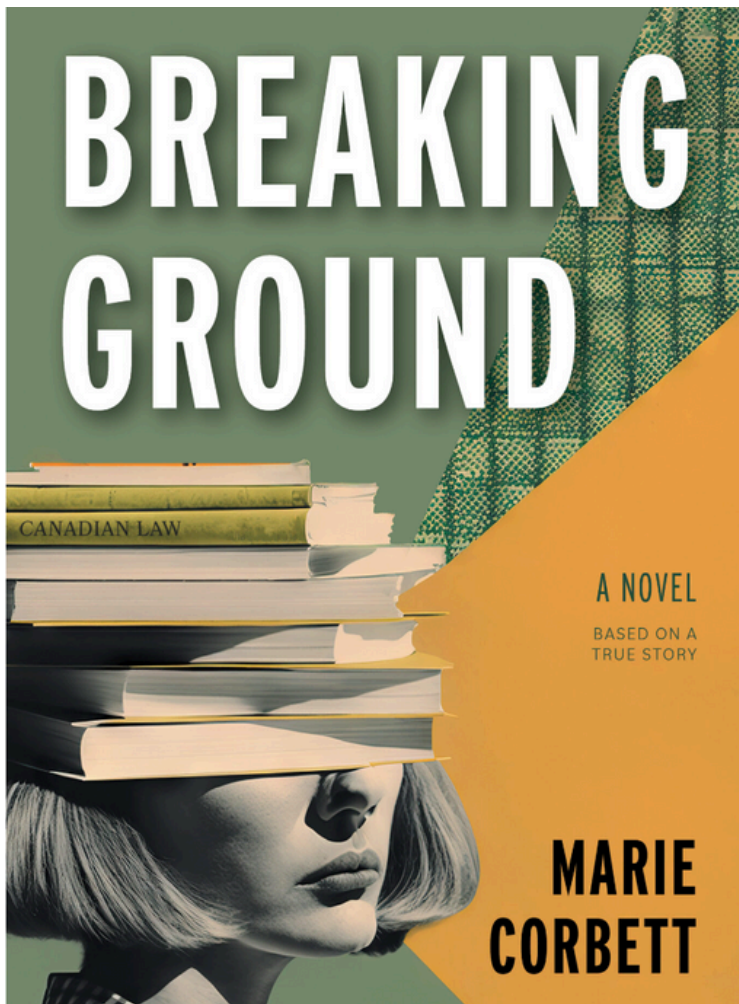


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# Breaking Ground

COMING OF AGE IN THE 1960s

**A woman's determination to be a lawyer in the pre-feminist era of free love and illegal abortion**

May 20, 2024: "Breaking Ground" is a compelling novel about Carmel, a woman who breaks away from societal norms to forge her own path through the trials of passion, poverty, and pregnancy. Raised in a sheltered Roman Catholic environment, Carmel falls deeply in love with a self-absorbed boyfriend and embarks on an unpredictable journey in pursuit of a career. This journey, filled with travel, adventure, betrayal, and unexpected pregnancy, ultimately leads Carmel to become a lawyer.

The challenges of passion, poverty, and unwanted pregnancy are as relevant today as ever. Through vivid depictions of Carmel's illegal abortions, the author underscores the ongoing importance of choice and reproductive rights.

Marie Corbett is a retired superior court judge who was a pioneer in the women's movement of the 1970s and a tireless advocate for social justice. She is the author of *January: A Woman Judge's Season of Disillusion*, a memoir describing her powerlessness over crime as her friend was dying of cancer.

*Breaking Ground* by Marie Corbett, published by Friesen Press, is available for order from most major online book retailers including the Friesen Press Bookstore and Amazon. The eBook is available for Kindle, Apple Books, Kobo, Nook, and Google Play.

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