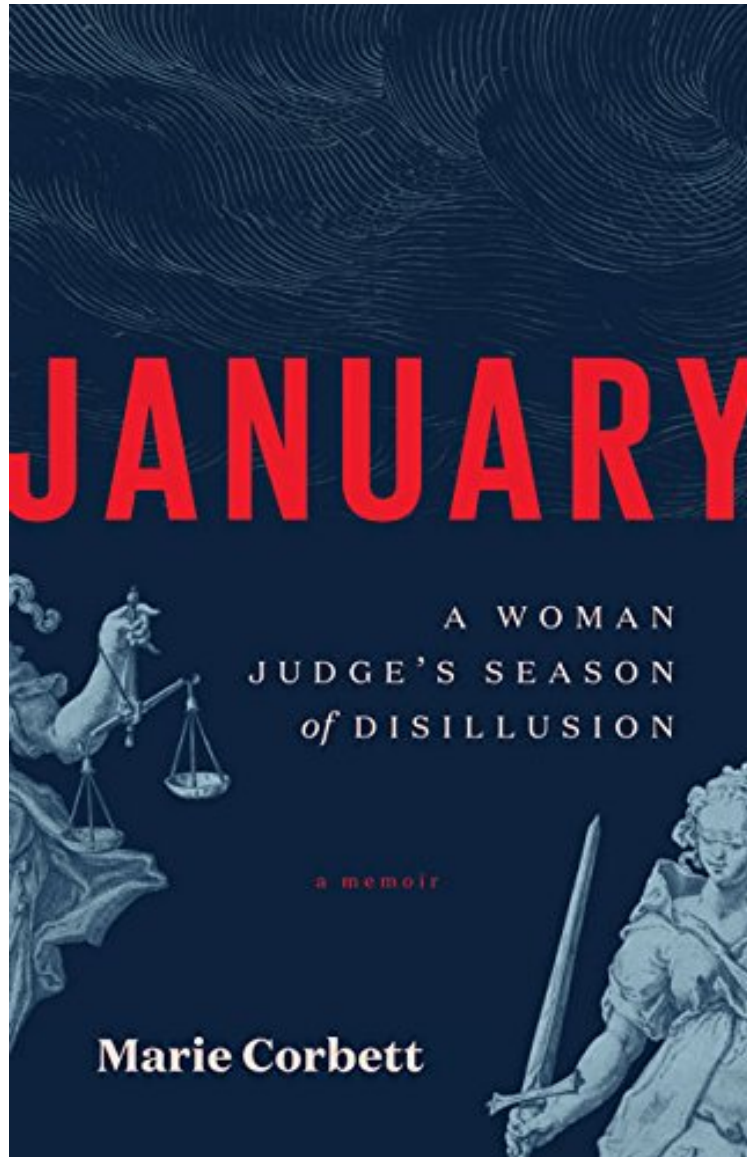


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In lucid, compelling prose, January follows the deepening friendship of two powerful women during a pivotal time in their lives. Recently widowed, Anne Armstrong Gibson, founder of Wellspring Cancer Support Foundation, is in the terminal stages of her illness. While Anne prepares her young sons for life without her, the Honourable Marie Corbett provides comfort and support for her friend a role as challenging and emotionally fraught as her work conducting sexual assault and international heroin trafficking trials in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice. From hospital ward to courtroom, Marie confronts the limitations of the criminal justice system and comes to terms with Anne's fate, propelling her to choose between civic duty and the life she truly wants.

About the Author The Honourable Marie Corbett is a retired superior court trial judge. In her thirty-year career, she was a dedicated crusader for social justice and reform of environmental, family, and pension law. She was the first woman president of the Canadian Environmental Law Association, a member of the first Ontario Status of Women Council, and Vice-Chair of the Pension Commission of Ontario. Marie lives in her native Newfoundland and in Florida.