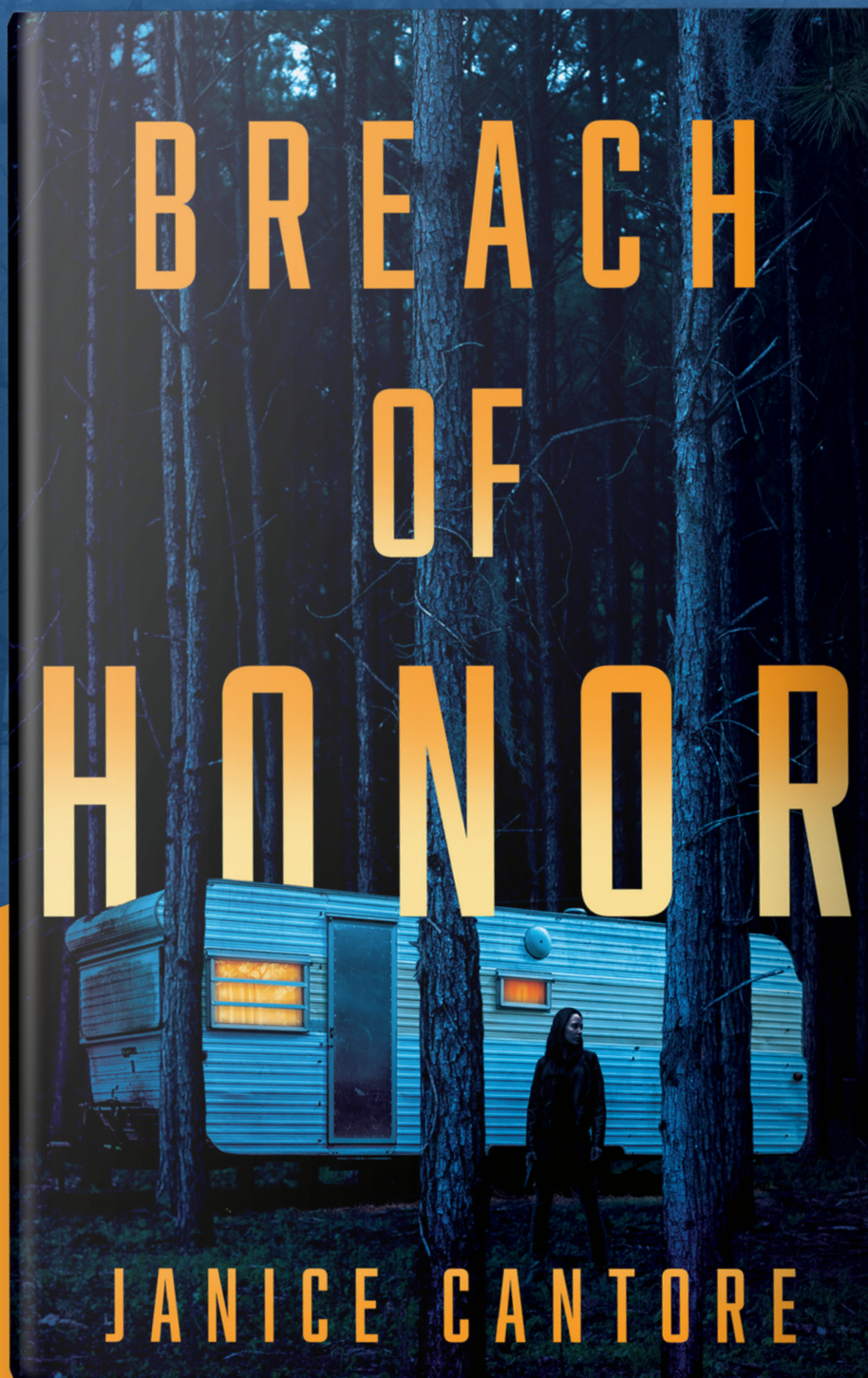


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# MEET JANICE CANTORE

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A former Long Beach, California, police officer of twenty-two years, Janice Cantore worked a variety of assignments, including patrol, administration, juvenile investigations, and training. She's always enjoyed writing and published two short articles on faith at work for *Cop and Christ* and *Today's Christian Woman* before tackling novels. She now lives in Hawaii, where she enjoys ocean swimming, golfing, spending time on the beach, and going on long walks with her Labrador retrievers, Abbie and Tilly.

Janice writes suspense novels designed to keep readers engrossed and leave them inspired. *Breach of Honor* is her twelfth novel. Janice also authored the Line of Duty series—*Crisis Shot*, *Lethal Target*, and *Cold Aim*—the Cold Case Justice series—*Drawing Fire*, *Burning Proof*, and *Catching Heat*—the Pacific Coast Justice series—*Accused*, *Abducted*, and *Avenged*—and the Brinna Caruso novels, *Critical Pursuit* and *Visible Threat*.

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# BREACH OF HONOR TRIVIA

Now that you've read *Breach of Honor*, break the ice in book club and test how well your group remembers the novel by playing a game of book trivia! How many will you get right? Turn to the next page to get started.



# BREACH OF HONOR TRIVIA



Question 1: In college, Leah was an all-American basketball player for which university?

Question 2: How many years had Leah been a police officer?

Question 3: Leah is sent to what prison after she is convicted of killing Brad?

Question 4: When Clint and his team clear the farmhouse, what does Clint discover trapped in the back room?

Question 5: What is the name of Gretchen's private investigator?

Question 6: Did Clint and Leah attend the same college?

Question 7: When does Clint meet Mr. Radcliff?

Question 8: Leah sees what word spray painted on her dad's truck and her car?

Question 9: What does Larry Ripley want that Ivy won't let him have?

Question 10: Leah cares for Clint's dog while Clint is in the hospital. What is the dog's name?

**ANSWERS ON NEXT PAGE**

# TRIVIA ANSWERS:

Question 1 answer: Oregon State

Question 2 answer: Three

Question 3 answer: Coffee Creek  
Correctional Facility

Question 4 answer: a dog

Question 5 answer: Jenna Blakely

Question 6 answer: Yes

Question 7 answer: When he comes to help Leah move her  
things from Brad's house

Question 8 answer: Killer

Question 9 answer: Brad's gym bag

Question 10 answer: Buster



# A NOTE TO READERS FROM JANICE CANTORE

Thank you so much for choosing *Breach of Honor* for your group. I pray the story will keep you turning pages and give your club a lot to talk about, and to think about. I wanted to tell a gripping story as well as bring a serious problem into the light. Intertwined throughout is Leah's journey of faith. The book deals with difficult topics, yet there is hope and redemption in the darkest of circumstances.

*Breach of Honor* is about a lot of things, but as I was writing it, my focus was on these main areas:

- Hard choices and painful situations (God still holds us in his hand)
- Truth and loyalty (True friends are steadfast)
- Prayer and faith (Prayer can change the hardest heart)

## **Hard choices and painful situations**

Domestic violence is a painful issue and a difficult one to write about. It's also not a topic that can be ignored, because unfortunately, it is altogether too prevalent in society today. As I was plotting *Breach of Honor*, a woman who went to my church was murdered by her abusive ex-husband. She tried to get away from him, but her efforts were not enough. Sadly, this happens all too often.

In *Breach of Honor*, Leah Radcliff cannot bring herself to admit that she is a victim of domestic violence. After every abuse incident, her husband, Brad, apologizes. Because she loves him, she wants to believe him. Refusing to see the problem does not make it go away; in fact, for Leah, it only gets worse. As you read the book, maybe talk about the reasons why a woman or a man might not want to admit to being a victim of abuse, why they stay in abusive relationships. Is it love? Denial? Low self-esteem? Pride? Believing that the abuser will stop as they promised?

It's a complicated issue, one that Leah takes a long time to come to terms with. One thing is clear: it is never the victim's fault. Abusers often try to blame their victims—as Brad tells Leah, it's her fault that he's doing what he's doing, but that couldn't be further from the truth. There is no excuse for one person to abuse another, especially if the person professes to love the other. This always leads me to 1 Corinthians 13, the perfect outline of what love should be. Abuse fits nowhere in that definition.

In spite of the tragedy that comes from the situation, Leah does eventually realize that God is only a prayer away, no matter her circumstances.

### **Truth and loyalty**

Leah is forced to make a tragic decision to save her life. When she faces the consequences of her actions, she finds a supportive friend in Clint. He believes in her in spite of what everyone else believes and stands by her during the most difficult time in her life. He believes that there is a truth the court didn't see, and he works hard to bring that truth to light. Clint always reminds me of Proverbs 18:24: "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (ESV).

### **Prayer and faith**

In the beginning of the story, Leah has lost her faith in God, and her faith in prayer. Her father hasn't, and he prays for her often. His faith that God will put things right is strong. Leah has to hit rock bottom before she realizes that she can't run from God, and she can't pretend that she no longer believes. From the pit of despair, Leah's faith is rekindled, and her heart is softened. Even though her circumstances don't change right away, she finds peace and purpose despite her circumstances.

Her father and Clint never waver in their faith, and they pray for Leah often in spite of the fact that at one time, she tells them both to stop praying. Their deafness to her request and their unwavering commitment to pray for her serve as a wonderful example of perseverance. In the end, Leah is glad that they did not listen to her.

Has knowing that someone is praying for you been a comfort in your life? Would you keep praying for someone if they told you to stop?

### **Conclusion**

Thank you again for choosing *Breach of Honor* to read. I hope the story kept your interest, made you think, and encouraged and uplifted you. Leah's journey through the darkness eventually leads her back to the light. She learns that God never closes the door to his presence even when we think that we are walking away from him for good. And people who will pray for us in every situation are indispensable friends.

- Janice Cantore

# MEET POLICE OFFICER LEAH RADCLIFFE

Answers courtesy of Janice Cantore

**Song she's most likely to listen to on repeat at the gym:**

"There is None Like You" by Aaron Shust

**Her favorite color:**

Purple

**The thing she loves most about her job:**

Arresting really bad people

**Her favorite caffeinated beverage:**

Coffee, black

**One word she'd choose to describe herself:**

Loyal

**One goal she'd like to accomplish:**

Getting her job back

**Her favorite sport to watch on TV:**

Basketball

**Her favorite place in Oregon:**

Crater Lake when there is a lot of snow

**One place she'd really like to travel to someday:**

Greenland. She saw a movie, "The Secret Life of Walter Mitty," where the character goes to Greenland. The scenery was spectacular. Leah would love to see the place.

**A Bible verse that inspires her:**

Depends on her mood. Romans 8:28, or Psalm 34, or Proverbs 3:5-6.



# MEET POLICE OFFICER CLINT TANNER

Answers courtesy of Janice Cantore

**Song he's most likely to listen to on repeat at the gym:**

"Holy Captivated" by Nicole C. Mullen

**His favorite color:**

Blue

**The thing he loves most about his job:**

Being visible and ready to act/help

**His favorite caffeinated beverage:**

Coffee

**One place he'd really like to travel to someday:**

Kyrgyzstan, where his parents are missionaries

**One goal he'd like to accomplish:**

To be chief of police someday

**One word he'd choose to describe himself:**

Dependable

**His favorite place in Oregon:**

Bandon, on the coast

**His favorite sport to watch on TV:**

Basketball

**A Bible verse that inspires him:**

The story of Elisha and the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18 always inspires him. As far as a single verse, John 15:4

# Q&A WITH JANICE CANTORE

**Q. What was your favorite thing about crafting the romance plot in *Breach of Honor*?**

A. I liked the idea that Clint liked Leah from afar. He prayed for her and stuck by her when things looked bad. Also, he saw and recognized what happened to her. Though she was charged with a horrific crime, he never lost faith that eventually she would be vindicated.

**Q. What are you most excited for your readers to experience through reading this novel?**

A. Leah's rebirth, her rededication to her faith. God is in everything in this life, the good and the bad. For the believer, He works ALL things out for good.

**Q. How do you expect *Breach of Honor* to resonate with your readers?**

A. In bringing attention to domestic abuse, I hope readers will recognize that it can happen to anyone. The abused are never at fault. I would hope that anyone in an abusive relationship would get out. I hope they would realize that there are resources available to them. But they need to ask for help.

## Q&A WITH JANICE CANTORE CONTINUED

### **Q. What role does faith play in the story?**

A. Ultimately, the story is Leah's faith journey. She ran away from God when she married Brad. But God never moved. He never lets believers run far. Coming back to faith sustained Leah when she was sent to prison. She realized early on that she would not survive her sentence with nothing to look forward to. Her father's message that he would always pray for her reignited a faith she'd been running away from.

### **Q. What inspired you to start writing novels based on your experience as a police officer?**

A. I've always loved mystery/suspense novels. A cop as the main character was always a plus. Joseph Wambaugh was kind of the gold standard for cop novels in the 80s, but as good as his books were, they were too hard-bitten and at points a bit depressing. I always liked the good guys winning, and I wanted the endings of my stories to uplift and not depress. Reading Randy Alcorn's *Deadline* showed me that the Christian message had a place in suspense fiction. As a Christian, I recognize the importance of faith in fact and fiction. Everyone struggles with something. In my novels there is always a faith journey, the end of which falls in line with what the Bible promises. It's my way of getting faith messages out to people who might never pick up a Bible.

# DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

## 01

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As a police officer, Leah Radcliff handles domestic violence cases from time to time, but she's unwilling to label her own situation at home as such. What makes her so reluctant to see Brad as an abuser? What does this tell you about victims of domestic violence?

## 02

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Clint Tanner's scar is a physical reminder of a time he tried to be a hero. What does his dad remind him of after that event? What advice does Clint take to heart?

## 03

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Leah struggles to maintain a positive outlook on life after being sent to prison. What snaps her out of her funk? How do you change your attitude when the world around seems dark and gray? What sorts of things improve your mood?

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# 04

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As Clint wrestles with the injustice of Leah's conviction, he encounters corruption within the police force. What consequences come as a result of this type of abuse of power, both in this story and in real life? Is it possible to have authorities who adhere to a moral code—and how is that moral code defined? Or is the promise of power too heady?

# 05

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What advice does GiGi give Clint about getting involved in taking down the Hangmen? When you face a problem that seems too big for you to handle, what do you typically do?

# 06

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After a rousing game of one-on-one, Nora makes an observation that gets Leah thinking: "Here we both are, guilty of crimes." How does this idea change Leah's perception of the women in prison? What does that statement say about choices we make in life?

# 07

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Chaplain Darrel tells Leah, "Life isn't easy, not for anyone. The difference is how people respond to the difficulties." How does Leah respond to what life throws her way? How does her response change over the course of the story? What positive examples can she point to? How do you react when life feels too hard?



# 08

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Leah's return to sketching becomes a metaphor for the state of her soul: "first blurry, ugly, and misshapen, then later clearer and more defined." Read Isaiah 64:8. In what ways is Leah being shaped and more clearly defined throughout this story? Where do you see God molding your life?

# 09

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Even after giving Leah advice to leave matters in God's hands, Clint realizes he's been taking everything upon himself again. Is there something that you have a hard time surrendering? How do you identify those moments and relinquish control?

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# 11

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Leah believes, "Justice has to matter for everyone or it matters for no one." What does that look like for her? How would Clint define justice? What about the Hangmen? How does this statement work in real life?



# 12

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Leah is initially on the fence about returning to her job. What convinces her to try to get it back? Is that a good reason to pursue that goal? Where do you see her going in the next few years?

## Your book club questions:

Jot down some questions about the novel here that you want to ask in your book club.

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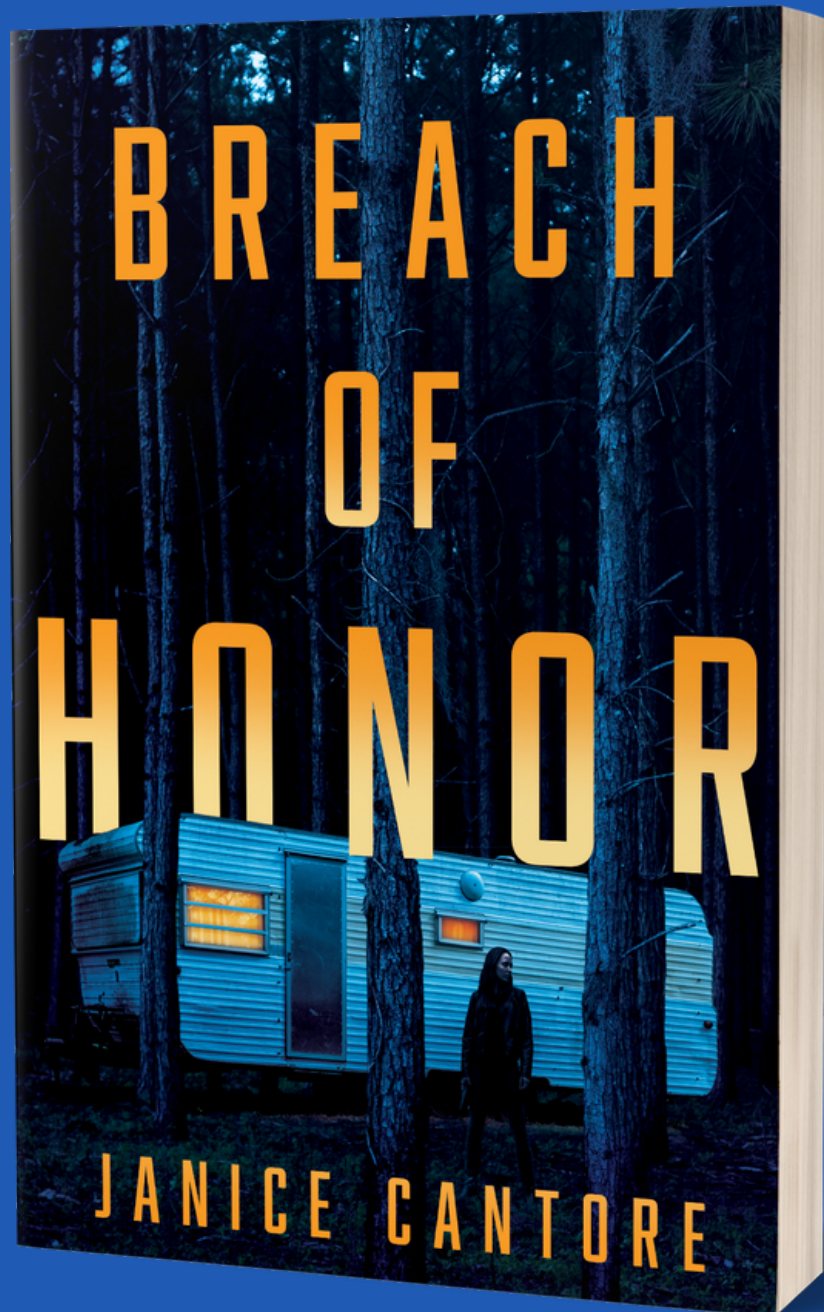
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