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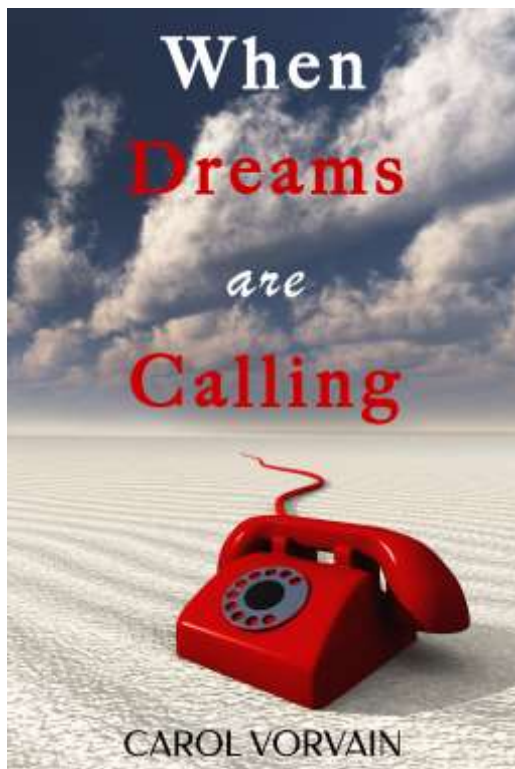
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BEST SELLING AUTHOR CAROL VORVAIN REMINDS US THAT IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FOLLOW OUR DREAMS

WHEN DREAMS ARE CALLING



Inspired by a true story, *When Dreams are Calling* is a story about the power we all have to make our dreams come true. Dora is a Romanian young woman, witty, rebellious and allergic to any limitations on her freedom. She dreams to be a writer, a gardener or a chef and travel the world. Instead, respecting her parents' wishes, she becomes a lawyer. But, when her family becomes from blessing a hazard, she cuts the apron strings, leaves the Land of Dracula and migrates to Canada with nothing more than a suitcase of invisible dreams. There, her life is a roller coaster, her plan is nothing more than confidence and her only weapons are her contagious enthusiasm and humour.

Although she does adapt, on a trip to Peru she realises she does not belong to the country of snowman, maple leaves and Tim Horton's cafes. And once more, she plunges into the unknown and moves to Australia, the Land of Oz and countless sunny days.

There, she becomes a lawyer again, experiences pure lust with a man she ironically calls Stallion and she starts travelling the world from Cuba to Amsterdam, Paris, Bali. But will this make her happy? And if not, will she ever find what she is looking for? Will she ever settle down? Can dreams come true?

Each chapter is introduced by a short funny poem and it concludes with a set of reflections on friendship, kindness, love and the ultimately power: the power of change.

Words have power, dreams have power, we have power is the motif which echoes all through this enthralling novel that bursts with optimism.

When Dreams are Calling is available on Amazon.com, Kobo.com and <http://carolvorvain.com>.

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Editorial Reviews

This is not a book. It is not a story, even. Reading When Dreams are Calling is an experience.

When Dreams are Calling will charm you from the first page until the last. It is an easy read and will force you to contemplate your own journey, your own travels, your own personal growth and achievements.

Vorvain has given Dora a witty and humorous voice which means we are constantly engaged and enthralled by her stories and her meaningful lessons she has learned about life, love and happiness. Vorvain completes our experience by handing the wheel over and asks us this vital rhetorical question: " Now the question is what will you do when dreams are calling. Will you pick up?"

To me, Vorvain's story of Dora is the sound of a bell so longed for; it is time to pick it up.

-- Tracie Pascoe-Lark, The Australia Times Magazine

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Book Facts

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Quotations and Interview Questions

Quotations

These are a few quotes from the book:

On Friendship:

- *Without lovers we might survive, but without friends we will crumble.*
- *If you are extraordinary today it's only because someone extraordinary believed in you. It's your turn to do the same.*

On Love:

- *Love is the strongest when friendship marries insatiable lust.*
- *Surrender to love and love will surrender to you.*
- *Infatuation sees the obstacles; love sees ways around them.*

On Dreams:

- *We should not fear our dreams will not come true; instead, we should fear they might not be the right ones for us.*

On Failures:

- *Don't be afraid of failures. They are the scars of a champion!*

On Change:

- *Stay put and you will remain as such. Jump in and you might get wet. Dive and you might find true happiness.*

Interview Questions

A Conversation with Carol about When Dreams are Calling

*This year, my novel **When Dreams are Calling** was published in paperback and book clubs and libraries around the country embraced it. Fortunately for me, many readers contacted me on my website, Facebook, Twitter and Goodreads account and I have spoken to literally hundreds of women in the past year. As always, with each new conversation, I am reminded of how connected we all are, how closely our lives align, regardless of where in the world we live. These are some of the questions I am asked most often about **When Dreams are Calling**.*

Q: Please tell us about your current release. What inspired you to write this book?

A: We all need encouragement and we all need humor. The more the merrier. And a well-written book always does the trick. Books have healing, magic powers. They are our best friends, our mentors, our refuge. I wanted to write a book that will make people smile with every turn of the page, while slowly restoring their faith in the power of their own dreams. And this is how *When Dreams are Calling* was born.

Inspired by a true story, the novel follows the journey of Dora, the adorable, a witty young woman who chases her dreams across continents, from Europe to America, then to Asia, and finally, to the far away shores of Australia.

The readers see the changes she goes through, the price she pays for following her dreams, but also the rewards she gets on the way. Her life is a roller coaster and her plan is nothing more than the confidence that everything will work out for the best.

The story is filled with magical words of wisdom that I hope will inspire and delight the readers, while making them reflect on the beauty of friendship, lust, love and kindness.

Q: When you say *When Dreams are Calling* is inspired by a true story, would you say it's autobiographical?

A: No. It is inspired by my own life events, but it is not a memoir. Gabriel Garcia Marquez said "All human beings have *three lives*: public, private, and secret." Not sure if a writer's life can be a secret, as with each book he reveals a tiny bit of it, but it can be private. In a true memoir there is no privacy. A true memoir reveals everything, including the things you would prefer not to remember. The good, the bad and the ugly. I have a very selective memory. I only remember what is good, beautiful and brought joy to my life. So, even if I would want to, I doubt I could write a memoir.

Q: How would you describe *When Dreams are Calling*? Is it an inspirational first and a travel story second? An adventure? All of the above?

A: I think the ones who travel have a taste for adventure and a thirst for knowledge. You learn much more through exposure to different cultures than you can ever learn while living in the

same place surrounded by the same kind of people. Let's say that you grow a bit wiser. To answer your question, travel, adventure and inspirational stories are all intertwined. The book has a bit of everything: Dora learns her lessons while migrating from one country to another and facing the challenges that are expected each time we decide to radically change our lives.

Q: The little hidden gems at the end of each chapter – the words of wisdom that often strike a chord so deeply with the readers. Which one is your favourite?

A: As they are all my creation, I love them all. But, here are some that the readers pick up over and over again:

- Doubt is what keeps the hope alive.
- Reality is less important than our perception of it.
- Don't ask your children to be something they are not. Instead, teach them how to make the most of who they are.

If you would like to read some more of those, you can always go on my website, and download some free E-cards: <http://carolvorvain.com/ecards/>

Q: There is also a lot of traveling going on in the book. I know traveling is one of your passions. Where is the one place that has inspired you the most?

A: I tend to see the good things in all people and all places I travel to. But countries such as Cuba, Peru, Bolivia tend to be my favourite. Like I say in the book: it's the people. This is why my favourite chapter in the book is about Cuba.

In my eyes, Cuban people are living the essence of what the rest of us merely preach. For them, dancing is more natural than walking, smoking cigars better than talking, and smiling came always before asking.

Q: If it was made into a movie, who would you like to play the main characters?

A: You can find a board with places and characters from the book on Pinterest:

- <http://www.pinterest.com/carolvorvain/>

As Stallion, Clive Owen's image comes to mind first. As Tomas, Justin Trudeau might be a good fit. However, something tells me that he might have slightly different plans.

Q: Anything additional you want to share with the readers?

A: "Words have power, dreams have power, we have power" is the motif of my book. Believe in it. It always works for me.

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About the Author

Carol Vorvain is an Australian fiction author who lives in Melbourne, a city famous for having all four seasons in a day.

However, she did not always know that writing books is what will bring her ultimate joy.

As a child, she wanted to be a fairy, playful and helpful, bearing wisdom. But, the position was already taken, like Carol says, by nobody else other than her mother.

So, she moved on and became a lawyer and mediator. But in her heart, she kept hoping for a fairy assistant opening.

And, when her friends encouraged her to write books, she knew this was it: the perfect way that will marry her passion for writing with her desire to bring happiness into others' lives.

When she's not writing, Carol can likely be found gardening, biking or cooking a new dish she never tried before: "It's a bit of a trial and error", she admits, "The good thing is I am still alive."

Visit Carol and join the conversation on her lively website: <http://carolvorvain.com>

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