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EMBARGOED UNTIL TUESDAY AUGUST 8TH @ 10 AM

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin on Aug 8, 2023 regarding the finalists for the 2023 Vancouver Book Award.

Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account on **Tuesday August 8th at 10 am**.

You will also be receiving an invitation to attend the event closer to the event date.

Angela will reply to this email with the relevant Vancouver.ca link and social media links, once these are live.

Thanks,

Karen

**City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
August 8, 2023**

City of Vancouver 2023 Book Award finalists announced

From a vibrant collection of poetry to a complex tale about mother-daughter relationships, the 2023 [City of Vancouver Book Award](#) finalists have now been selected. The award will be presented at the 2023 Book Award Ceremony on Sept. 22, where each finalist will read from their shortlisted titles. Vancouver's Poet Laureate Fiona Tinwei Lam will also perform a reading.

The finalists are:

- *Cactus Gardens* by Evelyn Lau. Published by Anvil Press.
- *The Foghorn Echoes* by Danny Ramadan. Published by Penguin Random House.
- *Holden After and Before: Love Letter for a Son Lost to Overdose* by Tara McGuire. Published by Arsenal Pulp Press.
- *Jan Wade: Soul Power* by Jan Wade, Deanna Bowen, Wayde Compton, Daina Augaitis, Siobhan McCracken Nixon. Published by Information Office, Vancouver Art Gallery.
- *Junie* by Chelene Knight. Published by Book*hug Press
- *PAWS: Mindy Makes Some Space* by Michele Assarasakorn and Nathan Fairbairn. Published by Razorbill.

Finalists were selected by the 2023 City of Vancouver Book Award Jury, including writers Molly Cross-Blanchard and Dina Del Bucchia and Community Engagement Librarian Allan Cho.

The annual City of Vancouver Book Award has been recognizing authors of excellence of any genre since 1989. To learn more about the Vancouver Book Awards, [visit our website](#).

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