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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"
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Subject: Upcoming information bulletin: "Junie" wins Vancouver Book Award (September 26, 2023)

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below information bulletin today, September 26, regarding *Junie* by Chelene Knight winning the 2023 Vancouver Book Award. Please keep this information bulletin embargoed until it goes live from the City media email account around 11 am.

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

Best,
Paul

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City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
September 26, 2023

***Junie* wins Vancouver Book Award**

Author Chelene Knight has won the Vancouver Book Award for *Junie* published by Book*hug Press. The Book Award winner was announced on Friday afternoon during at the Vancouver Public Library's Central Library.

About the winning book

Chelene Knight

Junie

Book*hug Press

1930s, Hogan's Alley—A thriving Black and immigrant community located in Vancouver's East End. As *Junie* finds adulthood, exploring her artistic talents and burgeoning sexuality, her mother sinks further into the bottle while the thriving neighbourhood—once gushing with potential—begins to change. As her world opens, *Junie* intuits the opposite for the community she loves. Told through the fascinating lens of a bright woman in an oft-disquieting world, this book is intimate and urgent—not just an unflinching look at the destruction of a vibrant community, but a celebration of the Black lives within.

[Learn more about the Vancouver Book Award](#), including the 2023 shortlist and information about the selection committee.

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