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## **Juheha Kim, in conversation with Katya Apekina, discusses *City of Night Birds***

**12.3 at Vroman's Bookstore**

**Juheha Kim, recipient of the 2024 Tolstoy Literary Prize, will  
introduce her new novel**

**JUHEA KIM**



**IN CONVERSATION WITH KATYA APEKINA**

TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 3RD  
7:00PM  
IN STORE EVENT

**VROMAN'S  
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- ▶ **Event:** Juheha Kim Book Talk "City of Night Birds"
- ▶ **Date/ Location:** December 3 (Tuesday) 7 PM/ Vroman's Bookstore
- ▶ **Organizer/Host:** Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles, Vroman's Bookstore
- ▶ **Inquires:** Michelle Noh, [young@kccla.org](mailto:young@kccla.org)

Korean Cultural Center Los Angeles, led by director Sangwon Jung, will host a book talk with author Juhea Kim for her latest novel, *City of Night Birds*. The event will take place on December 3 at 7:00 PM at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena.

Juhea Kim, who won the 2024 Tolstoy Literary Prize for her debut novel *Beasts of a Little Land*, will attend the event to meet with readers. Kim's win marks another milestone for Korean literature following Han Kang's recognition as the first Korean and Asian female to win the Nobel Prize in Literature in 2024.

The book talk will take place at Vroman's Bookstore, Southern California's oldest and most beloved independent bookstore, known for its 130-year history. During the event, Kim will present *City of Night Birds*, set to release on November 26. The evening will include a discussion, a Q&A session, and a book signing, allowing attendees to engage directly with the author. The event will be moderated by Katya Apekina.

The event is free to attend, and books will be available for purchase on-site. For more details, visit the KCCLA website ([kccla.org](http://kccla.org)) or Vroman's Bookstore website ([vromansbookstore.com](http://vromansbookstore.com)).

Director Jung of KCCLA expressed and emphasized the importance of this event. "Following Han Kang's Nobel Prize win, the global prominence of Korean literature has reached new heights. We hope this event leaves a lasting impression on local readers and contributes to the sustainable growth of Korean literature worldwide."

\* **Juhea Kim** is the author of the novel *Beasts of a Little Land* (Ecco 2021), a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. She earned her BA in Art and Archaeology from Princeton University. Her writing has been published in *Granta*, *Times Literary Supplement*, *The Independent*, *Zyzzyyva*, *Guernica* and elsewhere. Born in South Korea and raised in Portland, Oregon, Kim now lives in London.

\* **Katya Apekina** is a novelist, screenwriter and translator. Her new novel, *Mother Doll*, is out now and named a Best Book of 2024 by *Vogue*. Her debut, *The Deeper the Water the Uglier the Fish*, was named a Best Book of 2018 by *Kirkus*, *Buzzfeed* and others and was a finalist for the *LA Times Book Prize*. Katya translated poetry and prose from Russian for *Night Wraps the Sky: Writings by and about Mayakovsky* (FSG, 2008), short-listed for the Best Translated Book Award. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, daughter and dog.