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New

Brown Bears

Picture book depicting twin bears' birth and growth in the wild

In autumn, the mother brown bear eats plenty of acorns, wild grapes, and mushrooms to prepare for the winter, and then gives birth to and raises her cubs in her den during the hibernation. Thanks to the mother's abundant milk, the twin cubs thrive in the dark den. When spring arrives, they head out and explore the outside world.

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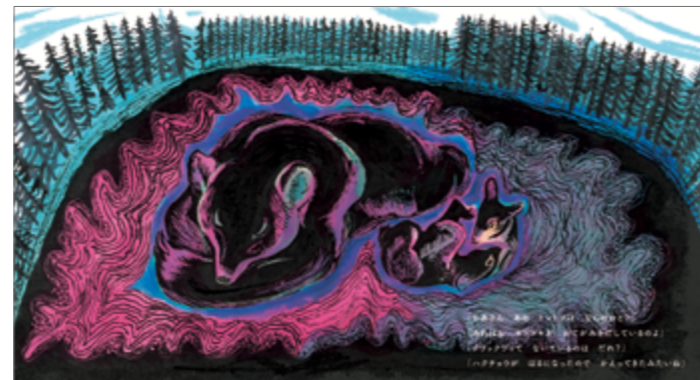
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Hiroshi Abe

あべ弘士

Born in Hokkaido in 1948. After working as a zookeeper at the Asahiyama Zoo for 25 years he started focusing on his creative work and became a picture book artist. He draws animals with deep insight into their ecology and behavior. His picture books count over 230 titles. He has received numerous awards.



The Bear and the Boy

A classic Ainu tale about the magnificence of life.

Among the Ainu, Japan's indigenous people, bears are revered as gods. In this story, a bear cub and an Ainu boy are nursed by the boy's mother, just like real brothers. When the bear cub is big enough, he will be sacrificed to the gods in the Iyomante ceremony, his spirit sent up to the heavens. But on the night before the ceremony, the bear cub disappears... Their extraordinary story continues in this splendidly illustrated picture book of the classic Ainu tale.

Format
280×228mm, 41pp.
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978-4-89309-631-9
Publication date
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New

A Mischievous Watermelon Seed

Watermelon seeds' fun picture hunt book!

A watermelon split open. One seed popped out from the row of seeds. Where is it going? The seed pretends as an ant, or as a tadpole, or a musical symbol. It hides on the eye chart or tramp card..... Can you find the mischievous watermelon seed? This is a sensational debut work by a new talent.

Format
195×195mm, 28pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-744-6
Publication date
Jun. 2025

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Tatsuki Oshimoto

押本達希

Born in 1995. Graduated from the Department of Integrated Design at Tama Art University in 2019. While still a student, he won the Special Jury Prize in the Picture Book category of the 9th Takei Takeo Memorial Japanese Children's Art Award. In 2022, he was selected for the 23rd Pinpoint Picture Book Competition. This is his first published picture book.



New

Flip-Flap Zoo

Turn the pages and enjoy your creating animal animations!

Turn the pages yourself to see the pictures move! It is a fun picture book. The mechanism is very simple. Short pages are tucked inside the book, and by just flipping the pages, you see the animals move! Look how a tiger roars, a condor flaps its wings, monkeys jump, a crocodile opens its mouth, a kangaroo fights, a gorilla beats its chest, and a chameleon stretches its tongue!

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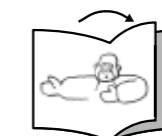
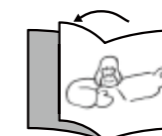
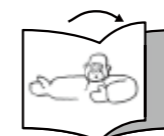
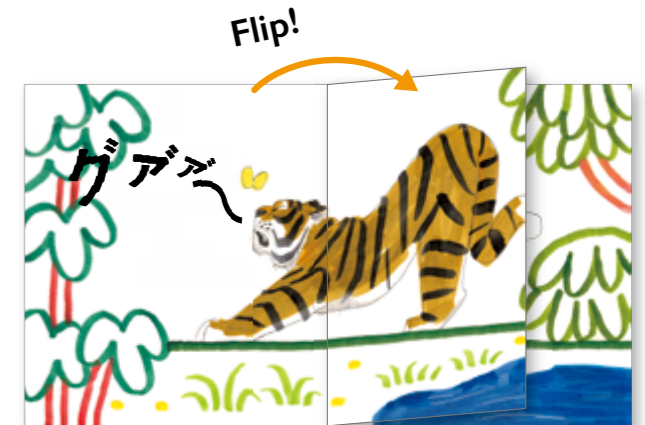
Takeuma タケウマ Illustrator

Born in 1981. An illustrator and sketcher. His works are characterized by a calm and composed atmosphere and clear style. He also works on numerous projects overseas. His collection of works includes "SKETCH FROM THE ZOO" (LLC Insects). He also holds sketching and illustration workshops. This is his first picture book.



Yoshinori Okada 岡田善敬 Author

Born in 1974. A graphic designer and art director. Active in a wide range of fields including logos, packaging, spatial signs, and book design. His works as picture books include: "Ghost! Really?" (Fukuinkan Shoten), "Dinosaurs Coloring Book" (KADOKAWA) and more.





New

Monkey Doctor and Snake Nurse

*It would be fun to have a hospital like this...!
Children's favorite title is back!*

A new hospital has opened in Animal Village. The kind Monkey Doctor is always smiling. The Snake Nurse is...super! She uses the most bizarre methods to make medicine, take measurements and perform endoscopies to help the patients get better. The fun illustrations are a perfect match for the nonsensical story.

260x218mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-751-4 Jan. 2026 This title was first published by Billiken Shuppan in 1999.

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New

Snake Doctor and Monkey Nurse

The quirky Snake Nurse will be a doctor today. What diagnosis will she make? On the other hand, the Monkey Doctor will be a nurse today. Will he be as super as the Snake Nurse?

260x218mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-752-1 Mar. 2026 This title was first published by Billiken Shuppan in 2002.

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Ryoji Arai 荒井良二 Illustrator



Photo by Ren Arimura

Born in 1956. A picture book author. In 1999, he won the special Award at the Bologna International Children's Book Fair, and in 2005 he became the first Japanese author to win the Astrid Lindgren Memorial Award. His work is highly acclaimed both at home and abroad.

Junya Hotaka 穂高順也 Author

Born in 1969. A picture book and children's book author. After working as a nursery school teacher, he made his debut as a picture book author. His work includes "Yoru no Yaoya san" (illustrations by Rokudai Tanaka), "Yoru no Yofukuya san" (illustrated by Yuka Terajima) and more.



A Journey Through the Sounds of the Seasons

by Arai Ryoji

From an homage to the American comic Peanuts comes a picture book that explores new frontiers for a celebrated children's picture book author.

"My ears sometimes travel far, far away... First, I can hear the happy sound of a bird's song ... spring has now begun!" From spring to summer, from fall to winter, and then into spring again — this original picture book, drawn in comic book frames and illustrations, celebrates the blessings of the four seasons.

All rights available 257x205mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-704-0 Mar. 2022



Let the Show Begin!

by Arai Ryoji

*Beautiful pictures and rhythmic phrases.
A book to read to your child before bedtime.*

Out of the darkness, someone appears onstage and shouts Let the show begin! The curtain rises and the performance begins. "I played the mandolin really well." The next time the curtain goes up, a new story begins.

All rights available 187x257mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-080-5 Jan. 1994





New

Pring Poyong

"Pring Poyong" is a mysterious creature created by a CG artist creator. Alone in its room, Pring Poyong changes shape, moves, stretches, shrinks, and jumps! This is a new type of picture book for babies that will make you want to touch it.

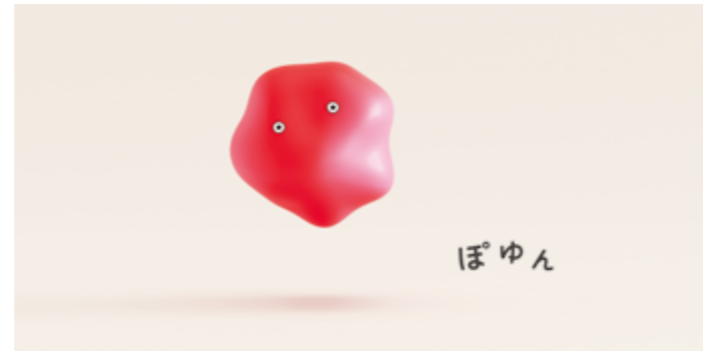
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mametarou
まめたろう

Born in 1986. While working for a production company, he also creates pop and simple creative motion graphic works. He is participating in the "Design Ah! Neo" exhibition. He was selected for the 2024 edition of '100 Japanese Motion Graphic Creators'. This is his debut picture book.



New

Hula Hoop!

Rice balls, watermelon, beans, ice cream, pudding, cake... What if children's favorite foods play hula hoops? The more they hoop, the more interesting things happen! You'll find yourself cheering for the characters as they skillfully and happily play their hula hoops.

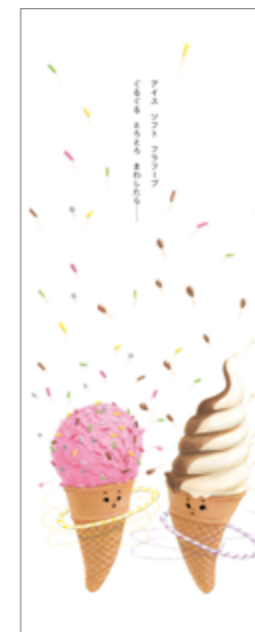
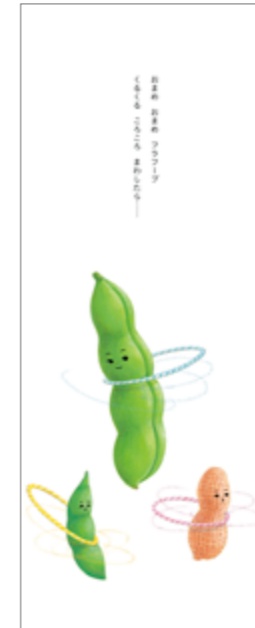
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Maki Kaneko
かねこまき

A picture book author and illustrator. Debuted in 2019. She depicts small, everyday things that people don't usually pay much attention to in an entertaining way. Its unique ideas and illustrations are appearing.





New

Seeds are the End and the Beginning of Life

Explore the world of seeds with this plant observation photo picture book!

Seeds are the beginning of plant life. Plant observer Jun Suzuki unravels the mystery of the source of plant life with a mix of fun and amazement, making you feel like you're participating in an observation event. Highlights including both close-up and dissection photos of plants, this book explores the unique beauty of seeds and arrows you to discover new charms.

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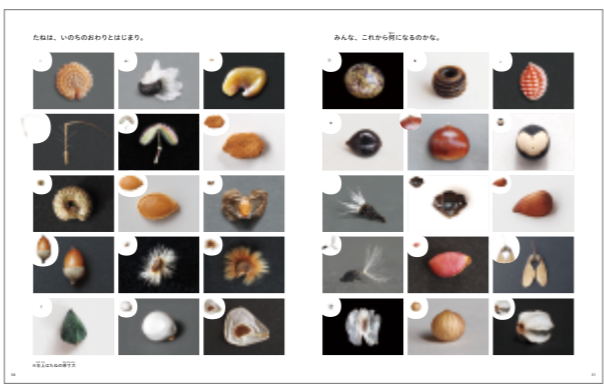
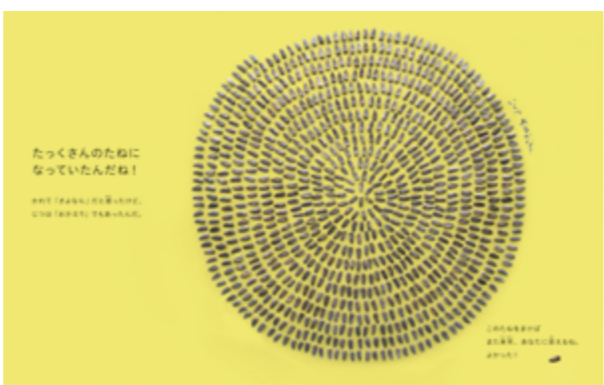
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Jun Suzuki

鈴木 純

Born in 1986. A plant observer and plant ecology photographer. After studying landscape architecture at Tokyo University of Agriculture, he joined the Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers and engaged in desert greening activities in China. After returning to Japan, he traveled around Japan to see wild plants and became independent as a plant guide.



Our Friend Clover

The closer you get to the clover, the more you'll know about them.

Why not lower your head to the clover's level and approach it focusing your attention with all your senses? You will feel a sense of amazement, which is the first step to discovering the beauty of the world around you! This photo picture book will surely bring the joy of observing plants to you!

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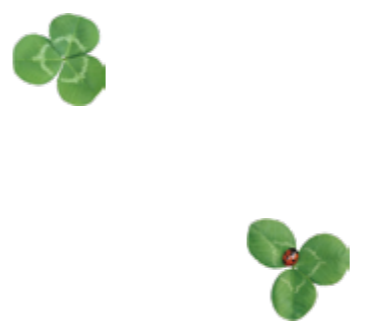




Photo by Yoshinori Kurosawa

Mamiko Shiotani

しおたにまみこ

Born in 1987 and currently resides in Tokyo. She graduated from Joshibi University of Art and Design's Department of Design & Crafts. Her first picture book, "The Ghost in the Attic", received the Award of Excellence at the 15th Pinpoint Picture Book Competition (2014). Her works attract readers with intricate pencil drawings and unique views of the world. Her favorite way of eating eggs is by boiling them.

The Story of an Egg

The noted picture book artist, Mamiko Shiotani launched her first fairy tales fully illustrated in pencil!

One day an egg decides to wake up. Soon it begins to walk and talk. It befriends a marshmallow and together they climb off the counter and begin to explore. Includes three peculiar tales that will draw readers in with each new page.

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210×148mm, 48pp.
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The Story of a Fig

The story opens in the kitchen where Fig is telling a story. The friends get excited about Fig's heart-pounding adventure story. But are Egg and Marshmallow the only ones who can't quite believe the tale...? This excellent story is a true adventure tale. So sit back, relax, and enjoy!

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Feb. 2023



New

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To be published in Jun. 2026

The Secret Story of an Egg

The main character is once again the Egg. Wanting to try something new, the Egg starts writing poetry. Writing poems, presenting them at poetry readings, hearing others' opinions... the Egg somehow feels unsettled and uneasy. The words of Egg's friend Marshmallow are also profound.

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New

Deeply Into My Island

A record of the artist's dynamic life as she became accustomed to the island!

mirocomachiko, a painter who paints dynamic images of flora and fauna, left Tokyo in 2019 and moved to Amami Oshima Island, located in the south of Japan. This book is a collection of 34 essays that chronicle the six years of the life in the island. In addition to the essays and illustrations that were serialized on the publisher's website, it also includes newly drawn illustrations and 53 photographs.

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210mm×148mm, 224pp.
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mirocomachiko

ミロコマチコ

Born in 1981. A painter and picture book author known for her vibrant and dynamic depictions of animals and plants. Since her debut, she has won numerous awards both nationally and internationally, including the BIB Golden Apple Award in 2015.



Tetsuzo

The picture book depicting the author's days spent with her pet cat, Tetsuzo lovingly and dynamically.

271×216mm, 32pp.
978-4-89309-575-6 Sep. 2013

🚩 Rights sold
Chinese (complex)



Deeply Into My Cats

The author's first illustrated manga essay. It vividly chronicles her life with her three cats, Tetsuzo, Soto, and Bo.

210×148mm, 192pp.
978-4-89309-623-4 Dec. 2016

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Taro Miura 三浦太郎

Born in Aichi Prefecture, Japan in 1968, Taro Miura is a graduate of Osaka University of Arts, Fine Arts Department. Selected six times since 2001 for inclusion in the Bologna

International Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition, Miura debuted as a picture book author with an overseas publisher. His major works include Je Suis... (La Joie De Lire), Ton and Arnesi (Corraini Edizioni), Kuttsuita (Kogumasha), Chiisana Ousama (Kaisei-sha), Densha ga kimashita (Doshinsha), Ohana o douzo (Nora Shoten) and many others. This book is Miura's 51st picture book.

Let's Play the Drum!

The world's first noisy picture book that's like listening to the sounds of a lively parade!

As you turn the pages and hear the sound Dong Dong, you can't help but want to say it out loud in this Mother Goose's word play-style cumulative song picture book. Miura has used different styles both overseas and in Japan, and this work is a fusion of digital and analog. The illustrations are made up of simple geometric parts, but they were not created in Photoshop; instead, they were created using a unique technique that incorporates the beauty of hand-drawn art inspired by Miura's background in printmaking. This unique and meticulous technique is achieved by cutting out each part into shapes from tissue paper, then scanning, coloring, and layering the parts.

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The impressive gatefold pages are a must-see!



To create the illusion of a scroll, the eight pages from pp. 21 to 28 are double gatefolds. If you open the double gatefold and look at the four inside pages from left to right, you can enjoy a panoramic view of the parade illustrations.



Ichiro いちろう Illustrator
 Born in 1993. While studying at Kyoto University of the Arts, he won the 37th Kodansha Morning Manga New Artist Encouragement Award. With his unique composition and warm touch, he is active in a wide range of fields, including manga, book design, and illustration. This is his debut picture book.



Atsuko Mugita 麦田あつこ Author
 Born in 1978. As a picture book editor, she has produced many hits, including the "Daruma-san" series by Kagaku Hiroshi and "It Might Be an Apple" by Shinsuke Yoshitake (both by Bronze Publishing). She is active as a picture book author, too. Her gentle words and rhythmic tempo attract many readers.

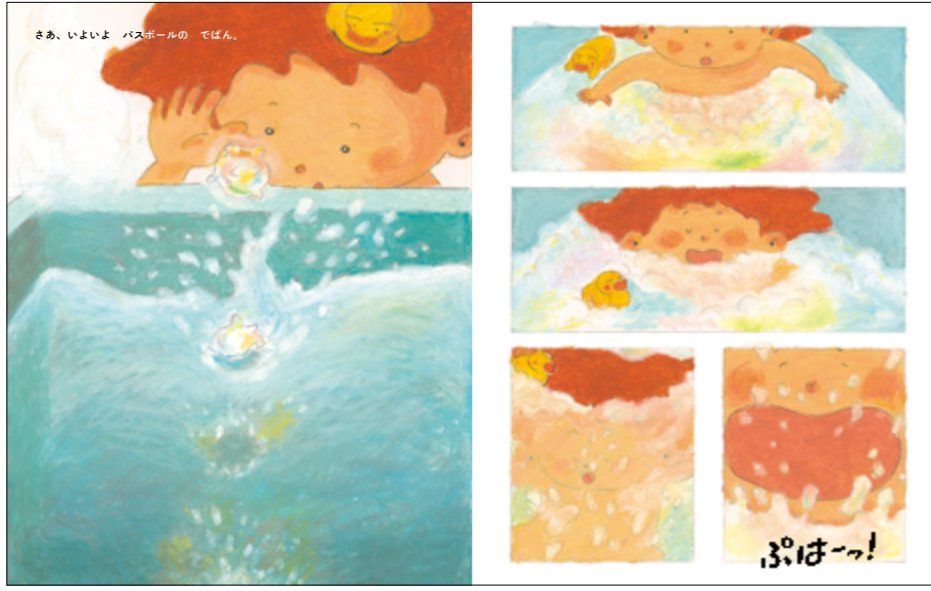
Bath Ball of Wonders

The debut work of a cutting-edge artist!
 You'll be charmed by the unique compositions and warm illustrations.

I bought a bath ball at Fushigi-ya House of Wonders. When I dissolved it in the bath, the "Hot Water People" appeared! They pushed me up the spout and I found myself in a sea of bathwater....
 A hilariously quirky bath picture book!

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Masahiro Kakinokihara
 柿木原政広

Masahiro Kakinokihara is an art director. Born in 1970, Hiroshima, he founded the design company I0inc. in 2007. (<http://www.i0inc.jp/>) Kakinokihara has also been involved in art direction and catalog production for children's book exhibitions such as the Bologna International Children's Book Fair Illustrators Exhibition and global exhibitions for the picture book author Hiroshi Kagakui. His picture books include Ponchinpan, Ottototto, and Hitomoji ehon (all published by Fukuinkan Shoten Publishing).

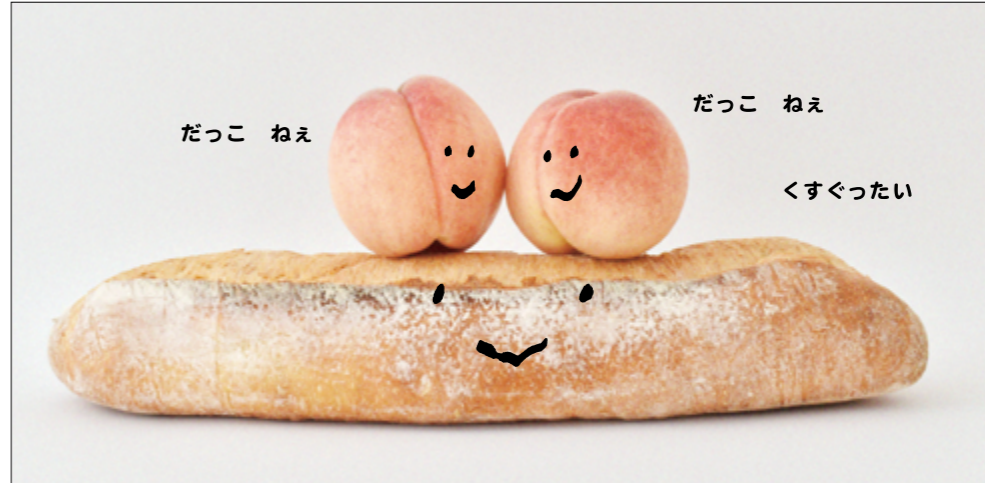
Cuddle Me!

Baby's first book is filled with cuddles!

"Hold me, hold me, cuddle me" says Apple, begging for a hug. Turn the page to find that when the Apple says "Hold me, cuddle me", Banana comes and rocks her side to side. Potato and Mushroom, Cherry, Peach, and Cherry Tomato all are like sweet little babies saying "Cuddle me!" When everyone gets a cuddle, they are smiley and look really happy! A picture book for babies with soothing rhythmic words.

Format
 185×185mm, 24pp.
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9 Titles
6,220,000
 copies in
15 languages!



Shinsuke Yoshitake
 ヨシタケ シンスケ

Born in 1973, Shinsuke Yoshitake creates inventively humorous and lively illustrations. His unique and sometimes surprising take on everyday life has captured the imagination of readers everywhere. In addition to winning many awards in Japan, his picture books have been translated widely in the world.

I Can't Wait!

An encouraging picture book for readers living impatient and enthusiastic lives!

Does human nature remain the same from the moment we are born? From baby to old age, you are always you. When you stop and reflect on your life, it is, after all, the life you deserve. This is a book about "time in life" for readers of all ages.

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Humor Picture Book Series



Still Stuck

The boy's clothes get stuck, and he can't take them off. What if he really can't take them off? Will he grow up like this? Will he have to live his life without clothes forever? As he thinks about these things, his stomach gets colder and colder....Award-winning fun book to enjoy the unexpected situation!

🏆 First Place, MOE Picture Book Sellers' Award 2016
 🏆 Grand Prize at the This Book is Good! Picture Book Award 2015

Format
 175×220mm, 28pp.
 ISBN
 978-4-89309-609-8
 Publication date
 Oct. 2015

📌 Rights sold
 Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Finnish, French, Italian, Korean, Spanish, Swedish, Thai, and World English



Knead & Stretch

Book of discovering the power of touch and skin ship. It is designed to stimulate children's imagination as they think about what it feels like to knead, stretch, pummel, pinch, poke, tickle, and more, at an age when they are developing fine motor coordination. Perfect for reading at bedtime!

Format
 175×220mm, 28pp.
 ISBN
 978-4-89309-637-1
 Publication date
 Oct. 2017

📌 Rights sold
 Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Korean, and Thai



Bed Head

Why do I have a bed head every morning? What is going on while I am asleep? Maybe somebody pull my pajamas up to show my belly or mess up my hair to make different bed head styles! Imagining the work 'they' do reveal a fun and happy world!

Format
 175×220mm, 28pp.
 ISBN
 978-4-89309-675-3
 Publication date
 Jul. 2020

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Imagination Picture Book Series



It Might Be an Apple

by Shinsuke Yoshitake

A worldwide hit!
Shinsuke Yoshitake's debut picture book.

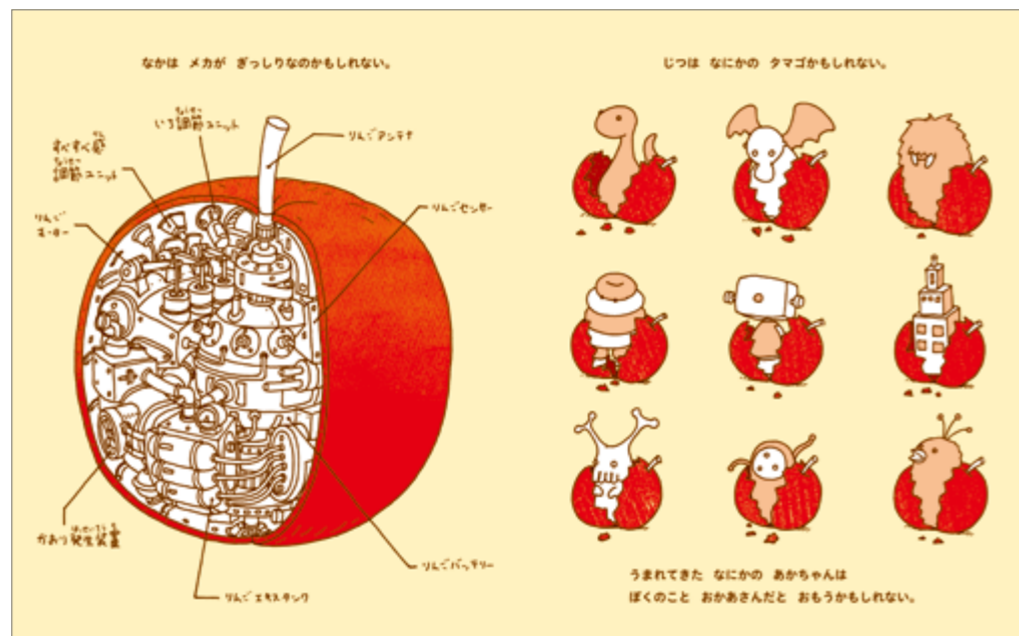
A boy comes home to find an apple on the table—or is it? It might be a giant cherry, or a tiny planet that fell to earth, complete with hundreds of tiny aliens on the surface. This original and fun picture book is packed with all the possibilities a boy can imagine about what an apple is—or could be.



Format
257×205mm, 32pp.
ISBN
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Publication date
Apr. 2013

■ Rights sold

Arabic, Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Czech, Dutch, English (excl. USA and Canada), French, Korean, Spanish, Swedish, and Thai



Can I Build Another Me?

Think about “What I am” in this second imagination picture book.

Kenta buys a robot to make it do all the things he doesn't like doing. The robot asks him many questions in order to become the perfect “Kenta.” As he thinks of how to answer the robot's questions, Kenta starts to wonder what it means to be “Kenta” after all. He learns that, while it's good to have a clone to do your chores, it's still hard work thinking about yourself!

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257×205mm, 32pp.
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Publication date
Sep. 2014

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Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Czech, English (excl. USA and Canada), Korean, Spanish, Swedish, and Thai



What Happens Next?

A light-hearted way of imagining life after death

After Grandpa died, we found a notebook he wrote about what might happen after he dies. Heaven, gods, graves ... reading his notebook, somehow it all seems fun. But actually, Grandpa might have been scared of dying, too...

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257×205mm, 32pp.
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Apr. 2016

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Why Do I Feel Like This?

Isn't it okay if there are people I don't like? I can think of lots of fun things to do with this superpower feeling!

“I can't help it if I don't like something. It feels like a heavy downpour of rain. Ugh, there was this one time ... grrr!” What do you do if you are angry and frustrated? This book offers a remedy straight from the mind of Shinsuke Yoshitake that both kids and grown-ups can empathize with.

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I Wonder Where I Am?

The 5th book in the Imagination series, which has been a worldwide hit is now available! This time the theme is maps.

If you get lost, you look at a map. Doing this, you can know where you are now. But there might be more things a map can show. Treasure maps, maps of your current feelings, maps of the future...? This is a new picture book of maps packed with glimpses from Shinsuke Yoshitake's singular imagination.

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Seasonal Clothes Series

Let's share the joy of having your favorite clothes tailored to fit you perfectly!

Heartwarming story series about Saki, a rabbit girl, and her friend Suri, a squirrel girl, who prepare for clothes for the seasons. Through conversation, Miko, the tailor, decides what kind of clothes Saki and Suri want to make. This popular series is filled with the love and warmth of mothers and grandmothers. You will also feel the importance of self-knowledge and friendship.



Aiko Fukawa
布川愛子 Illustrator

An illustrator active widely, including advertising, book design, stationery, magazines, and picture books. Her illustrations have gained many fans around the world.



Mutsumi Ishii
石井睦美 Author

A picture book author known for her beautiful, heartwarming words, Mutsumi Ishii also translates children's literature and picture books, and has written several novels.



A New Dress for Spring

Saki heads to a tailor's workshop in the forest to make a new dress for spring. What pattern, collar, and buttons will go well with it? Join Saki as she explores the colors, flowers, scents, and sounds of spring to create the perfect dress for the refreshing new season.

Format
230×195mm, 32pp.
ISBN
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Publication date
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Matching Clothes for Summer

It's a summer morning. Saki and Suri are playing in the garden. They are so happy that they want to stay like this forever. "Now, let's ask Miko to make us matching outfits!" What kind of matching outfits will they come up with?

Format
230×195mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-735-4
Publication date
May. 2024

Rights sold
Chinese (Complex), and Korean



A New Sweater for Autumn

When autumn comes, Suri tries to wear her favorite sweater, which she has kept neatly in the chest of the drawers. But she finds it a little too small. With Saki's advice, the two visit Miko and ask her to re-knit it for Suri.

Format
230×195mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-663-0
Publication date
Sep. 2019

Rights sold
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A New Coat for Winter

One snowy morning, Mother takes Saki up to the attic. Mother takes out a red coat she used to wear when she was young, and says she gives it to Saki. Saki tries it on, but it's too big. "Let's take it to Miss Miko to have her fix it!" and off they go...

Format
230×195mm, 32pp.
ISBN
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Oct. 2022

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Rin Saito 齊藤 倫 Author

Born in 1969. A poet and author of children's literature, the winner of the 48th Japan Juvenile Literature Award for New-comers and the 64th Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award and the 63rd Noma Award for Children's Literature, etc.



Ukamaru うきまる Author

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Ukamaru is a graduate in Design from Nihon University College of Art whose work ranges from advertising and product design, to creating film and picture books. There're seven picture books collaborated with Rin Saito.



Mari Kuno くのまり Illustrator

Mari Kuno is an illustrator and graduate of Nagoya University of Arts & Sciences, Department of Design, who also trained at MJ Illustrations. Kuno's work focuses mainly on advertising, books and merchandise.



If I Translate It

Now that you're a newborn, I'll teach you that my wagging tail, if I translate it, means I'm really happy!

A dog gently snuggles up to a newborn baby. One by one, the dog teaches the baby about the world's beauty, its wonders, and its irreplaceability. As time passes, the baby grows into a boy and the dog grows old, but the two stay close together as they look out over the same world. There is no need to translate their feelings for one another. That's because they feel the same way. A moving story about the accumulation of profound moments.

Format
246×224mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-742-2
Publication date
Apr. 2025

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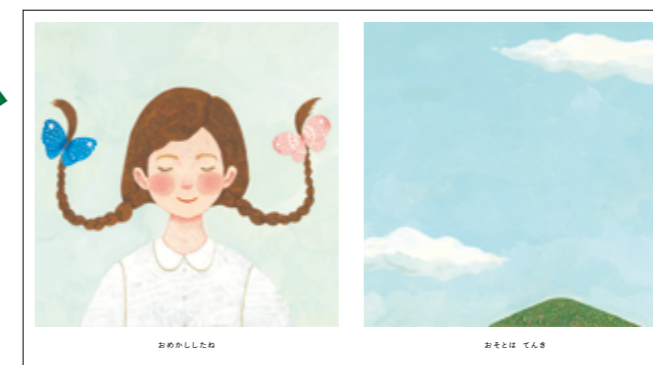
Put it on, Put it on, Let's Go!

A new kind of picture book featuring a crazy-mixed-up world to have fun exploring.

In this picture book, a girl with long hair becomes, on the next page, a girl whose braids have butterflies that dance in the air. Following each incantation of "Nose nose seno! Put it on, put it on, let's go!" turn the page to discover something amazing! A girl's ribbons turn into butterflies! With each turn of the page, secret magical discoveries are revealed, each one building upon the one before. It's fun to imagine what secrets might be waiting as you read the rhythmical lines and turn to the next page.

Format
246×224mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-705-7
Publication date
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Turn the page to discover something amazing!



Tamiko Yagi やぎたみこ

She was born in Himeji, Hyogo prefecture and graduated from Musashino Art University Junior College of Art and Design. After learning about picture books while working as an illustrator she debuted with her work Kutan (Kodansha). She continues creating "picture books for children that adults can also enjoy with them."

More Flip'n' Flap, Mix'n' Mismatch

Turning the top page and bottom page separately, how many donburi can you make?

This is the second title in the popular flap book series, with its innovative format. This time, see how many donburi (rice bowls) you can make: seafood, yakiniku-style grilled meat, Arctic frappes, daruma, kokeshi dolls ... little by little, the rice bowls become stranger and stranger, until finally you have a fun festival!

Format
195×175mm, 22pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-734-2
Publication date
Jun. 2024

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Flip'n' Flap, Mix'n' Mismatch

A picture book for playing with words and pictures with each turn of the page.

Everyone loves tendon, katsudon and kitsune udon. Kappa-maki, oni-onigiri...wait, what did you say?! Turning the top and bottom halves of each page lets you make new and funny combinations! Try to make all 231 pairings!

Format
195×175mm, 22pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-687-6
Publication date
Apr. 2021

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Yuko Higuchi ヒグチユウコ

An illustrator whose work is featured in solo exhibitions mainly in Tokyo. She is also involved in various collaborations with brand companies. She has been developing her own original brand, "Gustave", and also running her own shop/gallery "Boris Zakkaten" in Tokyo.

Once I Love You

When you fall in love, you want to know everything about him or her. A girl falls in love with a crocodile. The quiet yet passionate desire to get to know each other is expressed through simple text and delicate, beautiful illustrations in a unique worldview.

Format
220×205mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-621-0
Publication date
Sep. 2016

■ Rights sold
Korean



Akira Uno 宇野亞喜良

Photo by Atsushi Tani

Born in 1934. A Japanese illustrator and graphic designer. As an illustrator, he has contributed greatly to Japanese art and culture, receiving numerous major domestic awards. In addition to his work as an illustrator, he also works as a curator, stage designer, and artistic director.

Two Cats

Bonbon is a cat who is always with his owner Momo-chan. They stretch out together, they take naps together, and they climb trees together. One day, a kitten Sunako arrives, and Bonbon becomes anxious and restless. Sharing a best friend with someone new isn't always easy.

Format
264×213mm, 32pp.
ISBN
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Publication date
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Polar Bear's Underwear

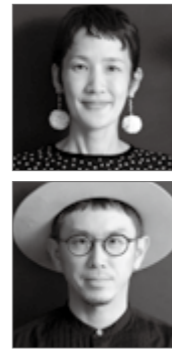
To read this book, first take off its pants!

Polar Bear has lost his underwear. With the help of his friend Mouse, he goes looking for his missing pants. Will Polar Bear ever find his missing underwear?

Format
297×180mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-547-3
Publication date
Sep. 2012

Rights sold

Catalan, Chinese (complex), Chinese (simplified), Dutch, French, German, Italian, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, and World English



tupera tupera

ツペラツペラ

Creative duo consisting of Tatsuya Kameyama and Atsuko Nakagawa, known for their popular and humorous children's books and a wide range of art and design activities. Their distinctive style, with its superb design and extraordinary color sense, has captured the imagination of readers around the world.



Mouse's Underwear

This time, Mouse's pants are missing!

Let's go find Mouse's pants with Polar Bear. This is a sequel published to celebrate the 10th anniversary of "Polar Bear's Underwear" in smaller format.

Format
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UNDERWEAR Series
1,240,000 copies in 13 languages!





Baby

by tupera tupera

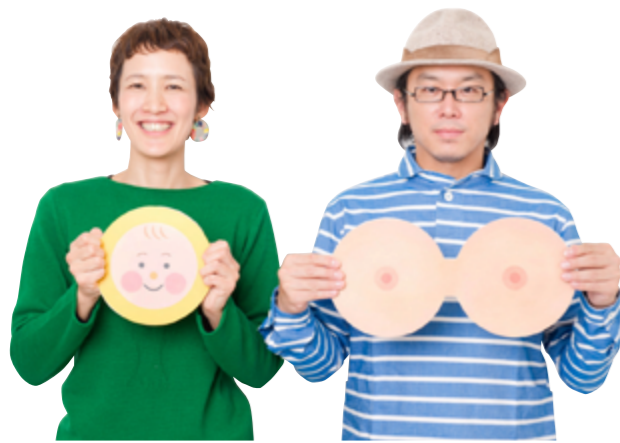
An adorable round picture book!

My baby, my baby, my super cute baby! Such a wonderful smiley face. Shall we play with a ball? How about a tambourine? Oh no, don't cry! You must be hungry...With this adorable round picture book, anyone can have fun playing with—and even nurse—Baby.

Format
195×200mm(round), 22pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-616-6
Publication date
Mar. 2016

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French, German, Italian,
Spanish, and World English



Happy Heart Book

A happy find-the-hearts picture book.

Hearts are here, there, everywhere! In a girl's bow or a pig's nose, a crab's hand or a rooster's comb. Small hearts, big hearts, so many hearts to find inside!

Format
170×155mm, 24pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-579-4
Publication date
Jan. 2014

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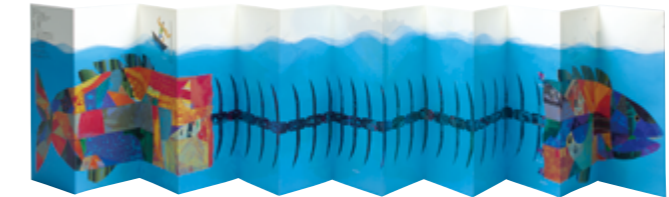
Trees Lined Up

An accordion collage picture book of trees.

Unfold this picture book to see 14 beautiful collages of seasonal trees. Then turn it around to see the forest at night.

Format
280×125mm, 26pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-506-0
Publication date
Feb. 2011

All rights available



Swim Fish, Swim!

An accordion collage picture book of ocean life.

Here come the fishermen. Swim fish, swim! Here comes a big fish. Swim fish, swim! Unfold this gorgeous collage to see all the fishes swimming.

Format
280×125mm, 26pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-507-7
Publication date
Feb. 2011

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Stripe Island

Beautifully crafted, colorful collages.

Everything in Stripe Island is full of stripes! And now everyone's getting ready for the annual Stripe Show-off Contest.

Format
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ISBN
978-4-89309-380-6
Publication date
Apr. 2006

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Job Pathways Series

Documentaries in manga format, following three real people as they enter their professions.

Each work features three people, and the process of their respective careers is depicted in manga documentary style, from their childhood to their job search and up to the present day. These are the books for children with dreams, offering inspiration and encouragement for envisioning their future.



Noritake Suzuki

鈴木のりたけ

Photo by Yoshinori Kurosawa

Born in 1975. An illustrator and picture book author. He has won numerous awards for his many hit works that captivate readers with their innovative expressions and ideas. He is also active in book design, illustrations, and advertising art.



Job Pathways vol.1

- baker
- Shinkansen driver
- researcher

210×148mm, softcover
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Chinese (simplified), and Thai



Job Pathways vol.2

- veterinarian
- orchestra member
- community-reactivating cooperater squad

210×148mm, softcover
192pp.(color 16pp.)
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Chinese (simplified), and Thai



An excerpt from Volume 1: Baker



An excerpt from Volume 2: Orchestra Member

The Workplaces Series by Noritake Suzuki

Illustrated guidebooks for exploring the workplaces!

The tools needed for each profession and the workflows are introduced in a fun way with illustrations. Each title is packed with a wide range of professions, from workplaces popular with children to special workplaces that you don't normally get to see. Enjoy this comprehensive illustrated guide to professions that is popular with both children and adults.

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dentist / graphic designer

288×224mm, 40pp.
978-4-89309-461-2
Mar. 2009



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Chinese (complex), and Chinese (simplified)



Workplaces 4

fireworks specialist / flight attendant / Japanese
sweets artisan / aquarium keeper / scientist /
special effects make-up artist / kindergarten
teacher / baker / seafood processing worker

288×224mm, 40pp.
978-4-89309-583-1
May 2014

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Workplaces 2

baseball player / manga artist /
fashion designer / animal doctor /
archaeologist / bookseller /
tofu maker / florist / astronaut

288×224mm, 40pp.
978-4-89309-489-6
Jan. 2010

■ Rights sold

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Workplaces 5: Tokyo Skytree

architect / ironworker / site foreman / craftsman /
crane operator / lighting designer / elevator
constructor / local people / public relations officer

288×224mm, 48pp.
978-4-89309-542-8
Apr. 2012



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Chinese (complex)



Workplaces 3

nurse / firefighter / rice farmer /
Buddhist monk / actress /
newspaper reporter /
cruise ship captain / carpenter / teacher

288×224mm, 40pp.
978-4-89309-509-1
Jan. 2011

■ Rights sold

Chinese (complex), and Chinese (simplified)



Workplaces 6

horse groom / professional soccer
player / dinosaur / scientist / program-
mer / explorer / orchestra member /
food researcher / doctor / glass blower

288×224mm, 40pp.
978-4-89309-670-8
Feb. 2020

■ Rights sold

Chinese (complex), and Chinese (simplified)



Eat Your Words

Through pictures and word play, children and grown-ups alike will get hooked on this picture book!

The Food asks the questions!
Can you answer them all? Featuring word play such as:
Puns: kyu kyu kyuri no kyukyusha
Palindromes: na ga imo omoi ga na
Tongue Twisters: kabuga buri kaburi

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-604-3, Jun. 2015

■ All rights available



The Wedding

A Put on Your Forehead Picture Book

From the bride and musicians, a sushi chef and ... an alien?! Transform yourself into a wedding guest to join in the celebration just by turning the pages and putting the book on your head. You've never been to a wedding quite like this!

195×175mm, 22pp. 978-4-89309-638-8, Nov. 2017

■ All rights available



Ketchup Man

Perfect for anyone looking for the place they belong.

Meet Ketchup Man. When you push on his body, ketchup oozes out. But what's the point of Ketchup Man? Where does he belong? He wonders this himself. One day, he finds a restaurant specializing in fried potatoes and thinks he's found his calling. He works there very hard making fries. But then one day, Dr. Tomato turns up...

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-610-4, Nov. 2015

■ Rights sold Korean



The Museum

Travel through time at the Museum with this new Put on Your Forehead Picture Book!

Transform yourself into characters from the Museum in this second title in the Put on Your Forehead picture book series. From Triceratops horns to a Victorian lady's hat, Cleopatra's crown to a samurai helmet, have fun trying on different disguises from famous people and places throughout world history.

195×175mm, 22pp. 978-4-89309-646-3, Jun. 2018

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Kaya Doi どい かや

Born in 1969. A picture book artist. She graduated with a degree in design from Tokyo Zokei University. Her works are known for their gentle touch, drawn with colored pencils. She has produced many picture books, including the popular "Chirri & Chirra" series (Alicekan).

Mr. Peatan, the Frog

Each world has its wonders!

Swallow is always flying around the world in search of new things. In contrast, Frog is surrounded by the things it loves, settling down in one place and enjoying the changing of the seasons. Although they seem like opposites, they are alike in that they both find joy and happiness in life. This book gently explains how wonderful both worlds are.

Format
205×165mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-440-7
Publication date
Apr. 2008

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Tomomi Hikatsu 樋勝朋巳



Graduated from Tama Art University. She won an award at the 1998 Bologna International Book Fair's Illustration Exhibition. Her first picture book, Today is Maracas Day, won the grand prize for the 19th Japan Picture Book Award. Her copperplate

prints are popular for expressing the subtleties of emotions with a sense of humor. Other than her usual creative works, she has been running children's sculpture classes for over 20 years.

The Tiny Little Boy

A gentle, adorable picture book from a copperplate engraver.

Tap tap. See the tiny little boy who has come to the tiny little window. The boy is always at the window. Sometimes with a tiny trumpet, a tiny fish...a tiny gift. Sometimes he gets up to mischief! Everyone has a tiny little child in their hearts.

All rights available 210×200mm, 24pp. 978-4-89309-708-8 Sep. 2022



My Hairstyle

Drawn in copperplate prints, a hairstyle picture book that considers individuality.

What makes each of us an individual, and what makes us attractive? For me, my hairstyle makes it so I can be myself. When I take off my hat, what kind of hair do I have? Are you surprised? I really like this hairstyle. Want to know why I got this hairstyle? Go ahead and ask!

All rights available 210×200mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-692-0 Jun. 2021





Tomomi Nishikawa にしかわともみ Illustrator

Born in Hachinohe City, Aomori Prefecture, Japan, Nishikawa graduated from the Vantan Design Institute in 2011 and joined 10inc. in August of the same year. Nishikawa was awarded the Grand Prix at the 19th Graphic "I_WALL" Grand Prix in 2018, the JAGDA New Designer Award in 2020, and was a Tokyo ADC Winner for 2020–21. This is her first picture book.



Yumiko Ota おおたゆみこ Author

Born in Osaka, Yumiko Ota is a copywriter who normally works on advertising copy. This is her first picture book. Ota wrote the tender words in this picture book based on the many things Ota's three-year-old son encounters on their walks together and his way of seeing the world.



Shigokun 死後くん

Born in 1977, Shigokun (whose real name is Hideyuki Nagai) is a Tokyo-based illustrator whose work appears in magazines, books, NHK programs, and manga. This is the first picture book featuring both words and illustrations by Shigokun.

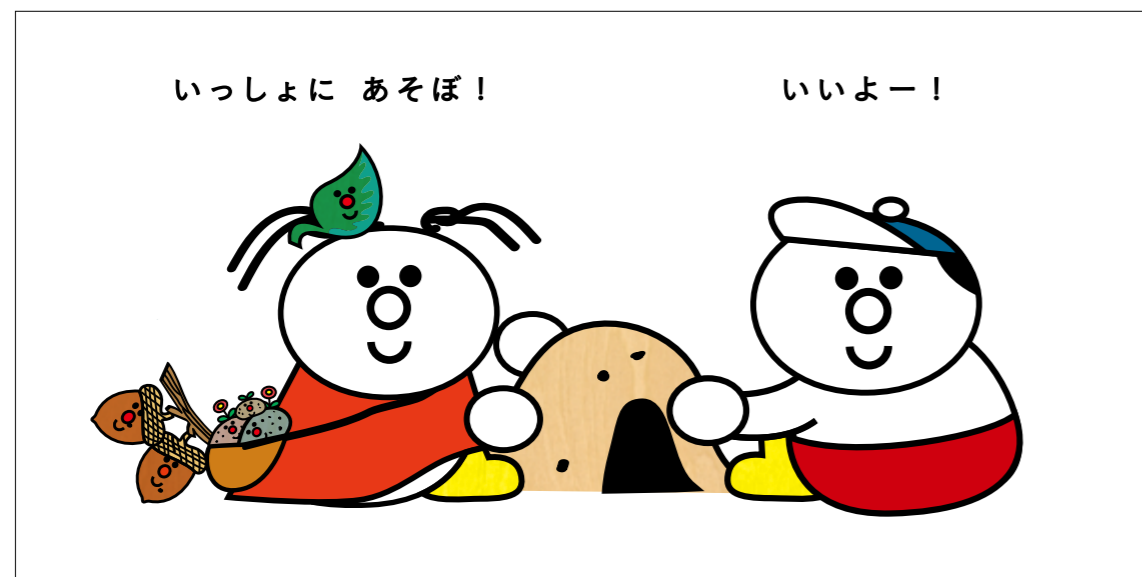
I Saw You Looking at Me!

Short, catchy sentences and bold, colorful illustrations pique children's curiosity.

Format
190×190mm, 28pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-701-9
Publication date
Jan. 2022

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When we go for a walk with a child, we wander here and flutter there. Getting to where we're going is not so easy while we're busy picking up acorns and pebbles or chasing pigeons; kids want to investigate—and make friends with—everything they see! In this picture book, spend the day with a little girl and all the interesting treasures she spots on her walk.



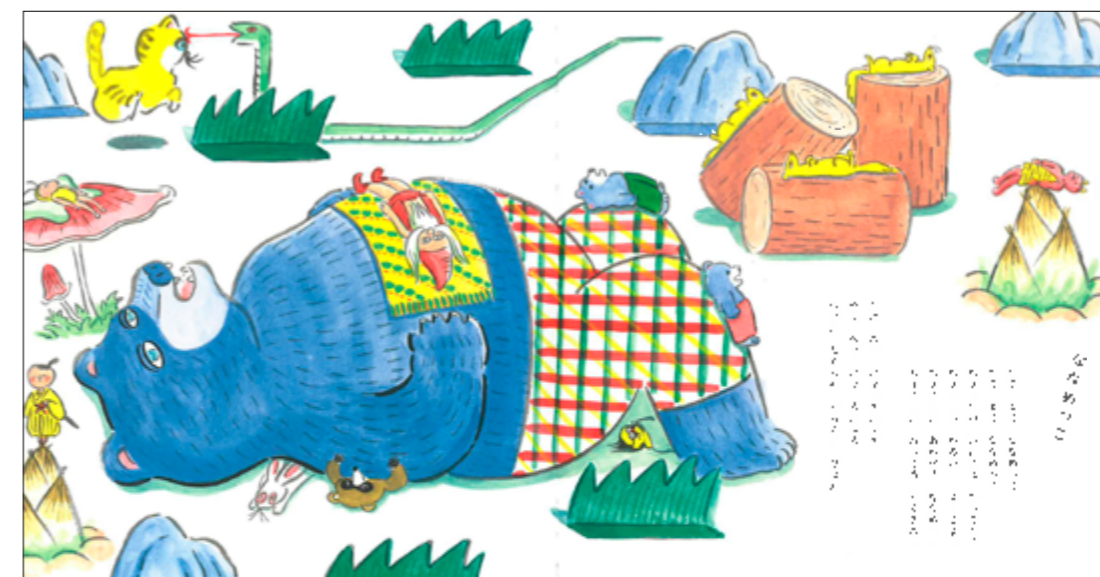
Ponchi Uta

Ponchi Uta? What's that? A wild and wonderful nursery rhyme without any rhyme or reason!

Format
220×220mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-693-7
Publication date
Sep. 2021

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This is a picture book collection featuring 15 Ponchi Uta, made-up silly songs born out of nursery rhymes that mix together Japanese and Western styles, past and future times, plus a bit of this and that. This musical picture book will have you humming along as you read, and will draw you into the wonderful world brought to life through the unique illustration style. These songs will leave you wanting more puns, rapping rhythms and wordplay. Create your own rhythm as you read and sing along!





Heisuke Kitazawa 北澤平祐 Illustrator

He lived in the United States for 16 years since he was 10 years old and started working as an illustrator after returning to Japan. He worked on illustrations for a wide variety of subjects including cover art for books, product packaging (Francais, Afternoon Tea, Kao, etc.), and Sanrio greeting cards.



Atsuko Sagara 相良敦子 Author

A screenwriter and author born in Tokyo, she had experience as a production staff working on-site for TV programs and won the NHK Creative Radio Drama Script Writing Incentive Award has been writing mainly for TV programs, and also for a wide variety of fields including radio programs, movies, stage, novels, and picture books.

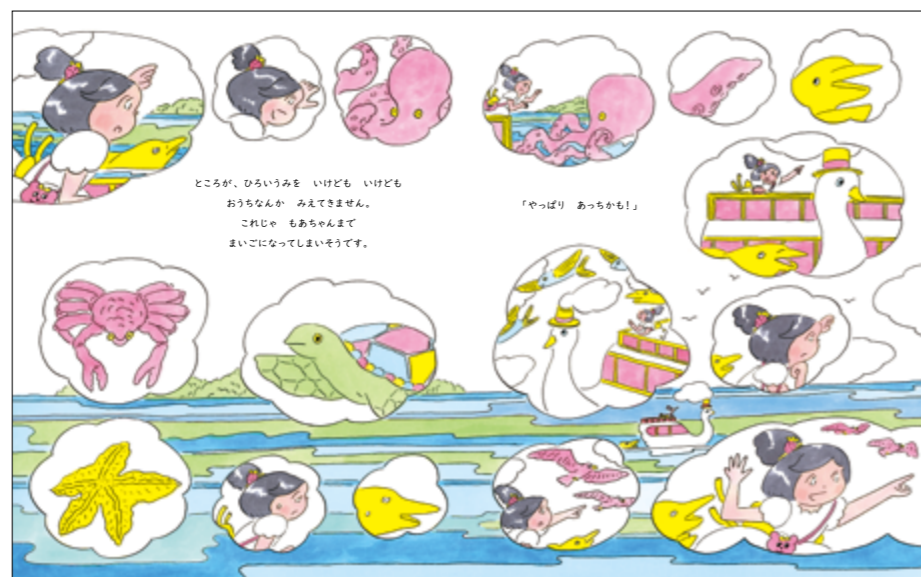
Going Going Found!

If you keep going without worrying, you'll never be lost!
A new take on the lost child picture book.

"My Mommy and Daddy got lost!" Moya came to have fun at the amusement park. While she was enjoying the butterflies in her tummy from one of the rides, her Mommy and Daddy disappeared! While she waits for her missing parents, Moya takes a ride on the steam train and the pleasure boats, helps a lost dolphin, and keeps going, going, going until finally she finds...?

Format
271×216mm, 32pp.
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May 2021

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Akiko Ayai アヤ井アキコ

She was born in Hokkaido, Japan in 1967. After graduating from university and working for a printing company, Ayai studied silk screen printing at art school and began making picture books. Ayai won the Grand Prize at the 24th Japan Picture Book Award for Moles are Amazing [Mogura wa sugoi] (Alice-kan).

When The Bear Climbed A Tall Pine Tree

It's so much fun imagining things we can't see with our own eyes!
That's because no one can prove it's not really happening!

In the middle of the night, a hungry Bear wakes up and lets out a terrible roar!
"Yum yum yummy. I want to eat more!" The Big Bear is crazy about mountain grapes and, little by little, climbs up a pine tree, but the pine tree, unable to hold the bear's weight, flings the Big Bear up into the night sky like a spring!

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The Rakugaki Books Series

World famous Gomi Taro says, "Doodling is the beginning of art," inviting children into the world of doodling. This globally popular series continues to thrive more than 35 years after its release. The large-format book is the perfect introduction to doodling, coloring, and drawing. It inspires experimental spirit and encourages to create unique artwork.



Gomi Taro

五味太郎

Born in 1945. After working as an industrial designer and editorial designer, he became a picture book author. He has published nearly 400 books to date, over 150 of which have been translated and published around the world.

2 Titles
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Rakugaki Book 1



Rakugaki Book 2

Format
297×210mm, 368pp.
ISBN
Book 1: 978-4-89309-019-5 Book 2: 978-4-89309-048-5
Publication date
Book 1: Feb. 1990 Book 2: Apr. 1992

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The Happy Time Rakugaki Book

Make happy doodles in this bright pink book. It will make you even happier!

127×132mm, 288pp. 978-4-89309-496-4 Aug. 2010

■ Rights sold Spanish, and World English



The Sad Time Rakugaki Book

When you're sad, doodle in this blue book and watch the blues disappear.

127×132mm, 288pp. 978-4-89309-497-1 Aug. 2010

■ Rights sold Spanish, and World English



The Boring Time Rakugaki Book

Draw bored faces, bored shoes, and all of a sudden, you're not bored anymore!

127×132mm, 288pp. 978-4-89309-498-8 Aug. 2010

■ Rights sold Spanish, and World English



The Angry Time Rakugaki Book

Make happy doodles in this bright pink book. It will make you even happier!

127×132mm, 288pp. 978-4-89309-499-5 Aug. 2010

■ Rights sold Spanish, and World English



Write with a 6B Pencil

A collection of 37 essays and 48 photographs from a legend of the picture book world.

Using a 6B pencil to draw pictures, sketches and also for writing, Gomi Taro has produced an essay & photo collection, taking 6B pencil to paper with his characteristic light touch.

- Contents:
- Distant Sound
 - Conflict
 - Oboes or Giacometti
 - Kabuki
 - Thelonius Monk
 - Pencil Sharpener
 - Music & Pictures
 - Vintage
 - Pictures, and then Words
 - Buson
 - Sleep
 - Becoming Boring
 - Body
 - Highway at Night
 - Camera
 - Radios & Computers
 - and more...

All rights available
205×165mm, 160pp. 978-4-89309-703-3 Feb. 2022



Doodle with Gomi Taro

Gomi Taro's first bilingual doodle book in Japanese and English.

220x220mm, 168pp. 978-4-89309-308-0 Nov. 2003

Rights sold

Catalan, French, Hebrew, Italian, and Spanish



Doodle Anytime

Enjoy the four seasons as you doodle every day of the year.

200x210mm, 376pp. 978-4-89309-406-3 Jan. 2007

Rights sold

French, Italian, and World English



Rakugaki Daughter & Friends

127x264mm, 288pp. 978-4-89309-505-3 Sep. 2011

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Doodling Workbook 1-2-3

One cake, two puppies... Let's add, subtract and learn numbers while doodling!

210x297mm, 240pp. 978-4-89309-451-3 Dec. 2008

Rights sold

Dutch, Italian, and World English



Postcard Doodle Book

148x105mm, 64pp. 978-4-89309-059-1 Nov. 1992

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Questions

Gomi Taro presents an interactive picture book that answers unique questions.

225x240mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-491-9 Feb. 2010

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Greetings

Greetings are the first step to communication. Explore greetings in various situations.

225x240mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-492-6 Mar. 2010

All rights available



Shopping

A fun picture book to teach the value of money through shopping for everyday things.

225x240mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-493-3 Apr. 2010

All rights available



There It Is

Where'd it come from? Watch out for it! I caught it! Babies will love finding it.

165x165mm, 22pp. 978-4-89309-569-5 Jun. 2013

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Lined Up

Line up, divide up, line up again. A baby picture book with bright colors and a simple rhythm.

165x165mm, 22pp. 978-4-89309-570-1 Jun. 2013

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How Do You Do?

A beautiful and colorful picture book focusing on greetings and relationships.

293x207mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-484-1 Jan. 2010

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Picture Book Workshop

How to create a picture book, featuring many photographs.

195x148mm, 192pp. 978-4-89309-348-6 Feb. 2005

Rights sold Chinese (simplified)



Healthy Brain & Smart Body

Gomi Taro answers 50 universal questions asked by children.

195x148mm, 192pp. 978-4-89309-395-0 Jul. 2006

Rights sold Korean

Penguin Brothers Series

Traveling with just the kids!
What a great adventure!

Three penguin siblings embark on an adventure by train, boat, plane or bus, encountering a few minor problems. Will they make it to their destination, where their parents or grandparents are waiting for them?



Noriko Kudoh

工藤ノリコ

Born in 1970. A picture book author and manga cartoonist who loves to travel. She was enthralled with jungle and has visited the Island of Borneo

so many times. She has a same number of siblings as the penguins are portrayed in her Penguin Brothers series.



The Series
1,350,000
copies in
5 languages!



Penguin Brothers' Train Trip

Three penguins board a train to visit their grandmother. With their parents seeing them off, the adventure begins for just the three of them. After enjoying lunch on the train, they arrive at the station. However, one ticket is missing! What will happen to the little penguins?

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182×210mm, 32pp.
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Penguin Brothers' Boat Trip

The three penguins set out to sea on a boat, just the children. The older penguin accidentally drops the pendant that the captain gave her into the sea! Then a dolphin appears from the sea... Will they be able to safely reach the island where their uncle is waiting?

Format
182×210mm, 32pp.
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978-4-89309-522-0
Publication date
Jun. 2011

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Penguin Brothers' Trip to the Sky

Three penguins go on their first plane trip. They enjoy the view from the sky, in-flight meals for kids and bonus toys. But when they make their connecting flight, the youngest penguin went missing! After a thrilling journey, they arrive at the airport where their grandpa is waiting.

Format
182×210mm, 32pp.
ISBN
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Penguin Brothers' Bus Trip

Leaving their grandparents' house, the three penguins board the bus to head home. On the way, the younger ones press the stop button even though it's not their stop, but the kind driver doesn't get angry. After a comfortable bus ride, they arrive at the bus stop where their parents are waiting.

Format
182×210mm, 32pp.
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Akiko Miyakoshi
みやこしあきこ

Born in 1982. A painter and picture book author known for her vibrant and dynamic depictions of animals and plants. Since her debut, she has won numerous awards, including the Bologna Ragazzi Award in 2016 and the New York Times/ New York Public Library Best Illustrated Children's Book Award in 2024.

Piano Recital

A story of dealing with stage fright and discovering courage in unexpected places.

Today is Momo's first piano recital. She is very nervous as she waits for her turn to play. But when a little mouse invites her to see her own piano recital, Momo's worry disappears. The common childhood experience of anxiety before stage and courage for a new challenge is nicely depicted.

Format
270×185mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-541-1
Publication date
Apr. 2012

📌 Rights sold
Catalan, French,
Italian, Spanish, and
World English



Whose Are These?

A picture book that prompts conversations ask parents and children turn each page.

A rose, a spray bottle, gloves, a flower pot, hand cream and an apron, too! "Whose are these?" Turn the page to find...a florist! Then try to find the clothes and tools from the earlier pages in the illustration.

Format
220×220mm, 32pp.
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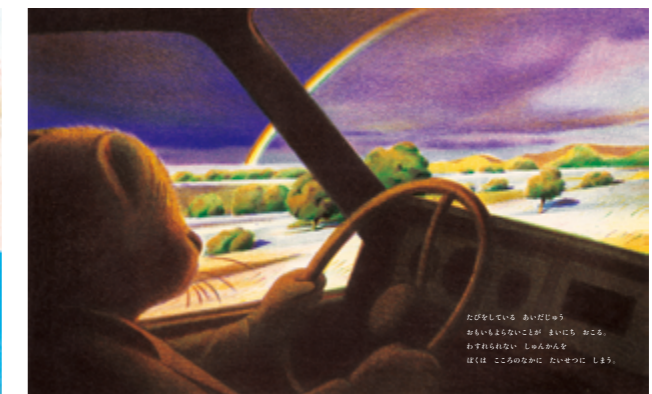
My Journey

Stunning artwork captures the passion for travel, even in tranquil scenes

The hotel owner welcomes guests from all over the world, but he has never left this town. He too would like to travel the world freely someday. Will that dream ever come true? Beautifully lithographed picture book depicting longing and discovering the courage to travel into the unknown.

Format
271×216mm, 32pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-647-0
Publication date
Nov. 2018

📌 Rights sold
French, and World English





Sushi-Go-Round

Enjoy a fun and delicious sushi day out with the characters in one funny family!

Let's go out for sushi! Have fun choosing different kinds of sushi from the Sushi-Go-Round as you enjoy a delicious sushi with one funny family: Father, Mother, Sister, and Brother. Watch out for Dad's signs! And don't miss your favorite dishes as the plates pass by on the Sushi-Go-Round!

250×205mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-535-0 Mar. 2012

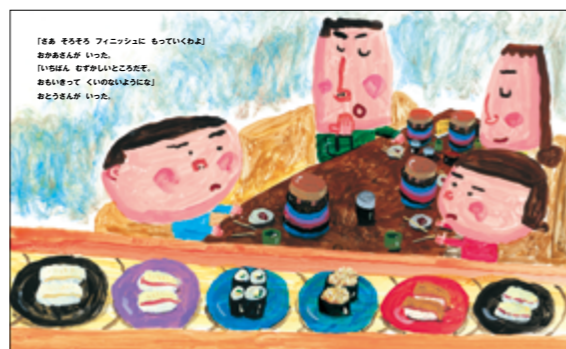
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Yoshifumi Hasegawa

長谷川義史

Born in Osaka in 1961. He has published over 120 picture books. With his distinctive brushstrokes and humorous style, he is known for presenting important social issues in a thoughtful way.



Peace Is Wonderful

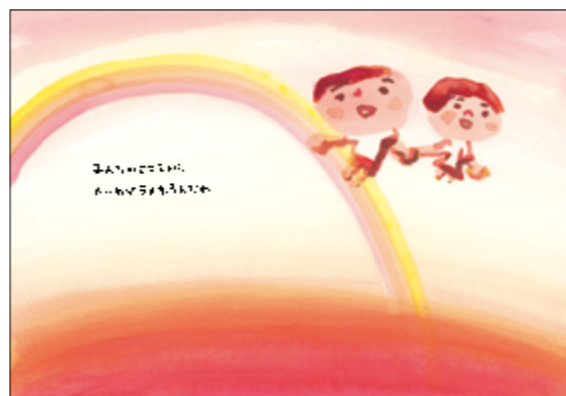
by Yuki Asato & Yoshifumi Hasegawa

A message of peace from Okinawa

A picture book expressing hope for peace, featuring a poem written by a six-year-old boy in Okinawa and illustrated by a popular picture book artist.

297×214mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-587-9 Jun. 2014

All rights available



A Puppy's Pilgrimage

by Hiroe Aoki & Yoshifumi Hasegawa

A funny tale of adventure and doggy devotion.

In the Edo Period, hundreds of thousands of people from across Japan made the great pilgrimage to Ise Shrine. This is the story of a puppy's progress on its way to most powerful shrine to pray in his master's place. The puppy sets out alone through mountains and valleys. Will he ever make it there and back again?

271×210mm, 32pp. plus double gatefold 978-4-89309-656-2 Feb. 2019

All rights available



Mr. Reindeer

Playing word games with animals

Mr. Reindeer starts playing the word game, and here comes Mr. Boar! Mr. Zebra and Mr. Baboon are also coming along! The Animal word game picture book.

190×190mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-379-0 Feb. 2006

All rights available



The Happy Baby Book Series

Explore the world with your happy baby!

With the Happy Baby Book Series, young children can learn about the world around them along with Happy Cup, Happy Spoon, and Happy Socks, or make a Happy Bus with a row of chairs, turn a box into a Happy Boat, or draw a Happy House with just one stroke. Charming and fun for happy babies and their parents.

📌 Rights sold Chinese (Complex), and French



Hirotaka Nakagawa

中川ひろたか Author

Born in Saitama prefecture in 1954. His world of stories is popular for rhythmical and lifting themes. He is also an active singer and songwriter.



100%ORANGE Illustrator

A picture book author known for her beautiful, heartwarming words, Mutsumi Ishii also translates children's literature and picture books, and has written several novels.



My Happy Boat

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Publication date Sep. 2004



My Happy Bus

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Publication date Sep. 2004



My Happy House

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Happy Spoon

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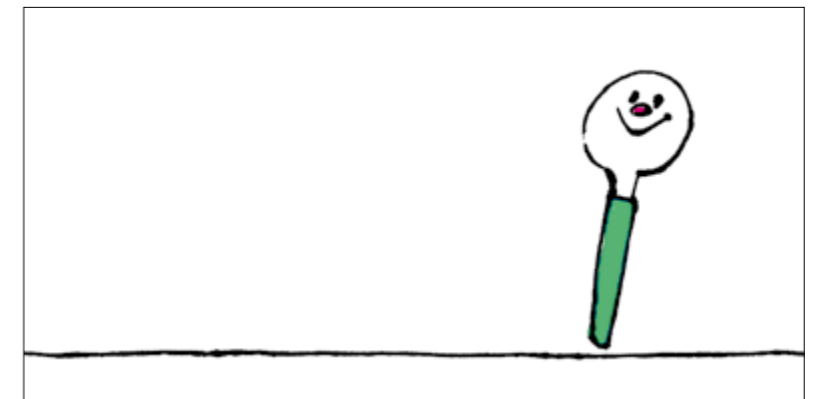
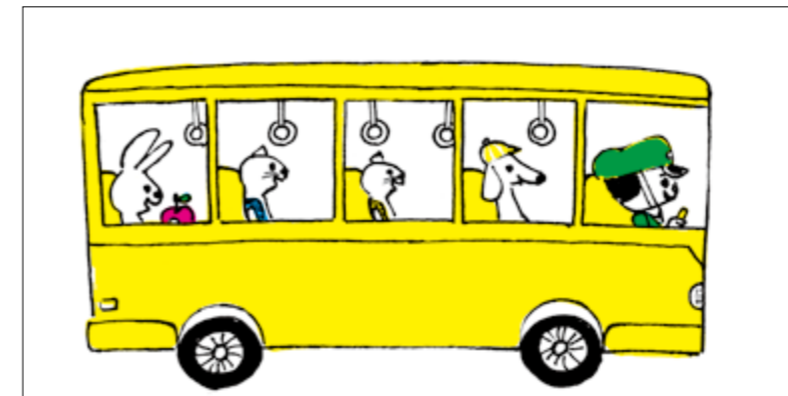
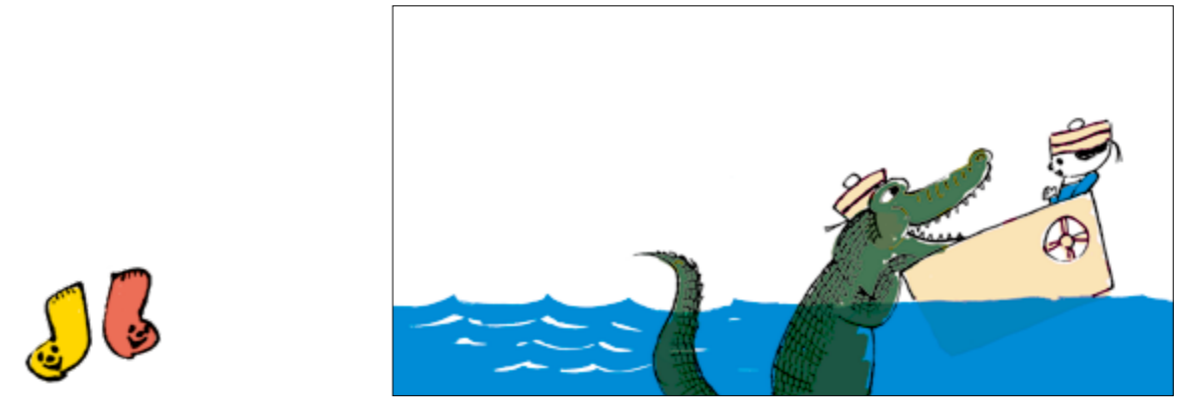
Happy Cup

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Publication date Aug. 2003



Happy Socks

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Publication date Aug. 2003





JAPANESE FOOD HUMOR SERIES

VERY JAPANESE! FOOD AND HUMOR



Cheerful Waa-san, the Chikuwa Fish Cake

Longing to see and do so many new things, where will Waa end up?

Waa the Chikuwa is really laid back. Although Waa wants to go somewhere in a hurry, there are so many distractions and detours here and there. Taking naps, looking at the koinobori flying, trying on makizushi's clothes... Can Waa make it to his destination safely by nightfall? A nonsensical humorous picture book that grows on you more each time you read it.



Yoshitaka Okada
岡田よしたか

Born in 1956. An illustrator and picture book author. He established a style of drawing that personifies food and expresses nonsensical humor in light-hearted Osaka dialect. His works are widely appreciated among children and adults alike.

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175×220mm, 28pp.
ISBN
978-4-89309-528-2
Publication date
Oct. 2011

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Generous Woo Young, the Udon Noodles

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-550-3 Aug. 2012

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- 🏆 Grand Prize, Kindergarten Picture Book Award 2013
- 🏆 Second Place, This Book is Good! Picture Book Award 2013
- 🏆 Third Place, Shizuoka Bookseller's Children New Book Award 2012



Comedian Boo-san, the Kombu Seaweed

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-561-9, Mar. 2013

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We are the Umaimon Fryers, a Baseball Team!

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-613-5, Feb. 2016

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Grumpy Sakurako-san, the Sakura Mochi Rice Cake

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-655-5, Jan. 2019

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Book Smart Moo-san, the Sweet Potato

175×220mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-700-2, Nov. 2021

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The Giant Fish

256×188mm, 28pp. 978-4-89309-576-3, Nov. 2013

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Daruma-san Series

Meet the adorable hit character.

Rolling here, there and everywhere, Daruma-san has captured the hearts of millions of babies as a first book, making them laugh with every turn of the page. Meet Daruma-san's friends, or see what Daruma-san wants to show us next.

🏆 Rights sold Chinese (Complex), and Chinese (Simplified)



Hiroshi Kagakui
かがくいひろし

1955-2009. After teaching at a special education school, he debuted as a picture book author. His works gained tremendous popularity for their themes based on a child's perspective, heart-warming illustrations, and wordplay that mimics the rhythms of children's songs. He passed away in 2009.



Daruma-san

Format 175 × 175 mm, 20pp.
ISBN 978-4-89309-431-5
Publication date Jan. 2008

- 🏆 First Prize, Merry-go-round's Best Picture Book Award 2008
- 🏆 Fourth Place, Moe Picture Book Sellers' Award 2008
- 🏆 Second Place, This Book is Good! Picture Book Award 2008
- 🏆 Second Place, I Love This Book! National Picture Book Award in 2008

10,790,000
copies in
3 languages!



Daruma-san's...

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Publication date Aug. 2008



Together with Daruma-san

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Publication date Jan. 2009



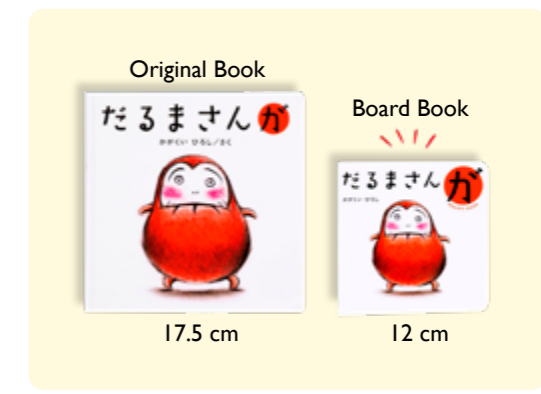
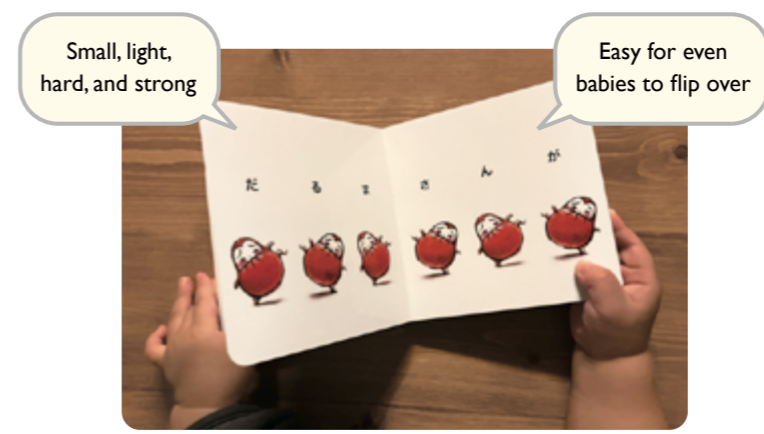
Daruma-san Board Book Series

The long-awaited Daruma-san series board book is now available!
Small enough to fit in the palm of your hand so you can take Daruma-san anywhere!



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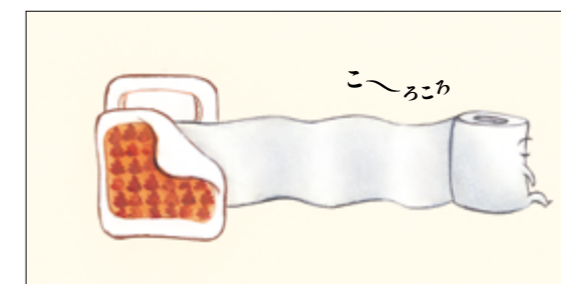
Keeping Warm



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Publication date May 2009

All rights available

Under the Covers



Format 175 × 175 mm, 24pp.
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Publication date Oct. 2009

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Shinako Moriyama 森山しなこ Illustrator

Originally from Kobe and now based in Fukushima, Shinako Moriyama began drawing rabbits, which she loves, after thinking about how to express herself and amuse people with her illustrations. Rather than creating stylized rabbits, her rabbit illustrations present these gentle creatures as they appear in nature in a style that is gaining popularity around the world.



Atsuko Mugita 麦田あつこ Author

Born in 1978. As a picture book editor, she has produced many hits, including the "Daruma-san" series by Kagaku Hiroshi and "It Might Be an Apple" by Shinsuke Yoshitake (both by Bronze Publishing). She is active as a picture book author, too. Her gentle words and rhythmic tempo attract many readers.

Sleep, Sleepy Bunny

A baby's bedtime as experienced in the life of rabbits is envisioned

Mother Bunny thinks Baby Bunny has finally fallen asleep, until the baby's little eyes pop open once again and Baby Bunny begins to cry. Mother Bunny gently pats and soothes Baby Bunny back to sleep, and falls softly into her own world of dreams... These illustrations tenderly show the warmth and happiness in everyday life that will be familiar to anyone who has cared for a child.



All rights available 151×151mm, 20pp. 978-4-89309-684-5 Mar. 2021



Hop, Little Bunny

A mischievous Little Bunny, like a little ball of energy, hops and plays happily with Mother Bunny

Little Bunny hops a bit, unsteadily at first, like a child who is just learning to walk, but then, letting go of Mother Bunny's hand, looks back at her proudly, takes a few more steps...and then gets away! The charming illustrations in this picture book tenderly capture both Mother Bunny's warm, loving feelings as she watches Little Bunny hop about here and there and then wraps her baby in a big hug.



All rights available 151×151mm, 20pp. 978-4-89309-685-2 Mar. 2021



Making Miso Soup

The second title in this recipe picture book series, Japanese soul soup—Miso Soup!

Start out by making dashi soup stock by boiling kelp and dried sardines. The dashi stock is what soaks into the whole body. Once the miso is added to the stock, you'll have delicious miso soup. Slice up some abura-age fried tofu, and add a dollop of fresh tofu with a spoon. This soup warms the body and soul.

All rights available 210×200mm, 24pp. 978-4-89309-678-4 Nov. 2020



Making Onigiri

The simplest onigiri recipe picture book for ages 5 and up.

Onigiri are the number one ally of kids who need a packed lunch away from home and for busy parents too. All you need is rice, salt and water to make great onigiri. The cooking process is explained through photographs and very simple sentences, making this book ideal for kids cooking for the first time.

All rights available 210×200mm, 24pp. 978-4-89309-667-8 Jan. 2020



Naomi Takayama 高山なおみ Author

Born in Shizuoka in 1958 and lives in Kobe. As a writer and chef, she published numerous books, including Ryori = Takayama Naomi (Little More), Tabemono no Kukumo (Heibonsha) and many others. More recently, she has been actively creating picture books such as Domorudodakku (Bronze Shinsha) and others.



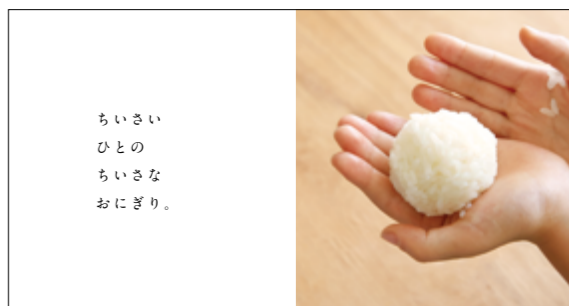
Yoichi Nagano 長野陽一 Photographer

Photographer. He was born in Osaka, Japan in 1968 and was raised in Fukushima Prefecture. Shima no Hohoemi (Foil) is his portrait collection of teenagers living on Japan's islands. His food photography is collected in Nagano Yoichi no Oishii Portraits (HeHe). He is also active in producing photography for magazines, advertisements, and even commercials.



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Chihiro Ishizu 石津ちひろ Author

She is a picture book author, poet and translator who has won numerous awards, including the Ragazzi Award at the Bologna International Children's Book Fair for the picture book, A Journey of Riddles.



Nahoko Shono 庄野ナホコ Illustrator

She is an illustrator and picture book author whose drawings of polar bears for magazines and book covers have won her many fans. Her illustrations are known for their uniquely humorous way of portraying animal gestures and expressions and for their overwhelming power and beauty.



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Chiaki Okada 岡田千晶 Illustrator

Born in Osaka. She creates picture books with her unique style of intricately expressing light and shadow. She won an award at the 2010 Bologna International Book Fair's Illustration Exhibition.

Ballet Class

If you love to dance, it's okay not to be perfect!
A story to encourage anyone
who dreams of accomplishing something difficult.

Meow the cat has begun taking ballet lessons. She wants to be just like the little girl Mai and dreams of being in the same ballet class. When Meow's dream comes true, she cannot believe how fun the class is! But when she tries to do a pirouette, she finds that she can't spin around very well ... and anyway, spinning around is scary! That is, until she takes Madame Bear's ballet class one night...

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A Magical Happy Halloween

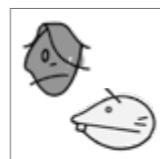
This magical happy halloween gives
a child the courage to come out of their shell.

Minori is getting her costume ready for the costume parade put on by the neighborhood kids' club Halloween party. On the day of the parade, Minori puts on her costume and joins the parade with her cousin Akito who lives across the street. But when it's time to shout "Trick or treat!" Akito is too shy to shout. So what does Minori do?

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KAKATO Author
(Rap duo Roy Tamaki and Chinza Dopeness)

The Rap duo creates music for a wide range of audiences. With a focus on live performances, they develop educational television programs, teach rap workshops for children, and have composed numerous pieces in collaboration with other musicians.



Ryu Okubo オオクボリュウ Illustrator

Active in the fields of illustration and animation, Ryu Okubo works with musicians on music videos and artwork, animations for educational television programs, as well as magazine and book covers.

Mainichi Tanoshii: Jump, Swing, Rap, Sing

“Yo yo taiyo san san ohayo
ohayo san san taiyo yo yo”

Play with word rhythms from morning 'til night!

Everything's fun when there's rhythm and rhyme, especially when words help keep tempo and time. And lines that zig this way and suddenly that can make crazy fun drawings and shapes and—what's that?! A new kind of rap book, through pictures and lines, brings a new kind of fun from breakfast to bedtime!

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Sota Koike 小池 壮太

Born in Tokyo in 1977, Sota Koike is a Kyoto-based painter focusing on still life and landscape paintings with a serene, gentle touch. In recent years, Koike has broadened his field by also creating picture books.

On Our Days Off

On days off, we can do whatever we like all day long! This is a day to spend relaxing to our heart's content.

“What do you do on your days off?” Alarm Clock wants to sleep in until the afternoon, Coin Bank wants to go on a spending spree and buy anything he wants... This humorous picture book shows how various everyday things around us spend their days off. These objects appear in softly rendered paintings that gently calm the heart and mind just by looking at them, making this a good book to have for days that you just want to relax.

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Princess Bee Story 1: Busy Helper Bee

One Christmas Eve, a boy is given a velveteen rabbit, which soon becomes his beloved companion. But when the time comes to say goodbye, the rabbit discovers the true power of the boy's love for him.

185×250mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-439-1 May 2008

All rights available



Princess Bee Story 2: Boom Boom Summer Festival

Tomboyish Princess Bee is taken to the summer festival by Old Grandpa Bee. There are so many things for Princess Bee to enjoy! Oden, yakisoba, shaved ice... But then, just before the fireworks are about to begin, it starts to rain... The second title in the series.

185×250mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-490-2 Jul. 2010

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Ayuko Akiyama

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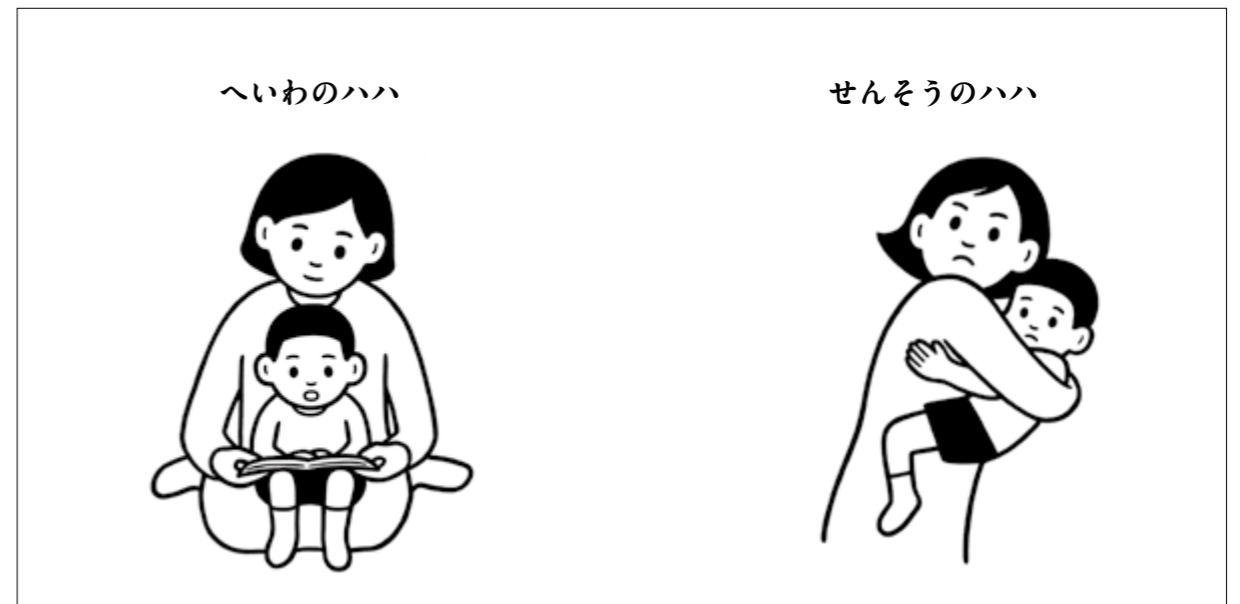
She was born in Tokyo in 1964. She debuted in the monthly manga Garo (Seirindo) in 1992. She released many works that depict the world of insects through mangas and picture books. She loves insects and visiting old traditional Japanese houses.



Peace and War

A picture book with simple, clear illustrations to help children think about peace

“What do you do on your days off?” Alarm Clock wants to sleep in until the afternoon, Coin Bank wants to go on a spending spree and buy anything he wants... This humorous picture book shows how various everyday things around us spend their days off. These objects appear in softly rendered paintings that gently calm the heart and mind just by looking at them, making this a good book to have for days that you just want to relax.



Shuntaro Tanikawa 谷川俊太郎 Author

1931-2024. He was a poet who, at age 21, published his first poem Two Billion Light-Years of Solitude. Since then he had won many awards and had become one of Japan's most active and prominent poets.



Noritake Illustrator

Born in Hyogo in 1978. Focusing on monochrome drawings, he creates works for advertisements, books, magazines, fashion, product merchandise, and more, and is also active as a designer and director.

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The Velveteen Rabbit

by Komako Sakai (Original text by Margery Williams Bianco)

A magical story of how toys become real.

One Christmas Eve, a boy is given a velveteen rabbit, which soon becomes his beloved companion. But when the time comes to say goodbye, the rabbit discovers the true power of the boy's love for him.

■ Rights sold Catalan, Chinese (complex), French, Italian, Korean, Spanish, and World English

271×216mm, 36pp. 978-4-89309-408-7 Apr. 2007



Komako Sakai

酒井駒子

Born in 1966, Komako Sakai made her debut as a picture book illustrator in 1998 after graduating from University of the Arts. She has won the BIB Plague in 2005 and her work was selected as one of the New York Times Best Illustrated children's Books of 2009.



Hina & the Lost Kitten

by Komako Sakai & LEE

A story about taking in a small creature.

A tiny kitten turns up on Hina's doorstep one day. "It's a real living thing, isn't it?" she says to her mother. This beautifully illustrated and eagerly anticipated picture book from Komako Sakai explores a young child's feelings of attachment—and also her worries about loss and separation—as she learns to care for her new pet.

■ Rights sold French, and World English

271×216mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-611-1 Nov. 2015



Alligale Works at the Department Store

The story of an alligator whose stomach is bigger than his wallet!

It's the 100th anniversary of a famous department store, and Alligale has come for a celebration. But after he orders too much at the food court, he has to work in the store to pay the bill.



Ayuko Uegaki 植垣歩子

She was born in Kanagawa in 1978, and graduated from Wako University and majored in Japanese art in the Department of Art. She received the Award of Excellence at the 3rd Pinpoint Picture Book Competition (2002). After graduating, she became a picture book author, and her works are known for their gentle and warm expressions.

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ISBN
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Publication date
Jan. 2013

■ Rights sold
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「ステーキ ロブスター ほねつきハムに ローストチキン
さかなのフライと カニサラダ! それから……」
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Chiho Makino

牧野千穂 Illustrator

Born in 1965. Her pastel artworks are characterized by their distinct emphasis on profoundness and can be seen on the cover art of books and as illustrations in books.



Mimi Hachikai

蜂飼耳 Author

Born in 1974. Her works cover a wide range of fields, including collections of poetry, novels, children's literature. She is also a book reviewer.

Floaty Kitty

Tonight, Ebio, the kitty experienced something unforgettable...

On Ebio's birthday, a swim ring arrived from Grandpa. But this wasn't just an ordinary life ring. On the long-awaited night of the full moon, when Ebio inflates the swim ring, the ring takes Ebio flying up into the air pulled by the moon.

🚩 Rights sold French 250×250mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-523-7 Jul. 2011

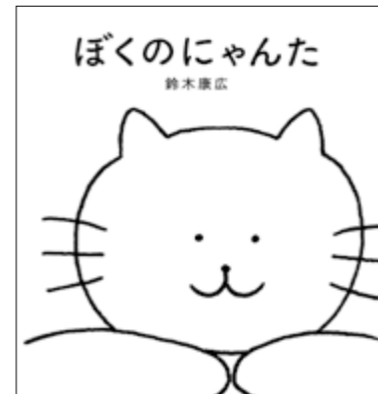


Snow Fall

One wish in exchange for a favorite toy...

Fu-chan, the bunny went to the end of the road in the middle of the forest, which only appears on snowy days. There, she found a great snow cloud that puffed itself up and blew out beautiful snow. Fu-chan wants the snow cloud to make beautiful snow for her little sister who is ill, and offers her favorite toy that her father had given her in exchange...

🚩 Rights sold German, and French 271×216mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-574-9 Oct. 2013



My Cat Nyanta

An a-mew-sing picture book debut

Nyanta the cat can change shape. His smiling face appears in everyday things: pajamas, doughnuts, anywhere you can imagine. Full of charming pictures and hiss-terical feline word-play.

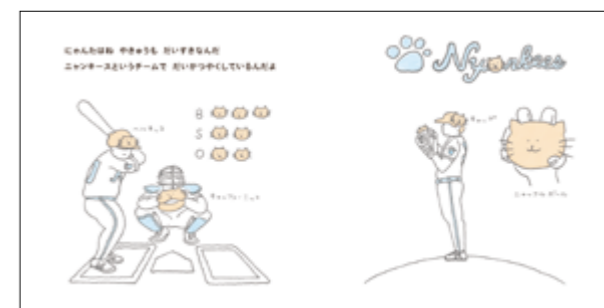
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Yasuhiro Suzuki 鈴木康広

Born in Shizuoka in 1979, Yasuhiro Suzuki began his career working in digital design at a University of Tokyo research lab. His award-winning design works show the playful heart inside everyday things.

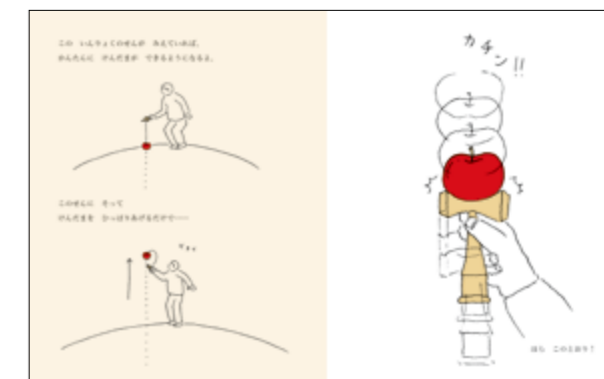


The Apple & the Kendama

Discover the surprising connections between something as ordinary as an apple and a child's toy

The apple and the kendama go well together. You might be wondering why, but there are very good reasons. Expand your world and discover a new way of seeing things by exploring the extraordinary relationship between an apple and a kendama, a traditional Japanese wooden toy. This is the long-awaited picture book from the popular illustrator Yasuhiro Suzuki.

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Masako Ahn

アンマサコ

Born in 1975, she is a multimedia artist, sculptor and picture book author. Her other picture books are Soratobu den-sha (The Flying Train) and the photo-illustrated Tappu-kun no yume (Tappu's Dream) from Kodansha.

The Birthday Cake

A delicious adventure in the world of sweets

Ai is taken away to Cake Castle, where she eats lots of cakes and tarts. She could stay here forever, but she has to find one more candle for her birthday cake because today is her 5th birthday.

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あいちゃんは ゆっくりと
五ほんめの ろうそくに ちかづいていきました。
「さぁ、どうぞ」
「ふー」



Minori Nishihara

西原みのり

She was born in Fukuoka in 1983, and graduated from Kyushu Sangyo University's Faculty of Art and Design, Department of Design. She debuted after receiving the Award of Excellence at the 6th Pinpoint Picture Book Competition. She also works as an instructor for children's art classes while working on her picture books.

The Fallen Leaf Market

A picture book full of autumn!

Riding on Acorn the Horse, Satchan comes across a wonderfully mysterious place called The Ochiba Ichiba Fallen Leaf Market. Satchan has a wonderful time taking in the feasts of delicious fruit made by the trees, skirts made of fallen leaves, rows of fallen leaf fish all lined up, and more at this lively market! Suddenly, out of the blue, a large fox appears! What will happen when he puts a leaf on his head?

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さかなが ずらーり！ここは おちばの うおいらば

「すごーい！」さっちゃんはおどろきました。そこへ……



Yukiko Tanemura

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She was born in Hokkaido in 1983, and graduate of the Tama Art University's Faculty of Art and Design, where she studied painting. She won the Kodansha

New Picture Book Author Award, making her picture book debut with her winning book Kii no ie de ("At Kii's House").

A Treasured Gift

Sometimes it's not easy for young children to say sorry after an argument with their friends. This is the story of a girl who learns how to make up and get along with her friends from a surprise visitor.

Hana had a quarrel with her friend and came home crying. Whenever she was sad, she climbed into her mother's closet. This time, when she climbed in, she found a child she didn't know there! Her name was Yuriko, the same as Hana's mother. Yuriko had also just fought with a friend. After sharing their feelings, even strong ones like fear, anger and frustration, the two girls realize that they really like their friends after all.

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Tsubame the Ninja 1

A picture book featuring everyone's favorite ninja world.

Tsubame is an elementary school kid training to become a ninja. When he comes home from school, he goes to practice with his younger brothers Karasu and Kokamo. Tomorrow is the big Ninja Tournament at last! What will happen in the match against Tsubame's rival Gamanoshin?

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English 272×210mm, 32pp. 978-4-89309-433-9 Feb. 2008



Mayumi Ichikawa

市川真由美 Author

Born in 1974, she is a storybook writer and is also active as a designer. She is the mother of one child who likes song parodies.



Takashi Yamamoto

山本孝 Illustrator

Born in 1972, he is a picture book author whose picture books about ghosts, monsters, squadron heroes, and things that appeal to boys are popular.



Tsubame the Ninja 2: The First Mission

A picture book about ninja in the present day

Tsubame the ninja and his little brothers must deliver a scroll with an important secret. It's their first mission, so they're a little nervous as they start from Tokyo and head west to Odawara, Shizuoka, Nagoya and beyond. Along the way, they are chased by their rivals, the Three Frog Brothers.

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Eye to Eye, You and I

The fun begins when you make eye contact with a child...

When we meet, eye to eye, I smile. When I look at you, my heart warms... Make eye contact with a child, just like the animals do with their babies in this colorful picture book, and let the communication begin. Musical lines and brilliant illustrations bring the connection between parent and child to life.

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Kenichi Okumura

おくむら けんいち Author

Kenichi Okumura is a songwriter and father of one. His work includes songs for NHK's Minna no uta programme and theme songs for various films. He was born in 1980 in Japan.



Matti Pikkujamsa

マッティ・ピックヤムサ Illustrator

Born in Finland in 1979, Matti Pikkujamsa is a Finnish illustrator and picture book author. In 2013, he won the prestigious Rudolf Koivu Award for Children's Literature. Pikkujamsa's textile designs for leading brands such as Kauniste and Marimekko have gained much attention recently. He currently lives and works in Helsinki.

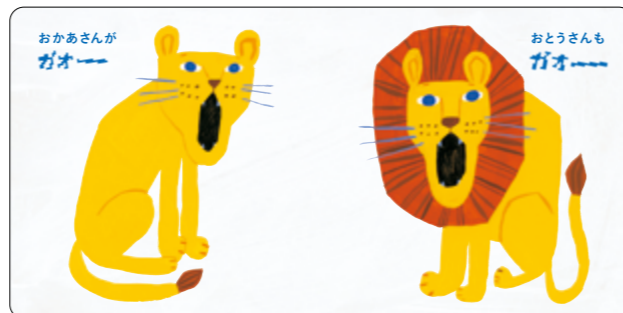


Copycat Families

A brilliant picture book from Scandinavia!

When Mama & Papa Lion say "ROAR!" Baby Lion replies "roar!" as best she can. With this charming picture book, readers can have fun mimicking various animal sounds—just like the animal babies do! The bold Scandinavian illustration style and bright colors will certainly appeal to young or babies children and parents alike.

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Because the Baby Smiles

Find reassurance from the baby's smile.

New parents have many things they worry about, but when the baby smiles, they find the confidence they need to raise their child. This picture book shows how babies help us remember to look at all the fun we can have together in spite of all the worries.

Yuko Ohnari

おーなり 由子



She is a picture book artist and manga cartoonist who also writes essays and lyrics for children's songs. She wrote many books including Kofuku na Shitsumon and Hiragana Reki (both published by Shinchosha). Her translation works include Petit Amour (Kodansha) and Big Brother (Asunaro Shobo).

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