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**Gift For You**
*by TOYOFUKU Makiko*
Hedgehog doesn’t like his spines. He can’t get hugs from his friends because of it and should always be careful not to hurt them. One day, however, he gets an idea to knit scarfs for his friends using his spines. Winter comes and everyone is so happy to receive such a wonderful gift! Before going to bed for hibernation, they prepare a secret gift for Hedgehog for the next spring…What will Hedgehog see when he wakes up? A heart-warming story full of delight and surprise with tender watercolor pictures. Published in March 2020.

ISBN978-4-7764-0970-0
JPY1300, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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**Collin’s Flea Market**
*by HICO Tanaka*
**illus. by YAMANISHI Genichi**
Collin is 6 years old. He decides to participate in a flea market with his parents and to set up his own stall!
He meets many people and feels joy in exchanging his goods with their treasures, which are full of memories. He also learns about trade and money through communication with his customers. Children can enjoy their first trading experience with Collin! Best for young readers who are beginning to show interest in money. For ages 6-up.

ISBN978-4-7764-0919-9
JPY1300, 32 pages, 270x190mm

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**I Have a Fear**
*by YOKOSUKA Kaori*
“I feel very scared when I think about death. What happens if I die?” A boy can’t stop thinking about it but he cannot ask such a sensitive question to anyone, even to an old woman in the senior care home where his mother works. Knowing that everyone dies casts a little cloud on his life. One day, he receives a letter and learns that he is not the only child who fears death. The primal feelings to our fate portrayed by delicately beautiful illustrations.

ISBN978-4-7764-0920-5
JPY1500, 32 pages, 300x210mm

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**A Micro Princess**
*by NINOMIYA Yukiko*
**illus. by KITAMI Yoko**
Once upon a time, there was a princess who was so small and so beautiful. She was so tiny that no one could see her except her father, the king. Servants stopped taking care of her because they were afraid of blowing her away by their breath and they also stopped cleaning the castle so that they won’t sweep her over. Soldiers stopped training on horses in order to avoid squashing her. One day, a prince hoping to marry her came to the castle and…guess what happened in the end! A surprising story of a princess smaller than Thumbelina.

ISBN978-4-7764-0823-9
JPY1300, 32 pages, 220x210mm

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**Doctor Frog Gets Swallowed by a Patient**
*by IMAI Kyoko*
**illus. by OKAMOTO Jun**
Dr. Frog is a skilled doctor, trusted by all the animals in the forest. Today, he treats the aunt’s broken leg, helps a lizard with hypoxia, and runs to the pasture for an emergency case. When Dr. Frog finds a rubber ball stuck in the throat of a calf, what will he do? This is a great first readers book with the right amount of text, some scientific elements, and detailed illustrations from which Children can learn much about the lovable characters. For age 6-up.

ISBN978-4-7764-0814-7
JPY1300, 32 pages, 210x190mm
Let’s Take Off!
by OHMURA Tomoko
“I’m back!” Little Piggy returns home. First, he takes off his shoes. Next, he takes off his hat, and then his socks. Is that the end? No, he takes off his pants, shirt, and underwear too! Naked Piggy heads straight to the bath where his Daddy waits for him. The author pays careful attention to each motion of a child taking off his clothes, making small readers want to do it by themselves, too. A board book for toddlers that turns a daily routine into something fun.

ISBN978-4-8054-4927-1
JPY343, 20 pages, 210x190mm

Piggy’s Moving Bakery
by TAKAGI Sango
Piggy’s Moving Bakery goes around the town, the forest, and to the beach, selling many kinds of delicious bread. Everyone is waiting to buy the yummy croissants, Hamburgers, donuts, Pizza breads, and many more. After each place, a spread page shows breads that were popular on the location. Which one do you want to try? A board book that will raise children’s appetite, while naturally showing some simple aspects of economics.

ISBN978-4-8054-4581-5
JPY343, 20 pages, 210x190mm

My Socks Get Friends!
by ISO Miyuki
A pair of blue socks on the bench at the park. First, a little mouse chased by a cat runs into a sock. It works as a useful hideout. Then, the mouse gives the socks to a rabbit who has two shivering ears. They work as warm ear caps. Next, the rabbit gives them to the fox family who struggles to cross the river. The socks work as a cage to carry fox cubs… Socks become an appropriate help for each animal one after the other. When they return to the little boy, what happens to him?! A heart-warming fun story picture book for ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-86549-158-6
JPY1100, 24 pages, 230x230mm

Where Are You, Little Strawberry?
by NOSHI Sayaka
Little Strawberry in the field has been waiting for the day she turns red-ripe. Now, the time comes and she jumps into a basket with other strawberries and leaves for the cake shop. Curious Little Strawberry starts its fun adventure! A simple story picture book with joyful die-cut windows and mini pages. Enjoy “look and find” of Little Strawberry in pictures of various sweets. For ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-86549-206-4
JPY1300, 24 pages, 250x250mm

The Puppy Bowl
by INUI Eriko/ illus. by 100% Orange
A little bowl with a picture of puppy face and ears. That’s Puppy Bowl! Just like a cheerful little puppy, it runs out of the cupboard to play with its friends. Frog goes down the river in Puppy Bowl as a boat. Piggy puts it on his head as a Puppy Bowl cap. A ball rolls down the slope and gets caught in Puppy Bowl mitt. Humorous imagination expands from the shape of the bowl and is nicely brought together as a picture book by 100% Orange’s graphic illustrations. For ages 3-up.

JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm
Big Bread, Big Eater
by KATO Yoko
Eating well brings up a child well. The biggest fluffy bread in a bakery grows bigger and bigger every time she eats something. She floats up in the sky. On her journey, everyone gives her delicious fruits, vegetables and honey. In return, she gives her nice friends a ride. While they enjoy the flight, they become hungry... now it’s her turn to give them something to eat! Children will learn the happiness to share with others, and the importance of eating well. Ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-86549-189-0
JPY1300, 26 pages, 250x250mm

What Do You Make, Choo and Choppy?
by ARAI Hiroyuki
illus. by KOBAYASHI Yukiko
“I’m going to make you something special. Can you help me gather the materials?” Uncle Chap asks two little mice to find a chair, a hanger and four round objects. The finished product is a special wagon that takes them on a thrilling ride down a hill! Children can think and guess what they are making through die-cut holes and can enjoy many exciting twists and details in this lovely book. A new title of Choo and Choppy series. Ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-8054-4917-2
JPY361, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Flower Pots’ City Patrol
by YAMAMOTO Kazuko & ASAI Kanae
illus. by ASAI Kanae
Just before the break of dawn, a little flowerpot Hachimaru and his party get out to patrol the neighbor flowerpots. When they find wilting or overgrown plants, they will water them or get rid of their vines. Now what is today’s mission? Hachimaru tells us the importance of helping others in need. Each patrol member has a unique personality, and it must be fun to find flowerpots in your town and think what personalities they have. Ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-86549-166-1
JPY1200, 32 pages, 250x215mm

Tokkun’s Truck Goes on the Snowy Field
by IWAMURA Kazuo
Tokkun takes his toy truck to the snowy field. Heave-ho! Loaded with lots of snow, the truck doesn’t move at all. Field mouse pushes, but it doesn’t move. Squirrel unloads the snow, but it doesn’t work. Rabbit digs around the wheels, but it doesn’t help. Finally, Boar shovels the snow like a powerful bulldozer to make a walkway! Yes, the truck is moving! Iwamura inspires very small children with elements of physics and the joy of cooperation, the most necessary thing for solving problems. Ages 3-up.

JPY361, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Goes to the Field
ISBN978-4-89325-544-0
JPY1400, 24pages, 250x250mm

Goes to the Forest
ISBN978-4-86549-009-1
JPY1200, 24pages, 250x250mm

Goes to the Beach
ISBN978-4-89325-779-6
JPY1400, 24pages, 250x250mm
Doctor Lynx and the Moon Viewing Party
by SUEZAKI Shigeki

Doctor Lynx visits mother squirrel. As she is sick, he promises to take her children to the moon viewing party instead of her. The squirrels race to reach the meeting place and urge him to hurry up. Doctor Lynx trips over a root and slithers down a hill – followed by the two little squirrels. They find themselves in a clearing and in the middle of it are all their friends waiting for the moon viewing party to start! Another story of the very popular “Doctor Lynx” series with flaps and pictures which get everyone in the mood for adventures.

ISBN978-4-89325-992-9
JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Doctor Lynx at Summer Holidays
ISBN978-4-89325-962-2
JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Doctor Lynx Enjoys Sledge
ISBN978-4-8054-4756-7
JPY397, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Monster Trains
by SHINODA Kohei

The cotton monster and the skeleton waited for a train bound for the human-city where they wanted to have fun scaring people. The 1st train at the station was the wolfman-train and the skeleton refused to ride. They sniffed the skeleton’s bones too much! The 2nd train was the fire chariot and the cotton monster refused. He got scorched partially… A humorous story book. Ages 4-up.

JPY1300, 32 pages, 220x290mm

The Curious Three and the Flying Carpet
by YUKINO Yumiko & UENO Yoshi
illus. by SUEZAKI Shigeki

Ken, Hiroshi and Kumi are the Curious Three. They have found an old carpet that turns out to be a flying carpet! The carpet brings them to Wizard Land where the Curious Three poke around to their hearts, content when suddenly the wizards around them start sniffing. I can smell humans ...! Popular adventure picture book series for curious children that can be a nice bridge between picture-book reading to fictions.

ISBN978-4-89325-328-6
JPY1200, 36 pages, 250x220mm

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Hurry up! Doctor Lynx
ISBN978-4-89325-784-0
JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Doctor Lynx at Summer Holidays
ISBN978-4-89325-962-2
JPY1200, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Doctor Lynx Enjoys Sledge
ISBN978-4-8054-4756-7
JPY397, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Animal Trains
ISBN978-4-86549-065-7
JPY1300, 32 pages, 220x290mm

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**Good Night, 999 Brothers**

by KIMURA Ken/ illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

A brand-new title has come out from the *999 brothers* series, a hit series translated into 8 languages. When autumn leaves turn red and yellow, big brother says, “I’m so sleepy. It’s time to hibernate.” The rest of the frog brothers say, “Not yet, we want to see snow. Hop, my brother, wake up!” However, he is so drowsy that he accidentally enters a hole where a snake sleeps! Can the 999 brothers see snow together? A joyful story set in early winter with lovely illustrations. Ages 5-up.

ISBN978-4-8054-4891-5  
JPY361, 32 pages, 250x215mm

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**Which Vehicle Do You Take?**

by MASE Naokata

A boy traveling in a family car sees various vehicles on his way - buses, bikes, a train, a small airplane, a boat, etc. Where are they going? All to the same destination as him – the rocket launch site at the seaside hill! Some go by road and some by railway, by air or by sea – which one would you like to ride? A new addition to the most popular vehicle picture book collection by Naokata Mase. Ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-8054-5069-7  
JPY364, 24 pages, 250x250mm

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**ZAP! The Spice Train Adventure**

by uwabami

Bon and Haretomo, the curious pair of a man and a giant squirrel, goes to a spice shop to figure out what curry powder is made of. When they look into the pile of spices, ZAP! They find themselves on the Spice Train, a magical train carrying all sorts of spices as passengers! Cumin, cinnamon, cardamom... The two meet the personified spices and learn their characteristics. A fun and informative picture book for ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-86549-191-3  
JPY1400, 36 pages, 250x250mm
Let’s Skip!
by AMAN Kimiko
illus. by KUROI Ken
Under the spring sunshine, Etsuko heads for the town park while skipping joyfully. On her way, a kitten, a puppy and a little boy join her skipping march one after the other. Oh, how skipping can cheer one’s heart! In this third title of Etsuko the little girl series, Kuroi’s soft and warm pictures describe a child’s emotion tenderly once again. Looking at the variety of spring flowers and plants on the sidewalk is another enjoyment of this book. Ages 3-up.

ISBN 978-4-86549-205-7
JPY 1300, 32 pages, 240x210mm

Cat’s Paw Bakery
by TAKAGI Sango
illus. by KUROI Ken
There is a nice bakery on a hilly path. It is called “Cat’s Paw Bakery” because it is small like a cat’s paw. One misty day, Nanae was watching the store while her mother was gone, and then strange customers with whiskers, big ears and long tails came in one after another…This story is inspired by a real bakery in Onomichi city where a lot of cats live. You can feel the refreshing mist and enjoy the scent of bread through gentle illustrations.

ISBN 978-4-8054-4890-8
JPY 361, 32 pages, 250x215mm

Don’t Cry, Etsuko
by AMAN Kimiko
illus. by KUROI Ken
Etsuko caught a white butterfly in the spring field, but let it go, because another butterfly flew around her as if it was caring for its friend. Just then, she realized she got lost. When she began to cry, she heard a voice saying “Don’t cry, don’t cry.” When she raised her face, she was surrounded by butterflies… A story of a magical experience on a beautiful spring day.

ISBN 978-4-86549-025-1
JPY 1300, 32 pages, 240x210mm

Ramses Is My Neighbor Dog
by ITAYA Satoshi
A little boy is scared of Ramses, his next-door neighbor’s dog. Its big body, black fur and sharp fangs terrify him. However, when the boy gets lost one day, it’s Ramses who finds him and guides him all the way home. The warm illustrations and simple text depict how the boy’s feelings change from fear to courage, surprise to affection. A heartwarming picture book. Ages 4-up.

ISBN 978-4-8054-4888-5
JPY 361, 32 pages, 250x215mm

Seton’s Animal Stories: Deer
by KOBAYASHI Seinosuke
illus. by SHIMIZU Masaru
Lobo the wisest wolf was kept in a trap to save its precious daughter… Ernest T. Seton (1860-1946) was a noted author and wildlife artist lived in Canada/USA. Based on his own nature observation, Seton presented various dramatic animal stories. The series retells Seton’s animal stories for children with easy-to-follow texts and precise pictures. Six titles are available in series. Ages 5-up.

ISBN 978-4-89325-825-8
JPY 1400, 28 pages, 270x230mm

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Little Bear’s Walk
by TANIKAWA Shuntaro
illus. by SOSHIKI Daisuke

“I am a bear. As yet I have no name. I like to walk toward somewhere.” He comes across the sun, butterflies, dinosaurs and the like on his way and exchanges a few words with each of them. He arrives at a lake and he swims to the bottom, where he finds a forest… Where does he finally reach? Philosophical text by a noted poet meets tender-touch pictures by an up-and-coming illustrator. Babies will intuitively grasp the essence of this poetic world. For ages 0-up.

ISBN978-4-86101-354-6
JPY1300, 24 pages, 210x200mm

I Can’t Wait!
by UCHIMURA Takashi

I’m going to the sea with my family today. I wish I could be there in 5 seconds. Are we there yet? Dark clouds gather and it begins to rain. Are we there yet? Our car pulls into a coffee shop, but I don’t want to take a break. The gentle shop owner gives me a beautiful blue feather, but I don’t want it. When we arrive at the ocean, the rain finally stops. I am so happy that I add the feather and the coffee shop to my favorites! A gradation of children’s moods is softly portrayed with innocent pictures.

ISBN978-4-86101-356-0
JPY1400, 32 pages, 210x200mm

The Cat’s Path
by UCHIMURA Takashi

In any town with cats, there is a cat’s secret path. One day, three dog friends spot a cat that disappears into a hole in the hedge and they decide to follow her. Where will she take them? Readers can enjoy taking a peek into the daily lives of neighbors while following the dogs through fences, walls and roofs. Every page has lots of playful details. If you look at the pictures carefully, you will even find characters from the author’s previous title I Can’t Wait!

ISBN978-4-86101-372-0
JPY1500, 32 pages, 210x200mm

Fruits, Fruits, Fruits!
by URANAKA Koichi

When babies and small children open this wonderful board book, many colorful fruits will fascinate them. Strawberries, apples, oranges, bananas, grapes and melons… these six fruits and their different varieties are vividly pictured on each spread. Children can also enjoy finding a monkey hiding behind the fruits. This book will help them to recognize and love various fruits! For ages 0-up.

ISBN978-4-86101-383-6
JPY1000, 12 pages, 170x170mm

Plastic Monsters
by TAKADA Hideshige
illus. by KURIHARA Takashi

Plastic pollution is one of the most serious environmental issues. This book introduces this problem to children by likening plastic goods to monsters. In early chapters, actual situations are presented by many photos. Later chapters expound on the danger of plastic materials using illustrations. It provides insight and clues to solving the issue and shows us the way to a world free of plastic goods. Best for educating children about global issues that lie behind our daily lives.

ISBN978-4-86101-382-9
JPY1600, 96 pages, 220x180mm
Welcome to My Shop!

by SENA Keiko

Welcome to my shop! You can choose anything you want: tomatoes, bananas and apples are shown on the spread. Guess what this store is? Babies and small children will be charmed by the colorful collage and will have lots of fun exploring a variety of shops and their merchandises. This book is a brand-new work by the famous author who marks her 50th anniversary as a picture book writer in Japan. Ages 1-up.

ISBN 978-4-494-01569-6
JPY 1,400, 36 pages, 191x266mm

The Good Night Book

by ISHIKAWA Koji

The sun has set and the moon is out. Each spread page shows the moon calling out to an animal family, “It’s night time!” When children open the gatefold page, they will see the animals sleeping. Pandas, elephants, cats and chicks... A baby gorilla snuggles up in its parent’s arms, the turtles sleep in a line, and the penguins sleep while standing. A great bed time picture book that will make babies want to sleep and also help them learn to say “Goodnight.”

ISBN 978-4-494-00846-9
JPY 950, 28 pages, 150x150mm

Yuck! I Hate That!

by TAKEDA Miho

Children tend to be picky eaters. The smell of carrots, the texture of meat, the eyeballs of fish... One by one, children confess what food they can’t eat and what bothers them about it. “One day I'll be able to eat it, so don’t rush me!” is the key phrase, because taste buds change as we grow up. This humorous and rhythmic picture book will reassure both children and parents that it is okay to have likes and dislikes. Ages 4-up.

ISBN 978-4-494-01634-1
JPY 1,300, 34 pages, 207x222mm

The Little Steam Locomotive

by MINOOKA Ryosuke

Little B is not an ordinary locomotive. Instead of pulling trains outside, he works at the locomotive factory pulling other locomotives that come in for maintenance. He simply doesn’t have the power to carry heavy trains and travel far. But deep down in his heart, he wants to run freely and powerfully like the other locomotives. One day, everyone in the factory decides to help Little B’s dream come true... Based on a true story, this picture book tells us that there is always something you can give, regardless of the capacities you are born with. Ages 4-up.

ISBN 978-4-494-01568-9
JPY 1,400, 36 pages, 191x266mm

Octi the Octopus Leaves the Sea

by UCHIDA Rintaro
illus. by INOUE Kotori

Octi the octopus receives a letter from his friend, Lio the lion, asking him to come help his mother who has a stiff back. Octi is a great masseuse! He travels across the desert with a water bottle, wetting his head with sea water once every hour, making sure he doesn’t get dehydrated. Octi successfully heals Lio’s mother but before he can leave, an elephant rushes in with her baby who fainted when a caterpillar fell on his trunk. Can Octi help the baby elephant and return home safely? A comical, light-hearted story. Ages 6-up.

ISBN 978-4-494-02063-8
JPY 1,000, 64 pages, 201x151mm
I Wish I Never Met the Cat
by MURAKAMI Shiiko
illus. by SASAMEYA Yuki
I have lost my cat and I say to my friends who are worried about me: “I’m all right. I could even say that I shouldn’t have had a cat.” But no matter how hard I try to be tough, I can’t stop remembering the days I spent with my cat. One night, my family is finally able to face our sadness when my mother says, “Why don’t we cry?” This story will stand by you when you’re overcome with deep sorrow for a loss of your loved one. Ages 4-up.
ISBN978-4-494-01635-8
JPY1300, 34pages, 207x222mm

When She Nods
by MURANAKA Rie
illus. by ISHIKAWA Eriko
Chisato returns to her kindergarten with a disability. Simple things such as climbing stairs have become a huge challenge for her. Other kids try to give her a hand, but she won’t take the offer – she nods to herself, gets down on her belly and crawls up, one step at a time. Her friend Shun recognizes her determination and tells everyone, “When she nods, it means she can do it!” Later that day, Shun inspires her to climb the stairs to the top of the slide for the first time… A picture book about inner strength, and what it truly means to respect one another. Ages 4-up.
ISBN978-4-494-01631-0
JPY1300, 34 pages, 207x222mm

The Tiny Dragon
by KUDO Naoko
illus. by ABE Hiroshi
A tiny dragon is born from a drop of water. “Who am I?” thinks the dragon. His mission in life is to become a great dragon and bring rain to the earth. For that sake, he learns about the winds from a dandelion fluff and a dragonfly, about streams and waves from a small carp, about the soil from a mole… In the end, he realizes that anyone can be a friend of the earth! The last gatefold (four-page wide) of the dragon is marvelous! An artistic picture book by Kudo and Abe’s collaboration.
ISBN978-4-494-01246-6
JPY1700, 39pages, 251x256mm

What is PEACE?
by HAMADA Keiko
Peace Picture Book collections began in collaboration of three children’s publishers each from Japan, China and Korea, to consider peace and war. This Hamada’s picture book presents simple question. “What is peace?” Each page answers - That’s the world without war, with foods for everyone, with voices to say NO when disagree, with time to play and enjoy…. A book to think about peace from your daily life and place to protect precious human-life.
ISBN978-4-494-01964-9
JPY1500, 36 pages, 207x222mm

One Moon Each for Everyone
by NAGANO Hideko
One night, when little Ako is walking home with her mother, she notices that the moon is following her. “Mommy, does the South Pole have a moon too?” asks Ako. “Yes, it does,” answers her mother. “How about Africa? How about America, or Vietnam?” Ako is relieved to hear they all have a moon. “I’m glad that there’s one moon each for everyone.” A bed time picture book with dreamy illustrations, focusing on the kind feeling of wishing for everyone’s happiness. Ages 3-up.
ISBN978-4-494-01633-4
JPY1300, 28 pages, 207x227mm
Dear My Baby Front Tooth
by KAWASHIMA Etsuko
illus. by ITO Miki
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illus. by ITO Miki
Nanako, a girl of 7 years old, wants to make up with her best friend, but she is worried whether her friend will forgive her, since Nanako was mean to her. Suddenly, however, Nanako hears her baby front tooth whispers to her, "Hi, Nanako, I know you are a good girl. We are together since you were a baby and I'm always on your side." Encouraged by the voice of the tooth, Nanako becomes confident little by little. Coming-of-age story through Humorous conversations with a child’s inner voice. Ages 6-up.

The Raccoon’s Laundry
by OKUBO Usagi / illus. by AINOYA Yuki
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by OKUBO Usagi / illus. by AINOYA Yuki
When an old woman goes to wash her clothes at the coin laundry, a raccoon boy appears and asks, “Please wash my handkerchief that has stains of sorrow.” The raccoon begins to talk about his sadness – about a beautiful tree whose blossoms were blown off by a three-day storm, and about his friend foxy whose brand-new scarf was ruined by the raccoon’s careless mistake. The old woman helps him see things from different aspects, and the raccoon feels better and relieved. Lovely read-by-myself book. Ages 5-up.

When Haruka Raises Her Hand
by HATTORI Chiharu/ illus. by SATO Aya
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by HATTORI Chiharu/ illus. by SATO Aya
Feeling shy and unconfident, Haruka has not been able to speak in her classroom since she entered elementary school. In fact, her classmates haven’t even heard her voice. One day, she is prompted by the words of a boy sitting next to her and gives out a little cry. Since then, the cheerful boy helps her to answer in class. But when he takes a sick day from school, she finally raises her hand for the first time to express her own feelings. This book tells us the importance of courage to convey our feelings by ourselves, in our own way. Ages 6-up.

What We Can Do for Honey
by KUSUNOKI Akiko/ illus. by MATSUNARI Mariko
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by KUSUNOKI Akiko/ illus. by MATSUNARI Mariko
Little girl Futaba brought the old dog Honey home from her grandma’s house after her funeral ceremony. She worried Honey would be put to sleep at the animal shelter if no one took care of her. It was her first time to have a pet and to take care of a “life”. After a while, Honey’s eyesight grew weak and she became terminally ill. It was a challenge for Futaba. What can she do for Honey to whom she has to say goodbye before long? Kusunoki, the author who depicted how to come to terms with dementia in Grandma is All Right presents another story about test in life. Ages 8-up.

The Lost and Found Treasure Box
by YAMAMOTO Etsuko/ illus. by SATO Makiko
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by YAMAMOTO Etsuko/ illus. by SATO Makiko
The hero of the story is a boy named Treasure, also nicknamed as “Champion of the Lost.” Treasure loses his belongings daily and easily - erasers, pencils, handkerchief, and even indoor shoes. The class sets a “Treasure Box” where his lost things can be thrown in, as his belongings have marks of his name. When the 2nd semester begins, Mina’s seat becomes next to Treasure’s. Before long, she is irritated by Treasure. But, one day, Mina loses the school key by accident…. The author who once worked at an elementary school depicts how faults can be gifts for yourself and others that promote growth. Ages 7-up.
The School Kappa’s Moving
by YAMAMOTO Etsuko / illus. by ICHII Mika
Kei is not good at making friends, and at home he stays alone until his mother comes home from work. He feels lonely both at school and at home, even though he knows well that his mother loves him. “Maybe no one cares about me…” Escaping from group play, he finds a strange small creature at a pond and he brings it home, because the pond will be closed for renovations. The strange creature called Kappa doesn’t help him or talk to him, but his life begins to slowly change for the better. An encouraging story, best for children learning to read by themselves. The companion title of The School Kappa in the Pond. Ages 6-up.

ISBN978-4-494-02059-1
JPY1200, 95 pages, 215x153mm

I Forgot My Homework, Because...!
by YAMAMOTO Etsuko / illus. by SATO Makiko
Yusuke made a poor excuse when he forgot today’s homework. Then, his teacher said, “Better to spin a yarn than poor excuse that makes others fun to listen. Don’t say someone is sick or dead. If you tell me a good lie, I would not scold you.” Next day, Yusuke forgot his homework and explained, because... an alien visited him in the evening and he was engaged to teach math all night! Since then, his classmate followed to forget homework and made funny excuse stories. Finally, it was the teacher’s turn to express her story as she forgot to prepare the new assignment paper... ! Fun reading to recognize the joy of creating stories and listening to storytelling. Ages 8-up.

ISBN978-4-494-02041-6
JPY1100, 96 pages, 215x153mm

The Adventures of Princess Scheherazade
by MURAYAMA Saki / illus. by SATAKE Miho
Princess Schehara sets out on a journey to save her country from the evil spell of magician Saood by finding seven magic stones scattered around the world. Her companions are two boys, Farid, a timid wizard, and Hile, a former thief. The tomboy princess leads them into many adventures such as sailing with pirates, fighting dragons, and exploring a flying city. The underlying themes are courage, friendship, and never giving up. A thrilling and humorous YA fantasy originally published as a ten-volume series, combined and republished in 2 volumes. Ages 10-up.

ISBN978-4-494-01832-1
JPY1800, 367 pages, 215x153mm

Vol. 2
**A Tree on the Hill**  
*by IMAMORI Mitsuhiko*

In this black-and-white cutout picture book published in summer 2019, four seasons in a forest are beautifully portrayed with a focus on a Chinese hackberry tree and great purple emperors. Readers will witness the harsh reality of nature: cabbage bugs eat the caterpillars and butterflies die after they lay their eggs on the tree. Nevertheless, the rich descriptions on every page paint a beautiful picture of nature. Ages 4-up.

JPY1400, 36 pages, 266x191mm

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**Shin’s Tricycle**  
*by KODAMA Tatsuharu/ illus. by OBO Makoto*

In Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum is exhibited a rusty tricycle. It once belonged to Shin, a three-year-old boy. He died in the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. Shin’s father, current grandpa of a four-year-old boy, tells the back story of Shin’s tricycle to his grandson. The ordinary people’s life in the war time and the day of the atomic bomb’s attack are described through Shin’s days with the tricycle. Since the first publication in 1992, the book continues to send the message for peace. For age 4 ups.

ISBN978-4-494-00854-4  
JPY1300, 40 pages, 266x191mm

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**The Field – Before and After the War**  
*by KANBE Mitsuo/ illus. by NISHIMURA Shigeo*

This picture book follows the gradual transition of a piece of empty land in the middle of a town from the past (1934) to the present. The field, once a place for children to play and festivals to be held, changes its role when the war approaches… The artist sticks to the same angle and location for every spread, making the differences stand out strong. A picture book portraying the cruelty of war, resilience of people, and the power of community that stands up to build up new lives. Ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-494-01234-3  
JPY1500, 36 pages, 251x256mm
**Boring Boring**
by YOSHITAKE Shinsuke

A boy is so bored of his toys and TV programs. After spending time being bored, he comes into meditation of deep thoughts on “what is boring”. That’s Yoshitake’s specialty. The boy sets up hypothesis on “what is boring.” If one stays in the same state for long, does he begin to be bored? If something does not concern himself, is it boring? Do only humans feel bored? The book develops more and more about theories “boring”. Yoshitake’s picture book about humorous deep thought.

JPY1300, 32 pages, 270x209mm

**See Things Differently!**
by YOSHITAKE Shinsuke

Little girl feels so gloomy today as her brother told her, “There is no hope in our future. Population growth will cause lack of foods. Diseases will spread among people and wars might occur. Oh my goodness, our future is just terrible….” Now, her little brain is occupied by her brother’s bad prediction. “Why no other choice? Why don’t you see things differently?!” Then, the girl and grandma humorously develops their dreamy future prediction…Another logical thinking picture book by Yoshitake derived from Hakusensha’s MOE magazine. For age 5 ups.

ISBN978-4-592-76237-9
JPY1300, 32 pages, 270x209mm

**Naughty Cats’ Steam Locomotive**
by KUDO Noriko

The naughty stray cats watch Dog while he is loading their steam locomotive with vegetables. What about a ride on a steam locomotive? They sneak in and manage to set it in motion. Soon, they get hungry. What about putting some corn-cobs into the firebox? Who could imagine that the roasted corns will end with a big explosion and popcorns?! The 2nd story of the refreshingly naughty stray cats gang.

ISBN978-4-592-76171-6
JPY1200, 32 pages, 200x200mm

**The Only Cat in the World**
by HIGUCHI Yuko

The story begins with a stuffed cat’s confession. - “Hi, I’m a stuffed cat. The boy who owns me loves me a lot, but I’m a little worried these days. The boy is seven, and others tell me that he will stop playing with me…” He learns that real cats can be loved even by grown-ups, and aspires to become one himself. To become a cat, he must collect cat whiskers and sew them into his body. Thus the stuffed cat sets out on his journey – Each life is different and precious. A story that teaches us to love who we are.

ISBN978-4-592-76189-1
JPY1400, 104 pages, 220x160mm
The Old Man and the 10 Little Ghosts
by NISHIKAWA Osamu

One day, a lonely old man received a gift box from which 10 little ghosts popped out! They were all tender-hearted ghosts and helped the old man a lot. He perked up by spending peaceful time with them. One night, however, he caught a cold and had a high fever. Every ghost made a great effort to save him! Since the first publication in 2002, the book reached its 15th edition. A thoughtful story written by Nishikawa the award-winning author of Bologna Children's Book Fair.

ISBN978-4-564-01887-9
JPY1200, 32 pages, 263x220mm

The Magical Acorns
by MIYANISHI Tatsuya

Once upon a time, there was a very lazy king. One day, the king saw a cat outside his castle. The cat had an acorn in its hand, and when it chanted a spell, the acorn turned into a yummy looking fish! These were magical acorns - one acorn granted one wish. The king started to use these acorns for all of his chores so he could slack off. However, when he whimsically transforms himself into a cat, he realizes that there are no acorns left to turn him back! Now what should he do? A humorous story for ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-564-01888-6
JPY1200, 32 pages, 263x220mm

Rabbit and Hedgehog
by TASHIRO Chisato

Rabbit and Hedgehog live together as happy friends, sharing same preference in most case, but not today! Rabbit wants shrimp curry for dinner, but Hedgehog wants egg curry. After quarreling, Hedgehog leaves. It gets dark and snows in the forest. “Wouldn’t he be attacked by wolves?!” Rabbit goes to search his friend... The book to invite readers to sympathize with heroes of the story. Companion titles: Rabbit and Hedgehog’s Rainy Day, and Rabbit and Hedgehog’s Summer Day. Ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-564-01885-5
JPY1200, 32 pages, 263x220mm

Mika’s Left Hand
by NAKAGAWA Hironori

Yuri’s classmate, Mika, is a little strange. She can look at things for hours without getting bored, and her left hand is always moving in the air. No one knows why, but Yuri is attracted to Mika’s unique personality. One day, when everyone is preparing for the school play, other classmates get mad at Mika for dazing out. Yuri couldn’t stand up for her, and Mika skips school the next day… The power of compassion grows when you learn to accept people who are different. Ages 6-up.

ISBN978-4-564-01883-1
JPY1200, 32 pages, 263x220mm
HIKARINOKUNI

Happy Veggies’ Daily Life

Good Night
by WATANABE Aya

Vegetable kids characters tell small readers how to behave in daily lives. Each volume relates to a story of Sorry, Good night, Good morning, Tidying up and so on. Lovely carrot, broccoli, Corn, Bean, Eggplant, Lotus root… all kid veggies perform as good guide for small children’s social lives. Eight volumes in series. For ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-564-01037-8
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

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JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Sorry
ISBN978-4-564-01048-4
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Good Morning
ISBN978-4-564-01049-1
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Thank You
ISBN978-4-564-01087-3
JPY850, 24 pages, 175x190mm

Tidying up
ISBN978-4-564-01088-0
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Be Quiet
ISBN978-4-564-01094-1
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Daddy’s Nose, Mommy’s Eyes

by NAKAGAWA Hirotaka
illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

“You have your Daddy’s nose. You have your Mommy’s eyes. You have your Grandpa’s forehead and your Grandma’s ears...” One by one, family members point to the baby’s facial features and tell him which parts resemble them. While reading this rhythmic book to babies, the reader can touch each part of the baby’s body to make it even more fun! The newest title from the interactive Let’s Play Baby! series that enforces family bonds.

ISBN978-4-564-01143-6
JPY880, 28 pages, 226x215mm

Yummy Fruits

by FUKUZAWA Yumiko
illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

Five different kinds of fruits presented on the cover. They have different “steps to eat” such as removing stem, cutting into pieces, taking skin off with knife, picking pieces from the woody stalks by hands. The book introduces those difference simply and shows various yummy plates of fruits and sweets. Fukuzawa’s pastel colored-pencil drawings help small children to recognize fruits with joy. Other titles in series are vegetables and breads.

ISBN978-4-564-01034-7
JPY800, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Yummy Breads

by NAKAGAWA Hirotaka
illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

ISBN978-4-564-01086-6
JPY800, 24 pages, 176x190mm

Hug and Squeeze!

by MORI Asako

Two cats cling to each other. Hug and squeeze! A pack of goldfishes swim close together. Hug and squeeze! Hedgehogs gather. Hug and...Ouch! In the end, all the creatures bundle up in a big tight hug! Readers will feel the joy of hugging and being hugged by someone they love. A fun picture book for babies and toddlers, created with simple, warm and stylish paper-cut art that will grab the eyes of children.

ISBN978-4-564-01144-3
JPY850, 24 pages, 176x190mm
Shy Little Panda
by NISHIMURA Toshio
Little Panda is so shy that she can never express what she wants to say. “What are you doing?” “Where are you going?” No matter what she’s asked, she can only blush and wriggle. One day at the park, she hides behind a tree because she is too shy to join with the other kids. But then, she sees little Rabbit hiding behind another tree. Is little Rabbit shy, too? The two come together and find the courage to make new friends. A picture book that will reassure small children that it’s okay to be shy. Ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-593-10135-1
JPY1400, 32 pages, 182x234mm

Yummy Spring Fields
by OKUHARA Yume
Ann and Mona are twin goats. Eating yummy food is what they live for, and outdoor cooking is the way to go! Equipped with their knife, pan, cutting board and seasonings, they go out in the field to find natural ingredients. Wherever there’s good food, they hear voices of insects saying “Oh, so yummy!” Follow the voices, pick the ingredients and put together a delicious “spring field dinner plate” to serve at their restaurant! A cute and humorous picture book conveying the joy of eating. Ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-593-10135-1
JPY1400, 32 pages, 182x234mm

Whop Whop Whop!
by MATSUMOTO Satomi
illus. by Azumimushi
A boy is lying in the field looking up at the sky, when a helicopter flies by. Whop whop whop! Next come pigs with helicopter blades! Thus begins the chain of surprises. A tractor, a trunk, a tired tiger... The boy follows them to the sea shore, where they all get on a raft and set out to the ocean! The dynamic illustrations and powerful onomatopoeia will stimulate the senses of children and widen their imagination. A comical nonsense picture book for ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-593-10094-1
JPY1400, 24 pages, 276x213mm

Toma and Emma in Maze Land
by OBA Kenya
On their way home, Toma and Emma get tricked by a fairy and wander into a land of mazes. The siblings must catch the fairy to return home, but in this world, every path becomes a maze! On top of that, Toma shrinks and the two lose sight of each other. Can they meet again and return home? The cross section of a tree trunk, the pages of a book, underground tunnels and city avenues – the scenes they travel are fun and exciting, but the mazes are hard to solve!

ISBN978-4-593-10038-5
JPY1400, 32 pages, 240x210mm

The Secret Olympics
by MOTOSHITA Izumi
illus. by YAMAGUCHI Kaori
As soon as the family has gone out the door, all the tools, toys and ornaments in the house start to move. Their very own Olympic Games are about to begin! Laundry clips and slippers run a marathon around the house. Dictionaries and potted plants play trampoline on the sofa. There is balance beam happening on the chair, weight lifting on the toilet, and judo on the bed! But can they finish before the residents come home? A playful picture book full of imaginative ideas. Ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-593-10072-9
JPY1500, 32 pages, 210x275mm
Bus Trio, the Housekeepers
by ARAI Hiroyuki
Vertically long pages show three buses—yellow, blue, and red—running from left to right. On every spread page, each bus meets a passenger. “Are you getting on?” “Yes!” A shirt gets on the blue bus, but building blocks don’t. A juice box takes the red bus, but a pair of socks doesn’t. It seems each bus has a specific destination – yes, the toy box, laundry machine, and the fridge! Let’s see if children can guess from looking at the passengers. A picture book for toddlers that will make them enjoy cleaning up.
ISBN978-4-593-10013-2
JPY1100, 28 pages, 206x182mm

The Flip Flap Aquarium Guide
by MORINAGA Yoh
This accordion picture book provides a visual tour of an aquarium, both from the front stage and the backstage. What does it take to maintain the beautiful tanks of coral reefs, deep-sea fish, sharks, and jellyfish? The caretakers’ equipment, the kitchen and refrigerators for fish food, pipes and lightings creating the perfect environments... When expanded outward, the book becomes a 260cm panorama! A fun, educational, and visually stunning book for ages 5-up.
ISBN978-4-593-10013-2
JPY1300, 30 pages, 206x182mm

What Is It Carrying? vol. 2
by SUZUKI Satoru
A new title from the popular What Is It Carrying? series, introducing more working vehicles such as dump trucks, mail trucks, beverage trucks, racing-car carriers, panda trucks, and sightseeing buses. Children discover what’s inside each one when they open the gate-fold pages. Inside is a spread illustration that shows what the vehicle carries and what is done with it. The lively work scenes will spark conversations between children and their parents. Ages 2-3.
ISBN978-4-593-10067-5
JPY980, 32 pages, 175x175mm

Roll and Go!
by HIRAGI Mitsue
Place your finger on the ring, and move it through the passages! In this book, each page has a groove with a flat ring inside it. When the reader slides the ring or tilts the book, the ring moves along the groove. Some grooves have sharp corners, some go in circles, and some zigzag. On the last page, four rings slide along the groove at once! The newest title from the Movable Book for Babies series, an interactive board book collection for very small children.
ISBN978-4-593-10056-9
JPY850, 8 pages, 160x160mm

Ghost Transformation!
Here comes the Bus
Simplified Chinese
Rights Sold
Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean
The King's Children
by MIURA Taro
Once there was a country with a king who had 10 children. In order to choose his heir, the king sends his children out into the world to think about how they want to rule the country. When the children return, however, they no longer want to rule the country. Instead they want to contribute to it in different ways. One becomes a florist, another becomes a mechanic… A sequel to The Tiny King and The Big Princess conveying a message that any job can be noble when carried out in the right spirit.

ISBN 978-4-03-352080-3
JPY 1,400, 32 pages, 200x280mm

One Line and Manuel – Picnic Day
by María José FERRADA
illus. by Pat MENA
Today, Manuel and his family are taking a trip to the countryside. Manuel has autism. Feeding goats, observing insects and feeling the breeze are what he loves to do. In Manuel’s mind, there is one line connecting the city and the countryside. Lines help Manuel understand the world better… Based on careful coverage of an existing boy, this book attempts to portray the viewpoint of an autistic child. The texts are accompanied by pictograms, which tend to help kids with autism understand sentences. Ages 3-up.

ISBN 978-4-03-202780-8
JPY 1,300, 36 pages, 170x200mm

A Little Bride
by Narcyza Zmichowska / illus. by FUKAWA Aiko
Once upon a time, a woman was resting in her room and found a tiny carriage procession passing under her bed. In the carriage was a beautiful little bride with long blond hair, wearing a silver dress and a flower crown made of cupflowers. However, the woman saw that her eyes were filled with tears… Published in winter 2019, this picture book is an original adaptation of an old fairy tale from Poland. Accompanied by sweet illustrations. Ages 4-up.

ISBN 978-4-03-348450-1
JPY 1,300, 32 pages, 270x190mm

Wannabe, the Witch’s Daughter
by TAKESHITA Fumiko / illus. by TANEMURA Yukiko
Wannabe is a witch’s daughter. At six, she entered the school of witchcraft. Her parents are certain that she has great talent, but Wannabe quickly falls behind. She likes to do origami and collect pretty stones while her peers memorize spells and practice magic. She is transferred to a human school but she doesn’t mind. She is slow but gentle, and always happy. When her class is trapped by a storm during a school trip, however, she finds a reason for using magic - to comfort others. A story about acceptance and true strength. Ages 6-up.

ISBN 978-4-03-313780-3
JPY 1,300, 48 pages, 220x190mm

The Ororon Parade
by ISHIGURO Ayako
On a night when the moon shines crimson, all the monsters in Japan come out for the Ororon Parade. But it’s only for grown-up monsters – the children are left at home. So what better way to spend their time than to have their own mini parade? When they get together, these adorably illustrated little monsters cause no end of chaos. A unique book with cute and charming illustrations inspired by traditional Japanese ghost tales and folklore. Ages 3-up.

ISBN 978-4-03-352080-3
JPY 1,300, 32 pages, 190x250mm
The Black Thing
by TANAKA Kiyo
The black thing is a strange creature only visible to a little girl. One day, she follows it home where they have so much fun together - drinking tea, hiding in closets, napping together in the warm fur of a cuddly creature. Each picture in this beautiful book is taken from a delicate copperplate etching by author-illustrator Kiyo Tanaka, crafted lovingly to depict a dream-like world full of friendship.
ISBN978-4-03-332880-5
JPY1400, 64 pages, 190x230mm

The Little Pebbles from the Sky
by SHIOTANI Mamiko
One day, a girl sees a shooting star fall to her garden. Looking around, she finds a strange pebble shaped in a cube that can float in the air. In the garden and on the street, she comes across the cube-shaped pebbles and continues to collect them in bottles. When joined together, they generate power to fly high in the sky and begin to shine in blue. The brand-new talent’s challenge for her first picture book, drawn with charcoal and colored pencils. Shiotani is the winner of the 15th Pinpoint Picture Books Competition in 2014.
ISBN978-4-03-332860-7
JPY1400, 32 pages, 290x220mm

Chaos
by YUMEMAKURA Baku
illus. by MATSUMOTO Taiyo
As it has no name, it is no one. As it is no one, it can be anyone. That’s why, it is called “Chaos”. It has six legs and six wings, but no eyes, no ears, no nose nor a mouth. It just looks up to the sky and smiles. One day, the King of the South Sea and the King of the North Sea came to Chaos to give it seven holes – two eyes, two ears, two nose holes and a mouth, but… The legend of chaos in the Chinese mythology is now refreshed by Yumemakura’s imaginative writing and Matsumoto’s beautiful drawings.
ISBN978-4-03-332890-4
JPY1600, 41 pages, 270x190mm

The Snow Flower
by KOZLOV Sergey/ adapted by TANAKA Tomoko
illus. by FADEEVA Olga
Animals in the wood are preparing to celebrate New Year’s Eve by decorating a fir tree, but the bear cannot join them because of a high fever. The hedgehog rushes off into the snowy forest in search of the mythical “snow flower” to cure the bear. Although he finds the flower blooming in a fountain, he fails to take it. On the way back with disappointment, however, a miracle happens to his frozen body. A heartwarming story with beautiful illustrations by Russian illustrator Olga Fadeeva, based on a script for a Russian drama. Ages 4-up.
ISBN978-4-03-963970-7
JPY1800, 36 pages, 290x250mm

To Buy a Pair of Gloves
by NIIMI Nankichi/ illus. by KUROI Ken
On a cold winter night a silver fox cub goes into town to buy a pair of gloves. His mother transforms one paw into a human hand that he is supposed to show the shopkeeper but mistakenly he shows him his fox paw. Will he be put into a cage when his true nature is revealed just as his mother warned him? This tenderly illustrated winter story will warm up your heart.
ISBN978-4-03-963310-1
JPY1400, 32 pages, 290x250mm
Tetsuko - The Girl Who Turned into a Balloon
by KOJIMA Naomi
Tetsuko wakes up feeling grumpy and pinches her little brother at breakfast. When scolded by her mother, she raps herself in the curtains refusing to apologize. But then, her body floats up in the air as if she is a balloon! Still, Tetsuko won’t stop pouting and snap at the wind and crows who try to talk to her. But when she realizes she can’t get down no matter how hard she tries, her mother shouts from the ground - “Stop pouting, Tetsuko! You have to smile to get down!” A picture book showing that children can learn how to release their negative emotions. Ages 4-up.
ISBN978-4-03-332970-3
JPY1400, 32 pages, 240x200mm

Tasuuke the Cobbler
by KADONO Eiko
illus. by MORI Tamaki
In the age of war, a girl found a new shoemaker run by young Tasuke. He was “useless” guy as his wrong eyesight exempted him to be a soldier. Shoemaking looked too luxury against the war-mood. While repairing spoiled shoes, Tasuke secretly made the very-best leather shoes for himself by uncontrollable passion. The girl who peeped it ordered her own shoes that fit her perfectly…. The story reminds us of the hundreds of individuals’ histories gone behind the war.
ISBN978-4-03-528520-5
JPY1200, 72 pages, 220x160mm

Letters from Green Fields
by MURANAKA Rie/ illus. by ISHIKAWA Eriko
Eri the 4th grade girl moved to Yamaguchi, the west-Japan countryside from Yokohama the east-Japan city. Soon after, she began to take care of her own “swimming pool size” vegetable field as suggested by her farmer grandpa. Tough weeds, spiders... Nature observation by Eri is so naive. The book consists of letter correspondence between Eri and her friend Emi in Yokohama. Gradually readers learn about Ken, their childhood friend who has been refusing school for a while… What could they do for him? Children’s inner feelings and growth are delicately expressed. Ages 10-up.
ISBN978-4-03-530950-5
JPY1400, 215 pages, 210x150mm

Adventure from the Library
by OKADA Jun
Wataru is in grade 6. He sneaks in and stays overnight at the school library of the abandoned Shibanozaki elementary school, which stands right next to his great uncle’s house. The library is, however, the gate to another world called “Shibanozaki Island” where he learns that his great uncle once lived there, got married, had a child and divorced. His ex-wife Mirei is the dragon god and she has gone missing… Cooperating with the island people, Wataru’s adventure to help the island begins! Okada’s authentic fantasy novel about hardship and rebirth. Ages 10-up.
ISBN978-4-03-540570-2
JPY1500, 302 pages, 220x160mm

The Story of the Forest Hospital - The Day the Ducklings Came
by TAKEDAZU Minoru/ illus. by OKAMOTO Jun
Well-meaning children bring four newly hatched ducklings to a farm vet known for helping animals injured in the wild. The vet hurries to the nest to return the ducklings but it is too late—the mother duck is gone and the task of raising the ducklings now falls to him. This is a tender and compelling tale of growth and determination, told in Taketazu’s distinctive style and brought to life with charming illustrations. Ages 10-up.
ISBN978-4-03-635520-4
JPY1200, 160 pages, 190x130mm
**The Great Soybean Family**
by HASHIMOTO Etsuyo

One day, in the soil, the Prince of Soybean said to his butler, “I want more people to know the greatness of soybeans”. They set out on their hilarious journey to introduce various features of soybeans; how soybeans grow mature from green beans to dry ones and how they are processed to be used for tofu, soy source, soups and other dishes. Humorous picture book for acquiring new knowledge about daily foods. Ages 5-up.

ISBN978-4-03-332930-7
JPY1500, 32 pages, 270x220mm

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**Traps of Carnivorous Plants**
by KIYA Misaki
illus. by YOKOYAMA Takuhiko

Plants absorb water and nutrients from the soil, grow in sunlight and are eaten by insects and other animals. On the contrary, carnivorous plants live by attracting insects, catching them with traps and sucking up nutrients. In the first part of this book, carnivorous plants themselves explain their unique activities as protagonists. Stunning illustrations will work as look-and-find games as well. The latter part is a scientific guide which categorizes traps into five methods. Enjoy the wonders of plants and their evolution with rich pictures and photographs.

ISBN978-4-03-437860-1
JPY2200, 60 pages, 280x210mm

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**The Wonderful Micro-Creature World**
by SUETOMO Yasutaka
illus. by TOMONAGA Taro

The vast world of daphnia, amoeba, paramecium and their relatives exists in any drop of water from a vase, pond, or sea. Under a microscope, they move as if skating, swim in a swirl, or change their shapes in astonishing ways. Some produce “food” using the power of sunlight, while others eat small dirt like a vacuum cleaner. Let’s explore the world of micro-creatures. Micro-creature videos are available through QR codes on interior pages.

ISBN978-4-03-527160-4
JPY2800, 80 pages, 270x220mm

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**100 Biographies From Around the World**
– Those Who Protected Human Rights
by FUJIYAMA Mieru

100 Biographies From Around the World is a series that introduces lives of historical figures in the form of manga. This 2nd volume focuses on people who fought for peace and human rights, such as Gandhi, Mother Teresa, Nelson Mandela, Audrey Hepburn, Anne Frank, and more. A short life-history manga is dedicated to each person, followed by a spread page with further information about social backgrounds, photos and maps. A series that will inspire children to think about what positive impact they can have on the world. Ages 8-up.

ISBN978-4-03-544520-3
JPY2200, 126 pages, 270x190mm

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**The Mysterious Candy Store Zenitendo**
by HIROSHIMA Reiko
illus. by jyajya

Zenitendo is a magical candy shop that appears in front of a person who is caught up with one’s trouble, such as a boy who dislikes daily piano lessons, or a girl who is afraid of tomorrow’s swimming class. The storekeeper woman serves a traditional snack/sweet of unique name that relates to one’s problem as a “medicine” to remove worry. But, Zenitendo has “a carrot-and-stick policy”. If one does not follow the “instruction manual” of each sweet, it causes more serious troubles… Each book contains six or more short stories.

ISBN978-4-03-635610-2
JPY900, 150 pages, 190x130mm
Where is Kokeshi?
by YAMADA Machi/ illus. by HANAYAMA Kazumi
Kokeshi is a traditional Japanese wooden doll that can be found in almost any Japanese household. In this little girl’s living room, too, a Kokeshi stands on the tea chest, but today it’s gone. Where did it go? She looks for it everywhere. On the TV screen, in a baseball game (a bat is replaced with the Kokeshi!), Queen-like rock star concert (Freddie-like singer’s microphone is replaced with the Kokeshi!), or the bottom of the sea (one of the garden eels is replaced with the Kokeshi!) It’s fun to see Kokeshi merge into the scenes so humorously. Ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-7721-0241-4
JPY1300, 32 pages, 240x190mm

Run Away Sunny Doll
by NISHIMAKI Kayako
Sunny Day Doll was made with a wish for good weather. But, when the wish came true, his owner family went for a picnic leaving the Sunny Day Doll behind. “Fine. I will leave this house and go on an adventure!” Will he find a place where he can be happy? Nishimaki, the author of My Magic Dress, the long-seller picture book first published in 1970s, presents a story picture book for very young readers. Ages 3-up.

ISBN978-4-7721-0243-8
JPY1200, 36 pages, 200x210mm

Cat and Cat
by MACHIDA Naoko
Machida is a hit-maker of cat picture books. The Cat Who Has No Name (Komine Shoten) won the grand prix of MOE Picture Book Award 2019. This is the latest cat book by Machida for very young children. On every spread, there are two cats in comparison. They look very different, but what do they have in common? Their eyes have the same color. Their hands are both white… The combination of simple text and realistic drawings makes the book outstanding. Ages 2-up.

JPY1000, 24 pages, 200x210mm

Bear
by MADŌ Michio
illus. by MASHIMA Setsuko
Spring comes and Bear wakes up. After the long sleep, he wonders “Who am I?”. He walks down the hill with sleepy eyes. He can tell the names of flowers, but can’t remember who he is. He comes to the river, looks in the water and finally cries out in joy, “Now I remember! I’m a bear!” A poem by Michio Mado, the winner of H. C. Andersen Award made into a baby picture book conveying the joy to be alive.

ISBN978-4-7721-0235-3
JPY900, 24 pages, 200x210mm

Shedding!
by KITAMURA Naoko
Children are fascinated by the way some creatures shed their skins or shells. In this picture book, a pill bug, a snake, a lizard, a cicada, and a crayfish shed. Afterwards, some look proud and some look relieved. Some shells and skins are transparent, while others are brown. But who’s are these? Pants, socks, and an undershirt... Hey little boy, did you shed too!? A perfect book for toddlers that are growing curious about nature. Ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-7721-0242-1
JPY900, 24 pages, 180x180mm
Let’S Get It Done!
by NISHIUCHI Minami
illus. by NISHIMAKI Kayako
Here lives a Granny with the motto “Let’s Get It Done.” She is so impressed with the flowers in her garden, that she gets an idea to start a flower shop. “The Sooner, the better!” She calls the carpenter to build her house a second floor. While waiting for the construction, she is amazed with her good cooking and gets an idea to start a restaurant by building a 3rd floor... How many business will she end up running at the same time!? Fun story picture book with Nishimaki’s lovely pictures.
ISBN978-4-7721-0074-8
JPY1400, 40 pages, 240x190mm

Sniff Sniff, Something Smells Good
by NISHIMAKI Kayako
Today, Sacchan ate breakfast in such a hurry that her mouth was covered with fried egg, her hands were sticky with jam, and her clothes had stains of chicken soup. Without caring at all, she ran off to the field. Then a little fox stopped Sacchan on the bridge; “You smell good. You must be fried egg! I will eat you!” What will Sacchan do? A fun and touching story to feel kindness and mother’s love.
ISBN978-4-7721-0054-0
JPY1200, 44 pages, 200x210mm

Everyone Is Surprised
by CHO Shinta
While an elephant was taking a nap, a naughty monkey drew a face on its hip. Without knowing, the elephant went for a walk. Animals in the jungle -- crocodile, gorilla, birds, all got surprised and ran away! Poor elephant became so sad as everyone left. Then, monkey came back and wiped away the scribble... A creation by Shinta Cho, a founder of Japanese unique non-sense picture books. First published in 1983.
ISBN978-4-7721-0072-4
JPY1500, 40 pages, 190x240mm

Mr. Neat
by ONO Rien
Neatness is a respectable quality. However, it may creat tension when taken too far. Mr. Neat works at the library. He is helpful with his punctuality and well-organized knowledge on books. People are grateful to him, but at the same time, a little bit scared. One day in the heavy snow, Mr. Neat finds a kitten and its droppings in front of his house. What’s gonna happen to his life with this messy kitten? A fun reading. Ages 6-up.
JPY1200, 72 pages, 220x160mm

New Classmate Is an Alligator
by ONO Rien
One day, a transfer student came to Osuke’s first grade class. To his surprise, the student was an alligator! He wanted to behave as Osuke and his classmates, but of course he couldn’t sit in a chair with his long tail nor can he grip a pencil with his short fingers. At lunch time, he swallowed the whole tray. A series of uproars continue... Fun reading. Ages 6-up.
ISBN978-4-7721-9068-8
JPY1200, 72 pages, 220x160mm
Elephant’s Dropping in the Sky  
by NEJIME Shoichi  
illus. by MURAKAMI Yasunari

Elephant threw his dropping using his nose like a discus throw! The dropping flew over heads of a gorilla and a lion, above a ferris wheel, through the clouds, beyond the river and finally landed on the city arcade… Nejime’s long playful texts full of drive are illustrated by Murakami with childlike paper cuttings combined with crayon line drawings. Fun picture book for ages 4-up.

JPY1300, 32 pages, 267x216mm

What’s That?  
by KURIHARA Takashi

On Raccoon Island, strange things often get washed up on the shore. They are human belongings which the raccoons have never seen before. A T-shirt, a hose, an umbrella… The chief raccoon pretends he knows how to use them, when in fact he has no clue. Can they figure out what they are? The ideas they come up with are silly but creative! A humorous picture book that helps children look at things from a different perspective.

ISBN978-4-7743-2852-2
JPY1100, 28 pages, 194x268mm

Acorns’ Journey  
by KOMAYASU Kan

The Acorns see a volcano erupt far out on the horizon, and sense that they are called. Hundreds of them gather to set out on a journey to the volcano. They advance in ranks, singing a song, just like brave warriors. When attacked by squirrels, they fight courageously and win the battle. After surviving a sea storm, they finally reach the volcano, where they find that their role is to plant themselves and become trees for the desolate surface of the mountain. The endurance and selflessness of the Acorns will move the reader’s heart, and make us think about the importance of preserving nature.

ISBN978-4-7743-2266-7
JPY1200, 32 pages, 216x293mm

Penguin Cruise  
by NOHANA Haluka

Welcome aboard! 55 penguins go on a cruise trip. Every penguin has a purpose; making the marriage proposal, participating in a dancing contest or enjoying the first family trip. In the luxury cruise ship, the penguins cherish every meeting with passengers and the crews. The detailed miniaturized cross-sectional drawings of the cruise enable readers to explore how each penguin spends his/her time. Every time reading this book, children will discover something new, opening double gatefold pages and trying quizzes inside. For age 3 ups.

ISBN978-4-7743-2708-2
JPY1400, 36 pages, 305x217mm

The Enormous Stomachache  
by AKI Bingo

Once upon a time, Cloud got so tired while traveling over the ocean that it had a terrible stomachache. Mountain let Cloud take a rest by sitting on it. When Cloud recovered, it left a huge ice cream at the top of the Mountain. Ice Cream!? Although this sounds like a mythology, you know it is a total nonsense creation by the artist Bingo Aki! A spectacularly unique picture book for ages 4-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-3046-4
JPY1300, 32 pages, 260x210mm
Little Me
by KASAI Mari / illus. by OKADA Chiaki
A little girl reflects on what she can do and what she can’t. She can’t take the dog for a walk by herself yet. But soon, when time comes, she will be able to do it. She can’t talk in a loud voice yet. But soon she will be able to do it. The dress she got from grandma is way too large but soon she will fit in... There are many things a little girl is too small for. But there will come a time when she will be able to do all these things. A wonderful tenderly illustrated book about being a child, seen from a child’s perspective.

I Feel Uneasy
by KASAI Mari
illus. by KOIZUMI Rumiko
When Anri saw a new classmate seated next to her best friend, she felt upset. Since then, she started facing an uncontrollable feeling of jealousy. The book portrays an elementary school girl who finds herself feeling jealous for the first time, struggles with the elusive emotion and tries to solve her inner conflicts by seeing things from different angles. A brave story on a universal theme that everyone suffers from. For ages 7-up.

The Duck
by ISHIKAWA Eriko
A girl lived in a home with a hen house in the garden. One day when she returns from school, there is a duck in the hen house. It looked weak, so she and her brother took it to the river to regain its energy. After swimming, the duck looked a little healthier. However, the next day the duck was gone – it could not live. At the dinner table that night, she knew they were eating the duck’s meat. This story based on the author’s real experience invites readers to think about consuming life and appreciating our daily food.

Boom! from the Sky
by TAKABATAKE Nao
If something really huge falls down from the sky and if it is a really giant pancake that you really like, then what would you do? Maybe, you are disciplined, “Don’t eat something you picked up on the street,” but, that’s not in such size! In the forest, the boy and a dog touch the melted butter, feel the sticky honey on both hands and crawl in between two-tiered pancakes. Let’s expand imagination with Takabatake’s humorous nonsense picture book. The book includes cut-outs’ craft to make your own diorama on the flap of the jacket.

Detective Gecko and the Lost Spider
by Komayasukan
Detective Gecko is called up to solve a murder case. He and his daughter Junior sets out to find the culprit who ate three spiders in the attic. Gecko suspects Don the toad, but Don turns out to be preoccupied with his own problem; one of his baby tadpoles is missing. Are the two cases connected? In the end, Junior comes up with a clever idea to capture the suspect. A fun and suspenseful mystery starring a father-and-daughter buddy. Ages 4-up.
The Mole's House
by MATSUYA Mayuko
The Mole Family lives in a house of many rooms spread underground. Living room, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, gym, etc. Let’s go through all the rooms with mole father and children to gather the things needed for mother mole’s birthday party! Read the questions carefully and find the items in the two-page-wide pictures of each room. A joyful look-and-find game book in story book form. For ages 3-6.

ISBN978-4-7743-2876-8
JPY1100, 80 pages, 220x150mm

Let's Think about Numbers
by MIYASHITA Suzuka/ illus. by ICHII Mika
Kyuta the dog and Sankichi the meerkat are students at the Solve the Problem elementary school. One day, they find someone’s hat left behind in the classroom. Let’s find the owner using subtraction! One by one, the two cross out the names of those unlikely to be the owner. The first book in a series that aims to raise children’s interest in mathematics through fun stories. From ages 6-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-2503-3
JPY1000, 64 pages, 217x154mm

The Truth of the Bad Tooth
by KUSUNOKI Akiko/ illus. by NAGAOKA Etsuko
Let’s learn how to protect our teeth from cavities. “Where are bad bacteria in my mouth? I cannot see them! Are they really digging my tooth?” Riko got a cavity, and now she wants to know how invisible bacteria destroy her tooth. Using a microscope, her dentist teaches her the truth about plaque and cavities. Offering precise knowledge, this picture book leads children to learn more about how to take care of their teeth. A best educational book for age 7 ups who hate brushing their teeth.

ISBN978-4-7743-2798-3
JPY1500, 32 pages, 240x220mm

A Bakery in Tremos
by OGURA Akira/ illus. by ISHIKURA Kinji
In Tremos the small town was a famous baker named Porto. His bakery was always crowded with people who wanted to buy bread he baked. One day, however, similar bakery opened just across the street from Porto’s Bakery. He tasted the bread from the new shop that was delicious enough to make him shed tears. Then he decided to send one of his apprentices to that new bakery in secret… Enjoy this imaginative story with full of warmth, joy and happiness. Awarded the Ogawa Meme Literary Prize in 1992.

ISBN978-4-87576-763-3
JPY903, 112 pages, 220x155mm

Kimihiro-kun
by ITO Miku/ illus. by NAKADA Ikumi
Tomoki is in grade 1, and Kimihiro is his best friend. However, he has been confused by Kimihiro’s behavior – he tells lies to Tomoki. Kimihiro is a good boy in front of everyone else, and is an honorable role model of his classmates. So why does he lie to Tomoki? One day, Kimihiro confesses; “My mother is not my real mother…” Is this true, or another lie? A story book about friendship. Ages 6-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-2876-8
JPY1100, 80 pages, 220x150mm
**Why Me?**
by OKA Shuzo
illus. by KATAOKA Mamiko

Sometimes, events in our lives make us think “Why me?” This anthology includes four short stories focusing on such emotion: a boy who has a classmate with visual disability, two kids who snatch an old woman’s purse, a boy who searches for the true recipient of a misdelivered letter, and four girls who randomly receive big money from an old woman… Shuzo Oka is a specialist at depicting children’s emotions when they face something “different.” A good reading for thinking about emotions and to generate discussions in class. For ages 8-up.

JPY1200, 152 pages, 195x135mm

**The Climber of the Starry Wall**
by KASHIZAKI Akane
illus. by SUGIYAMA Takumi

Paraclimbing is a sport for visually handicapped people, climbing a high wall grabbing on to small holds with voice navigation by a sighted person. This is a story of a junior high school girl Akari’s challenge to navigate a handicapped boy Subaru. How could they communicate without sharing the same sight? Through the sport, Akari begins to learn about struggles Subaru and handicapped people go through. *The holds on the wall are stars in the sky. Why don’t we climb up the constellation*** --- A fiction describing the growth of adolescence. For ages 12-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-3027-3
JPY1300, 264 pages, 195x135mm

**Do you Dislike Me, Mother?**
by ITO Miku
illus. by SAKAI Komako

It’s no doubt a mother’s affection for her child is infinite. On the contrary, it could lead to serious trauma if this affection link has a crack. This is a story of a teenager girl Hiyori who grew up feeling “My mother doesn’t like me,” and her mother Aiko who struggles with her ill emotions toward her daughter. The narrator switches from Hiyori to her mother, father, friend, etc., following their search for clues to a better solution. A fiction about “family” written with a warm perspective that there is no one single answer for happiness. For ages 12-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-2690-0
JPY1400, 200 pages, 195x135mm

**Kompira Inu**
by IMAI Kyoko/ illus. by Inunko

Yayoi was a daughter and heir of an established incents wholesaler of Edo city – ancient Tokyo more than 150 years ago. In order to pray for Yayoi who had been suffering a lengthy illness, her pet dog Mutsuki was sent for a pilgrimage to the Kompira Shrine, approx. 670km far from Edo. The journey was originally arranged to be accompanied by a gentle neighbor, but… Over the mountain, over the ocean, the dog’s pilgrimage continued, leading to acquaintances and parting ways with various people/animals. A fiction based on a real Edo-period tradition. Ages 12-up.

ISBN978-4-7743-2707-5
JPY1500, 344 pages, 195x135mm
The Cat Who Wanted a Name
by TAKEISHITA Fumiko/ illus. by MACHIDA Naoko
The stray cat has no name. He was called “kitten” when he was small, “cat” after grown up, or “Go away Stray Cat” in these days. The shoemaker’s cat is proud of his name Leo that means lion. The bookstore cat is cheerful and his name is Cheer. The cat of the cafeteria even has two names - Mimi and White. Why no name for me? Even for this miserable cat, the day comes finally. “You have beautiful green eyes like a melon. So, you are Melon!” said the little girl. The lonely cat not only got his name but also someone who loved him! The book reached 3rd printing in 2 months from its publication.
ISBN978-4-338-26133-3
JPY1500, 32 pages, 280x220mm
Simplified Chinese, Korean
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The Magical Bucket
by KARUBE Takehiro
A bucket is walking in the dusk and it slips, making a big puddle. An elephant comes to bathe, it rains on fishes, and a huge tadpole falls in the puddle. It shrieks, then the water is sucked back, and finally the identity of the magical bucket is revealed under the moonlight. The more you look at the illustrations carefully, the more you discover lots of funny details, even if you feel a little scared at first glance. The Karube world is very attractive not only for children but also for adults. Ages 3-up.
ISBN978-4-338-26128-9
JPY1500, 32 pages, 310x240mm

The Rabbit Ballet Shoes
by AWA Naoko
illus. by MINAMIZUKA Naoko
I want to be a better ballet dancer…. This is a sole wish of a girl who is not good at dancing. One morning, she receives a parcel in which she finds a pair of ballet shoes. The little ballerina meets a rabbit shoemaker and rabbit ballet dancers in a cherry tree shoe store on the mountain. She keeps dancing with them under the tree till sunset, but she suddenly finds herself alone with the ballet shoes and a pleasant memory… Turn the pages and, beautiful pink cherry flowers will overwhelm you. Since its first publication in 1989, it reached over 70 reprintings. Ages 5-up.
ISBN978-4-338-06911-3
JPY1300, 24 pages, 280x220mm

Chappy the Cat
by SASAMEYA Yuki
This book is an homage to Chappy, the cat of one of the most famous Japanese illustrators. The cat Chappy is born at a fisher’s house. He arrives at the illustrator’s house and stays. Chappy on the daughter’s back, Chappy on the illustrator’s knees while the illustrator is reading the newspaper, Chappy presenting proudly what she caught – there are many memories with Chappy. The book follows Chappy’s life until his death in the arms of the illustrator. A heartwarming and lovely picture book.
ISBN978-4-338-26103-6
JPY1400, 32 pages, 280x210mm
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The Maple Letter
by KIKUCHI Chiki
From the other side of the mountain, a thrush delivered a bright red maple leave to the mouse. It meant the snow season is approaching. Mouse, Squirrel and Bulbul bird began to search for the red maple in their mountain. But, they only found red mushrooms, red camellia flowers and a dangerous red fox! Finally, they reached the field of red maples. Kikuchi, the Golden Apple Award winner in Bratislava Illustrations Competition 2013 presents an artistic picture book focusing red as the beauty of autumn. Ages 5-up.
ISBN978-4-338-26132-6
JPY1600, 31 pages, 230x310mm
Simplified Chinese
Rights Sold
**Sushi for All**
*by Harapekomegane*
This is a sushi restaurant with a chef that can turn any kind of food into sushi. Today's customers are workers returning from work and a cheerful family. When a mysterious customer visits the sushi restaurant, however, the sushi chef's true identity is revealed... A picture book with gatefold pages created by Harapekomegane, an art unit continuously producing works with the theme of food. The final scene leaves plenty of room for imagination. A picture book enjoyable for both children and adults.

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JPY1400, 51 pages, 265x190mm

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**New Year Has Come**
*by AKIYAMA Tomoko*
The end of year is approaching. The New Year's decoration market in Asakusa is crowded with wholesale suppliers. Naoko also buys decorations here, and sells them at the corner of her local shopping arcade. After closing the shop, Naoko's family prepares for the New Year by cleaning the house and cooking traditional New Year's food. “Happy New Year!” A picture book based on careful observation of an existing family, depicting the joy of celebrating New Year's Day.

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JPY1400, 32 pages, 242x270mm

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**Little Panda's Errands**
*by ISHIKAWA Koji*
Little Panda is asked by his mother to go shop for the ingredients for dinner. However, just when he finishes buying all the things he needs, he trips and everything goes flying away! Readers must help little Panda find all the lost items. Find the apple and the orange in a flower field! Find the baguette and the squash in a football pitch! Enjoy the 7 spreads of look-and-find games and a recipe at the end showing how to make little Panda's dinner appearing in the book.

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JPY1300, 31 pages, 196x255mm

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**The Night Boat**
*by YAMASHITA Haruo illus. by KUROI Ken*
After supper, Misaki follows her father onto the balcony where he is looking at the night sea. The lighthouse is blinking at the tip of a headland jutting out in the distance. Her father tells her that the light is a signal inviting them to come over on the night boat. Next thing she knows, her father transforms into a night boat and she is riding it. They paddle along a path of light through the dark sky...The warmth of the bond between father and daughter comes through clearly. A dreamy one-night adventure accompanied by lyrical art work.

ISBN978-4-591-12426-0  
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**We Are Twins!**
*by Satoshin illus. by TAKEUCHI Tsuga*
“We are a pair of shoes. Two shoes make one pair, so we are twins.” This book takes many things that work in pairs, such as shoes, chopsticks, headphones, and introduces them as twins. Of course not all things are twins, but cooperation turns any two items into a special pair! The author, a performer of live picture book reading to children, got the inspiration for this book through his live performances. A book that will let children see familiar items with new eyes.

ISBN978-4-591-16284-2  
JPY1300, 32 pages, 243x211mm
The Quiet Lake
by YAMAZAKI Yuko
Once you open this book, deep silence and the fresh air of a lake will envelop you gently. Birds drift on the water slowly. They break softly the silence of the dawn and a new day begins in the quiet lake. You could feel the freshness of morning haze and even hear birds singing. The beautiful picture book will take you into nature and you will feel calm and peaceful. Best for anyone who wish children to know about beauty of nature.

I Went to the Ocean
by KASUYA Nami
A well-tanned girl wearing a straw hat and holding a seashell up to her ear recalls her nice trip to the ocean in her room. When she takes off the hat, the sea and the starry sky suddenly appear. Following the stars, she finds a darkened lighthouse... There must be a lighthouse in each of our hearts, the author says. The bright watercolors will take both children and adults to a secret moonlight journey.

The Guardian Star
by IMON Noriko
“No need to worry, I’m always with you. I’m your guardian star...” A boy called Ai is always slower than his friends in doing anything. It is difficult for him to keep up and to have a good relationship with them in a nursery school. One night, his guardian star comes and tells him: “I’m always watching you and standing by you. So please don’t make me sad.” Ai begins to think about what will make the star feel sad. The guardian stars will help children and their parents understand diversity and tolerance.

The King’s Treasure
by KASUYA Nami
The King gets a beautiful treasure box that is still empty. “What shall I put here?” He does not agree jewelries, dolls or precious things that can be bought. So, the King travels to search for a treasure by himself. When he comes to the forest, he sees a tiny fish in a small puddle. Without someone’s help, the fish would die soon as the water is drying out. Using the treasure box as a fish tank, he saves the fish by moving it to the forest pond.... A kind heart is a treasure of your life! A beautiful picture book by a talented new artist.

Cat, Cat, Cat
by SHINOZAKI Saburo
There appear 111 cats in this picture book. Each of them looks free-spirited private individual. While watching them, you would find that someone looks like you, someone reminds you of some friends, or someone you feel so familiar or nostalgic. Maybe, no matter whether readers are children or adults, those cats let readers imagine their nicknames, preferences, and characteristics. As the book is so simple with limited lines of texts that it gives you a rich space of imagination. For age 0 to 100 readers.
Baby in the Forest
by IWAMURA Kazuo

In the spring forest, three little mice siblings meet a baby bird chirping on the tree. He looks so hungry. The mice children try to feed something for the baby. How about a pinecone? Or, cherry blossom? Or, even milk?? Of course, the baby bird doesn’t eat until his mother bird brings a worm and make the baby bird so happy. — Kazuo Iwamura’s Little Squirrels series (6 titles) are the best story picture books to invite small children to the joy of “reading pictures” and learn something in the stories in four seasons.

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What Happened on Sunday Picnic?
by NAKAGAWA Chihiro
illus. by KOYOSE Junji

It’s Sunday and little people are having a fun day off. The crane, bulldozer and all working vehicles stay in the park, too. They merrily go for a picnic to the riverbank and find a turtle that is struggling to turn over. They cannot leave without helping someone even on their day off! The sixth title of the Little People series published in 2017.

Kawaii Girl for Free
by ITO Hiroshi

A girl was unhappy since her baby brother joined the family. Today, she was so bad tempered that she declared to leave home to find a new family. She had no doubt about her perfect plan – to pick up a carton box at the trash place, write a sign “Kawaii Girl for Free”, and stay in the box with a lovely smile. She dreamt of new parents who lived in a rich house. Most of all, no monkey-brother in her new family! First published in 1995. A great humorous read-by-myself story book. For age 5 ups.

My First Kojiki
by TAKENAKA Yoshiko & NEGISHI Takako
illus. by SUZUKI Koji

Kojiki means “Record of Ancient Matter” (completed in 712 CE) and is a compilation of myths and legends starting with the creation of the world by the gods Izanagi and Izanami. When Izanami dies, Izanagi descends to the underworld to meet his wife. Despite his promise not to do so he looks at her and filled with rage she chases after him. Faith and betrayal are the universal themes of this book, told in an easy and child-oriented way.

Walking with Spring
by NISHIDA Toshiya

Yota a school boy who a year ago moved from Tokyo to Nara, the dead mother’s hometown, reached the day of graduation of elementary school now. He had no idea how to spend spring vacation without close friends, nor courage to greet a classmate girl. While wandering in the city, he got involved to take care of a stray French bulldog. While walking around Nara city searching for the dog’s owner, various encounters began to change Yota’s days… The 12-year-old’s spring is vividly drawn in heart-moving story.
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