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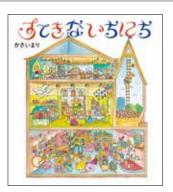
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CHILD HONSHA



The Beautiful Day

by KASAI Mari

The mouse children will have a fun day out with their family in town. There is a clothing store, a toy store, a restaurant, and a musical theater. Each building is depicted in detail with a cross-sectional view of the interior with a die-cut and folding pages. The author Kasai successfully incorporates children's dreams into this lovely story picture book. The second volume of her Fun Day Out picture book series. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-86549-288-0 JPY1500, 24 pages, 250x240mm Simplified Chinese, Thai

The Special Day



ISBN978-4-86549-136-4 JPY1400, 24 pages, 250x240mm Simplified Chinese, Tha



Have a Good Nap

by SUZUKI Hatsue illus. by OKADA Chiaki

After lunch, little girl Aya and her spoon, cup and plate on the table as personified companions become sleepy one after another. To the spoon, Aya gently says "Have a good nap." When the plate dozes off, she watches over warmly. When the cup almost falls off the table, she catches it steadily. Finally, Aya becomes sleepy and sits on the floor with a kitten. After the little nap, everyone is refreshed and shows lovely smiles again. A picture book that conveys the comfort of a nap to very young children. Ages 2-up.

ISBN978-4-8054-5254-7 JPY355, 21 pages, 210x187mm



My Glasses

by tupera tupera

The frog's glasses (yellow and round) flew to the water's edge. "Where are my glasses? Here they are!" He put on the glasses and saw the children tadpoles. The book repeats lost and found of glasses that differ in color, shape and design according to each character such as a giraffe, an owl, and a guy. The scenes they see with the glasses relate to each one's living place. A craft sheet "Let's make your own glasses" is included. tupera tupera's outstanding colors and designs make this an eye-catching picture book. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-86549-240-8 JPY1400, 24 pages, 240x240mm



Frog Chorus by OKAMOTO Toshiaki illus. by 100% ORANGE

The melody sung by one person is followed by others, and eventually everyone's voices overlap to form a chorus... Based on the German folk song Froschgesang, 100% ORANGE has created an expressive picture book using only simple lines and two colors, black and green. This book is part of the Song Board Book series, which offers a visual representation of children's familiar song. Ages 2-up

ISBN978-4-8054-5529-6 JPY364, 21 pages, 210x210mm



Hide and Seek

by OZAKI Genichiro, OZAKI Yukina

"Ready or not, here I come!" Umbrella ghost, kappa, rokurokubi (a girl with a long neck)... Seven yokai kids play hide-and-seek. It takes place in a nostalgic Showa-style shopping arcade. A bicycle shop, a candy shop, a ramen noodle shop, a cake shop... On each spread, one yokai is hiding. The two artists who are also active in the unit OZCO get young readers to play search and find with their delightful drawings based on reliable painting techniques. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-86549-303-0 JPY1300, 24 pages, 250x250mm

CHILD HONSHA



Path

by SAITO Shinobu

A girl draws a path on the ground in the park. It extends ahead by itself so she follows. The path leads her to a mysterious bakery (various pastries hang from tree branches), a juice shop (juice spurts out of cups), and a river where a crocodile lurks, and lastly a hot spring with a slide... A large tree, a fountain, a slide, and a sandbox in the park are transformed into a rich world of imagination. The author is known for her going around to various nursery schools. That surely inspires her creation of heart-sharing picture books for very young children. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-86549-234-7 JPY1200, 24 pages, 240x240mm



ISBN978-4-86549-004-6 JPY1200, 32 pages, 250x220mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Thai

Little Red Truck and Pink Truck

by MIYANISHI Tatsuya

Little Red Truck has to deliver several cartons to the museum. He gets help from Little Pink Truck. She introduces herself as "shy, weak and a crybaby". Soon she starts crying when they face the first obstacle: A rock has fallen down and is blocking the street. But a kind crane helps to remove the rock. They arrive at a very large street. It's an airstrip! They have lost their way. Little Pink Truck starts crying again. A kind airplane offers his help. He brings them to near the museum. Only a wooden bridge separates them now from the museum. But Little Red Truck looks very anxious... "Never give up!" is the message of this title of the cute "Little Red Truck" se-

Little Red Truck



ISBN978-4-89325-307-1 JPY1200, 40 pages, 240x210mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese,

Little Red Truck & Black Truck



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Little Red Truck & Yellow Truck



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Little Red Truck & Green Truck



ISBN978-4-86549-071-8 JPY1200, 32 pages, 250x220mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese,



Naughty Three and the Old Witch

by YUKINO Yumiko & UENO Yoshi/ illus, by SUEZAKI Shigeki

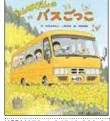
"The Naughty Three" is a series of story picture books where trio of Ken, Hiroshi, and Kumi suddenly wander out of their daily lives into a mysterious world, help to solve problems, and return to the original places. This time, they wander into a strange mansion where an old blind witch lives alone... Each volume has a theme concerning social, natural, or environmental issues. Thoughtfully designed to help young children step up their reading from picture books to stories, not only in subject matter, but also in the flow of time and space. Selling over 1.1 million copies cumulatively since its first publication in 1990. Ages 5-up

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Bus Journey



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The Secret Base



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The Garden Fairies



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The Sea Castle



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The Weather Land



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The Magical Candy Shop

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DOSHINSHA



Molly the Lamb and the Crocodile Bag

by KOMATSU Nobuhisa illus. by HATA Koshiro

Molly the lamb is a cheerful boy who loves to go out all by himself. Today, Molly went for a walk, and got lost. What should he do? His great buddy, a crocodile bag surely saves him! Molly opened the mouth of the crocodile bag wide and twisted himself in. Then, the bag swam down the river to brings Molly home! ... A crazy funny story picture book with cute cartoony illustrations. The first title of the wacky and hilarious Molly the Lamb series. Ages 4-up

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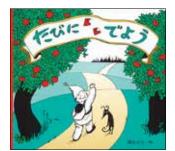


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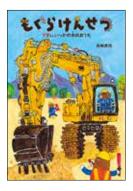
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Journey by FURIYA Nana

A boy goes on a journey with a dog beyond the fields and over the forest to enjoy the world unknown. Unexpected happenings are bound to occur on a trip, such as his nose grew long after eating a strange berry or swallowed by a big fish... The black and white pictures occasionally turn into colors to create the vibrancy of the journey effectively. The author Furiya who lives in Slovakia, originally published this book in 1992 when she had moved her lives out of Japan. Inspired by short-animations of Russia and Eastern Europe, she created the warm and gentle book. Ages 3-up

ISBN978-4-494-01251-0 JPY1300, 48 pages, 174x190mm



The Moles' Construction Company by NAGASAKI Shingo

The squirrel family comes to ask the Moles' Construction Company to fix their house in a tree that is leaning terribly. An excavator digs at the base of the leaning tree, a crane pulls to straighten it, and a dump truck fills it with soil to solidify the foundation...They make the squirrel family so happy by reforming their house much nicer than before! A storybook that depicts working cars and construction sites with warm and humorous pictures. The 1st title of The Mole Construction Company series. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-494-01588-7 JPY1300, 32 pages, 266x191mm



Grandma Forever

by NEJIME Shoichi illus. by SHIMODA Masakatsu

Shoichi Nejime is one of Japan's leading contemporary poets. He has created numerous picture books that convey family bonds by replicating scenes from everyday life humorously. In this picture book, he depicts grandmother's daily life from a young boy as a narrator, and tells that death is not the end. The memories continue to live in one's heart. An excellent picture book that speaks to children about life. Ages 6-up

ISBN978-4-494-01636-5 JPY1400, 39 pages, 207x222mm

DOSHINSHA



Lovely Animals by ISHIKAWA Koji

A book to enjoy popular animals in lovely pictures and simple texts with gatefold-page-surprises. You will see the name of each animal on the left page and the whole body on the right page. When opening the right folded pages, each animal's unique move is described in picture. A dog, a rabbit, a dolphin, a panda, a monkey, a penguin, and a cat follow. The 2nd volume is Amazing Animals (a polar bear, a lion, a bear, a whale, a crocodile, a gorilla, and a giraffe). A joyful book for toddlers.

ISBN978-4-494-00847-6 JPY950, 28 pages, 150x150mm

Amazing Animals

ISBN978-4-494-00848-3 JPY950, 28 pages, 150x150mm



Cut the Shape by NAKAARAI Junko

By cutting shapes into pieces, something new to be born dramatically. When a green oval is cut into two pieces, it turns to a frog. When a brown square is cut into three pieces, it turns to a puppy. The onomatopoeic texts represent scissor's movements and effectively entertain the joyful transformations. Enjoy the origin of creation with toddlers. The book to follow the preceding picture book "Paper Goes" (2021).

ISBN978-4-494-01587-0 JPY1000, 24 pages, 210x187mm



A Breakfast for 14 Mice

by IWAMURA Kazuo

Father, Mother, Grandpa, Grandma, and ten brothers and sisters. The Family of fourteen mice enjoy the day in seasonal specialty of nature. The long life series since 1980s continues to add new titles. Delicate and detailed pictures based on the faithful conservation of nature tell children joy of the life in good harmony of family and natural surroundings. Ages 4-up.

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HAKUSENSHA



Mom, I'm Falling Asleep

Yu-chan, a little girl, likes to pretend to be asleep, because her mother will come to pick her up softly, put her on the bed gently, and cover her with a futon warmly. In her room, in the bathroom, on the stairs, and anywhere, she pretends to be asleep. Today, in the park, Yu-chan pretended, but her mother didn't come. What's happened?... The book conveys a young girl's comfort of being with her mother. Abe's works include "I Want to Meet You" (published by Hidamarisha).

ISBN978-4-592-76283-6 JPY1200, 32 pages, 265x200mm Traditional Chinese



Sushi Came to Buy Clothes

by TANAKA Tatsuya

This is a collection of seven funny shopping scenes, such as sushi for clothes, ice cream for a hat, sausage for a car, in miniature photographs and witty dialogues. Since 2011, the author has been continuing an art project, "Miniature Calendar" through internet in which he reimagines everyday objects as something differently from the miniature perspective. His exhibitions have attracted a total of over 1.8 million visitors (as of June 2022). The book to promise your big smiles.

ISBN978-4-592-76312-3 JPY1300, 32 pages, 210x210mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, English (World)



The Sunshine Boy

by tupera tupera

In the center of the board book, there is smiling face. This face, which can be seen through the die-cut hole, is the face of the sun on the front cover. When you turn the pages, it fits as a part of baby's face, a child's face, a young man's face, a groom's face, and a newborn baby's face. The beautiful colors and designs of tupera tupera tell the story of a boy's life under the sun.

ISBN978-4-592-76250-8 JPY1300, 24 pages, 184x184mm



The Dream Bank Meets Grandpa's Friend

Dream Bank handles a variety of dreams that are made into candies. The owner Pen-Pen is a penguin boy who took over the bank from his grandpa. His buddy Yum-Yum is an animal that eats ones' dreams and capsule them to make "dream candies". Today, they visited Grandpa's old friend and happened to find his treasure box... Dreams come out from one's unforgettable memories. Searching for precious moments with someone special, people visit the dream bank. The 3rd title of the Dream Bank series, presented by Aki Kondo, also known for very popular "Rirakkuma" collection.

ISBN978-4-592-76313-0 JPY1300, 36 pages, 217x177mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Thai

The Dream Bank



ISBN978-4-592-76275-1 JPY1300, 36 pages, 217x177mm

A Little Customer



ISBN978-4-592-76297-3 JPY1300, 36 pages, 217x177mm

HAKUSENSHA



Fashion Magic

by HIGUCHI Yuko

A flip-flap picture book that are divided into three sections from the top to the bottom, as the head, the body and the legs parts. Readers can change cats' outfits such as dresses, swimsuits, capes, T-shirts, raincoats, dresses, etc. as they like. Higuchi is overwhelmingly popular for her bizarre but kawaii illustrations and has been spreading her activities even beyond picture books, including a collaboration with GUCCI. Enjoy Higuchi world of this playful picture book.

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JPY 2273, 60 pages, 236x160mm Italian



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Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean

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.



ISBN978-4-592-76215-7 JPY1500, 120 pages, 220x160mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean



ISBN978-4-592-76238-6 JPY1500, 108 pages, 220x160mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean



Naughty Cats' Steam Locomotive by KUDOH 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 corncobs 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.

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Bread Factory



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HIKARINOKUNI



Rumba and 105 Chicks

by mokako

Rumba loves fluffy and cute chicks. One day, she won a big egg from "Chick Monthly," and 105 chicks were born. (Vol. 1, Rumba's Egg.) This time, we will see the fun day of Rumba and chicks that enjoy picture-drawing, hide-and-seek, walking... just like children's preschools. This picture book conveys to young children the joy of spending time together with many friends. The 2nd volume of the popular Rumba and Chicks series. Ages 4-up

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Rumba's Egg



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Sledding



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Watermelon



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The Camphor Tree House Under the Sunshine by BUSHIKA Etsuko/ illus. by SUEZAKI Shigeki

The Camphor Tree House is like a parasol in a field, creating a large shade where many animals have come to cool off. The squirrel cook of the sixth-floor opened a shaved ice stand in front of the entrance. The monkey carpenter spread out a big sheet for the children. Everyone napped comfortably and, before they knew it, their shirts and towels were gone. That strange, traveling raccoon is suspicious? But the truth is.... Various animals are living together in harmony. The 11th volume in series in Summer, 2022.

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10 Floors



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New Neighbor



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Pop-Up Trains

by FÜRUKÄWA Masakazu illus. by MOTONOBU Kimihisa

Pop-up book designer Furukawa features train, train, train! One day, Bear cub boy receives a letter from his friend - an invitation to her house. Together with his mother and father, Bear cub takes a train and sets off. A railroad crossing, an express train, a railway bridge, a tunnel, a monorail, and a Ferris wheel of amusement park. All sorts of vehicles appear along the way in colorful pop-ups. Amazing paperwork perfectly fits the story. Ages 2-up

ISBN978-4-03-127100-4 JPY1200, 33 pages, 160x220mm



Hide and Seek Numbers

by ISHIKAWA Koji

1 to 10 are introduced by numbers, pronunciations, English, and dots. Objects are drawn according to each number, but only small part of each object is visible, hidden by folding pages. Guess what? The book progresses from 1 to 10, and the last page jumps to 100! With bright and clear illustrations by Ishikawa, this picture book presents a fun way for very young children to become familiar with numbers. Ages 2-up

ISBN 978-4-03-127190-5 JPY 1100, 46 pages, 160x160mm



What's Your Name? by ARAI Hiroyuki

A panda interviewer introduces himself, "My name is Panda. My favorite food is bamboo grass!" Then, he turns the microphone to the animals and asks, "Please tell me your name." A dog replies, "I am a dog. Woof, woof, woof, woof! That's what I shout". It continues to a giraffe, an elephant, a crocodile... Everyone has its own name and characteristic. The book shares the joy of this truth. Ages 1-up

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Invisible Vehicles

by NAKASHIMA Junko

Miki and her father have magic glasses. Put them on and bodies of vehicles have gone invisible. Can you guess what kind of vehicle it is by looking at the people on it? People are sitting next to next in two lines facing each other and some are standing (train). A boy is stretching two arms in front of his body. (kickboard). A Bus, a train, an airplane, a boat, a pram, a scooter, Ferris wheels, and elevators... This is a picture book of "guessing what" enjoying the characteristic of vehicles. Ages 4-up

ISBN 978-4-03-232690-1 Rights Soll JPY 1300, 32 pages, 270x 220mm Korean



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You Look Well, Squirrel Ricky

by TAKESHITA Fumiko illus. by TORIGOE Mari

In spring, Ricky finally returned to school after long interval from hospital. Even if she still couldn't join a sport-game, Ricky could participate as a scorer. Even if she couldn't carry heavy things, she could help by finding out small lost items. Ricky and classmates realized that there was a way to have fun together. Children who return to schools face another challenge after they leave hospitals. A picture to help children understand and accept friends in challenge. Ages 4-up



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

ISBN978-4-03-352080-3 JPY1300, 32 pages, 190x240mm



The Rain Kappa

by MURAKAMI Saori

One rainy day, a strange green creature arrives at Nao's house. It is a river spirit called Kappa. Nao's mother asks the Kappa to babysit Nao while she runs chores. Although scared at first, Nao gradually opens up to the gentle Kappa. It makes her a lunch box and invites her on a picnic - "But it's raining," says Nao. "Because it's raining," smiles the Kappa. Thus the two go on a magical outing, into the thick woods. A mysterious, but calming picture book full of surprises, perfect to cheer up children on a rainy day. Ages 3-up

ISBN978-4-03-332760-0 Rights Sold JPY1300, 32 pages, 260x220mm Italian



The Mountain God's Giant Lunchbox by OKUSHI Yuji

The whole village is busy preparing a Giant Lunchbox to celebrate the Giant Mountain God who is coming for the first time in 20 years at the upcoming village festival. A truck carries giant asparaguses. A crane lifts a giant dried plum... The fun cartoony scenes continue throughout the book. The front endpaper runs catalogue of characters to play search and find on interior pages. The back endpaper is a tourist map of the village. The entire book is full of playful touches. Ages 4-up

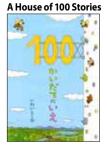
ISBN978-4-03-350150-5 JPY1200, 32 pages, 270x200mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese



A Swamp House of 100 Stories by IWAI Toshio

At the top of a mountain, there was a huge round rock called "Full Moon Rock". One windy day, the rock fell down and blocked the swamp. Vortex a tadpole boy headed down through the hole at the bottom of the swamp, looking for help ... A cross-sectional view of creature's home is drawn on each of the ten floors in one spread while the book opens from the top to bottom. As the story goes, the appearance of Vortex gradually changes... The sixth volume in the very popular "House of 100 Stories" series.

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The Ocean Studio

by HORIKAWA Rimako

In the room of the protagonist girl's grandmother, there was a portrait of a girl about her age. "Who is this?" The grandmother then carefully told the girl about the person who painted the portrait and the summer week she spent in her studio nearby the ocean. In those days, she had been unable to go to school because of a bad day, must have found a way to regain her strength there... The mind is always free. You are the one who sees, feels, and lives in this world. The book tells reader gently.

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JPY1400, 32 pages, 220x280mm

Traditional Chinese, Korean, Italian



The Little Shrew

by MIYAKOSHI Akiko

This book contains three episodes that capture the life of a little shrew. The first chapter introduces his punctual life from waking up to going to bed. The second chapter describes a television set he acquired from a secondhand shop. In chapter 3, two friends visit from afar and enjoy their reunion on a winter night. The text and illustrations are in perfect harmony which depicts the contented life of a shrew. The first illustrated story book by Miyakoshi, highly acclaimed in Japan and abroad.

ISBN978-4-03-439580-6

JPY1400, 71 pages, 210x160mm

French, English(North America)



Fishy

by SHIOTANI Mamiko

Fishy, being a fish, cannot live outside in the water. He wears rubber pants, a glass helmet, protects with skin cream and walks to the elementary school every day. Walking is hard for him because he is a fish. One day, during sports class, Fishy falls down on a relay race. He hates to lose. Fishy gets depressed as things don't go as well as in the water.... A unique picture book that warmly conveys friendship in a surreal setting. Ages 4-up

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JPY1300, 32 pages, 230x190mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Russian



The Attic Ghost

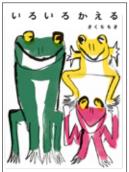
by SHIOTANI Mamiko

An old house. An attic. And a ghost who's been living there along for a very long time. He's a little afraid to leave his attic and so is affronted when a little girl starts appearing daily in his own private space. So the ghost musters all of his ghostly skills—invisibility, floating, miniaturization—to scare her away. The author-illustrators characteristically delicate and detailed illustrations have been done entirely in charcoal pencil, resulting in a beautifully atmospheric mood. (from KAISEI-SHA web) Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-03-350010-2

JPY1200, 32 pages, 250x190mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, French, Russian



Frog Frog Frog by KIKUCHI Chiki

Green frog loves to eat insects in the grass. Yellow frog loves to play in the sun. Pink frog loves to dance among the flowers... Five frog children in five colors express what they like that echo the colors of their surrounding nature. Chiki Kikuchi, twice recognized by the Biennial of Illustrations Bratislava for his works, presents another outstandingly beautiful book.

ISBN978-4-03-232670-3 JPY1400, 24 pages, 310x240mm



NON FICTION

The Yato Home

by YATSUO Keiji

This unique picture book tells a story of a shingled roof farmhouse built in a valley (Yato) and its inhabitants running through over the past 150 years in pictures, with the sixteen Buddhist statues serving as the narrators. The model setting is the Tama New Town area in the suburbs of Tokyo, but not only the village depicted here, but the town in which we live today was once a land rich in nature, which was transformed over time. A commentary of 8-pages is included at the end of the book.

ISBN978-4-03-437900-4 JPY1800, 40 pages, 220x310mm

French



Rock Rabbits

by HONDA Tetsuya

The author once met a rock rabbit when he was a boy. This small rabbit with a bird-like call lives only in Hokkaido, the northern Japanese island. Hoping to be reunited with this little mammal, the author hiked the mountains of Hokkaido for the first time in 50 years. He caught their calls, found a pair and then a cub coming out from the burrow. The author's description shares readers the breath of the rabbits. The illustrations, which resemble careful observation, convey to young readers the precious moments in nature. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-03-964520-3 JPY1400, 32 pages, 270x220mm



ISBN978-4-03-437870-0 JPY1600, 40 pages, 220x250mm

NON FICTION

J.H. Fabre's Souvenirs Entomologiques - The Best Scenes 1 by OKUMOTO Daizaburo/illus. by IMAMORI Mitsuhiko

J.H. Fabre's Souvenirs Entomologiques is the world beloved classic for insect lovers. Okumoto and Imamori who have been fascinated by Fabre since their childhood, visited Fabre's land where he actually observed insects. They pick up 16 scenes from his books to introduce young readers with beautiful cutout-illustrations. At the end of the book, a list of the insects of the book with brief scientific information, and 8-pages Fabre's biography with photographs. The book to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Fabre's birth.

The Best Scenes 2



ISBN978-4-03-437880-9 JPY1600, 40 pages, 220x250mm



ISBN978-4-03-635610-2 JPY900, 150 pages, 190x130mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, Russian, Indonesian

FICTION

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.

Vol.2



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ISBN978-4-03-635640-9 JPY900, 166 pages, 190x130mm

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ISBN978-4-03-635650-8 JPY900, 150 pages, 190x130mm

Vol.6



ISBN978-4-03-635660-7 JPY900, 166 pages, 190x130mm

KOGUMASHA



Eleven Hungry Cats

by BABA Noboru

Eleven cats who are constantly hungry go off together to the lake to catch a big fish. Again and again they tax their wits in competition with the fish, until at last they catch a big, strange one. They then agree not to have a bite of it until they show this strange catch to other cats the following day. However... The 1st title of the series. Fun-filled tales about eleven cats, with Tabby Cat as their leader. Adventurous, witty, carefree, and more than a bit greedy and silly, these cats have long retained their special position in Japanese lists of popular reading for children.

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Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, French, Thai, Italian





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11 Cats and an Alien



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11 Cats in Mud



ISBN978-4-7721-0139-4 JPY1200, 40 pages, 260x190mm

Scroll Book - 11 Cats' Marathon Race



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Scroll Book - The Yokai Forest

by MIZUKI Shigeru

A series of "Scroll Picture Book" uses only pictures to tell the story. Two good friends go out for a picnic, and before they know it, they find themselves in a forest of yokai. When unfolded, the book becomes a 2.8-meter panoramic screen on which a total of 170 yokai appear. You will never get tired of watching the lives and plays of the yokai unfold in the mysterious forest. A booklet explaining the characteristics of each yokai is included. A picture book by Shigeru Mizuki, the world acclaimed manga author/artist of yokai world.

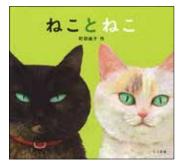
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Scroll Book - GeGeGe no Kitaro Goes to the Yokai Island by MIZUKI Shigeru

The second volume of Shigeru Mizuki's "Scroll Picture Book" in which the story is told only with pictures. Kitaro receives an SOS from Yokai Island and heads to the rescue with his friends. They confront the yokai such as Dracula, Baird, and Iso-Onna, who are doing all kinds of evil things they want to do. When unfolded, the panorama is 2.8 meters long with a large collection of 200 yokai. A booklet of yokai explaining their characteristics doubles the joy of the book. Shigeru Mizuki's picture book for children and adults.

ISBN978-4-7721-0138-7 JPY2500, 270x260mm



Cat and Cat

by MACHIDA Naoko

Machida is a hit-maker of cat picture books including The Cat Who Has No Name (Komine Shoten) that won the grand prix of MOE Picture Book Award 2019. This is her another cat book for very young children. On every spread, there are two cats in comparison. They look very different, but they have somthing in common such as their eyes have the same color, their hands are both white... The combination of simple text and realistic drawings makes the book unique and outstanding. Ages 2-up

ISBN978-4-7721-0244-5

JPY1000, 24 pages, 200x210mm

Traditional Chinese, French

KYOUIKUGAGEKI



Letters

by TACHIMOTO Michiko

A letter arrived at Piggy's house from her grandmother. It was an invitation to grandma's strawberry party. Piggy immediately wrote her a letter and began writing invitations to her friends, by choosing the letter pads, drawing pictures, and selecting suitable stamps. The diecut and fold-out pages allow young readers to relive the joy of opening a letter. The artist who designs toddler products under the name of colobockle presents lovely series of My First Day (8 volumes). Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-7746-2241-5 JPY1200, 34 pages, 240x190mm



Shall I Brush for You?

by FUKUBE Akihiro illus. by OHNO Kohei

A fake little Ryota appeared in front of Ryota who had many dislike about food. The fake ate everything and grew bigger and bigger until Ryota was eaten up. (vol. 1. Shall I Eat For You?) In this 2nd title, Ryota was forced to serve the fake by brushing his teeth. Now, the time for revenge! He intentionally left the back teeth unbrushed... A funny and cynical picture book for children's daily life education. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-7746-2275-0 JPY1200, 33 pages, 200x200mm Traditional Chinese, Korean

Shall I Eat for You?



ISBN978-4-7746-1216-4 JPY1200, 33 pages, 200x200mm



The Happiest Gift

by MIYANO Satoko

Little Squirrel and Brown Bear are great friends. They always spend time together. One day, Squirrel thought to herself, "What makes Bear happier than now?" A bicycle that runs with the wind? A warm sweater? Or a bouquet of flowers from all over the field? When Squirrel suggested Bear replied... The author Miyano turns the feeling of "I like you" into a picture book. The long-selling picture book that won the 7th LIBRO Picture Book Award.

ISBN978-4-7746-2061-9

JPY1300, 28 pages, 230x230mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese

Thank You



ISBN978-4-7746-2225-5 JPY1300, 32 pages, 230x230mm



The Chocolate Shop in the Forest by FUKUZAWA Yumiko

A chipmunk and a fox squirrel are a bumpy duo. One day, they received a box of chocolates from a chocolatier from town. Whenever they met animals in trouble, they shared the chocolates and made them happy! So, they visited the chocolatier hoping to start a chocolate shop in the forest.... Since the first publication of "The Bakery in the Forest" (2007), the Delicious Forest series has been selling over 350,000 copies in total. At the end of each title, there is a recipe for the theme food. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-7746-2137-1

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Bakery

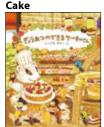
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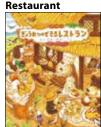
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Icecream

ISBN978-4-7746-2222-4 JPY1300, 32 pages, 264x214mm

KOMINE SHOTEN



The Colors of Friends

by KIKUCHI Chiki

Kuro-chan is a black dog. His friends, a green frog, a red bird, a blue lizard, a brown weasel..., visit him one after another. They ask him the same question, "What color do you like?" He replies, "I like green!", "I like red!" His answer varies with his friend in front of him because he likes each color of each friend. After a while, all friends come together and ask him, "What color do you like the best?" Then, Kuro-chan replies, "I like the color of friend the best. I like all the colors of my friends!" Each one's color is each one's individuality that should be equally respected. Ages 3-up

ISBN978-4-338-26139-5 Rights Sold JPY1600, 32 pages, 230x230mm



The Life of Acorns

by TATENO Hiroshi

Acorns fall from treetops. Mice and birds eat them. Trees lose their leaves and winter comes. Some surviving acorns sprout in spring. Even though deer and caterpillars eat their leaves, they continue to reach for the sky...Every living thing is kept alive by someone else's life. The book shares the truth with pictures of a forest in seasonal changes, without words. Tateno's paintings are so eloquent that the readers will be able to smell the moist soil and fallen leaves, feel the warm sunlight and the wind shaking the trees. He won the Shogakukan Children's Publishing Culture Award in 2017 for Tsuchihanmyo/Oil Beetle (Kaiseisha). Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-338-36201-6 JPY1800, 33 pages, 220x250mm



The Cat Who Wanted a Name

by TAKESHITA 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... The lonely cat not only got his name but also someone who loved him! Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-338-26133-3 JPY1500, 32 pages, 280x220mm Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, Thai, French, Spanish, Swedish, Portuguese(out of Brasil)



The Rabbit Ballet Shoes

by AWA Naoko

illus. by MINAMIZUKA Naoko

"I want to dance better". That's all a girl had hoped for. One morning, she received a pair of miracle ballet shoes. Wearing them, she turned a little ballerina and met a rabbit shoemaker and dancers in the mountain. She enjoyed dancing under the cherry blossoms until the sunset. Turn the pages and beautiful pink cherry blossoms will overwhelm you. Since its first publication in 1989, this picture book of poetical fantasy has gone over 70 reprints. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-338-06911-3 JPY1300, 24 pages, 280x220mm



A Pair of Red Mittens

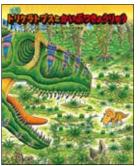
by HAYASHI Kirin/illus. by OKADA Chiaki

There was a pair of red mittens. The right and the left went everywhere together, covering a little girl's hands warmly. One day, the girl lost the right one in a forest. A mother rabbit picked it up and took home to use as a tea cosy. Her little twin daughters found it and used as a beanie. Three mice brothers visited the twins and mooched it to use as a sleeping bag. Then, a squirrel found it and wore as a sweater. On the other hand, the left one had missed the right since they were parted... The readers will surely think about the meaning of happiness by this lovey picture book. Ages 5-up

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KOMINE SHOTEN

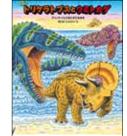


ISBN978-4-338-35402-8 JPY1300, 32 pages, 270x220mm

Dinosaur's New Exploration - Triceratops and the Monster Dino by KUROKAWA Mitsuhiro

Kurokawa's super popular Dinosaur Collection includes "Dinosaurs' Continent" (7 vols.), "Fighting Dinosaurs" (16 vols.), and "Dinosaur Adventure" (15 vols.), selling more than 3 million copies cumulatively. This new series, "Dinosaur's New Exploration" began in 2022 and Little Horn, a child Triceratops is a hero in the series again. In this story, he comes across a Siats, a huge meat-eating dinosaur in the forest and joined forces with his family to fight off this powerful enemy... Young children will learn from Little Horn how important courage and friendship are and get a lot of knowledge about dinosaurs. Ages 3-up

Sea Lizard



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Sea Turtle



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The Adventures of Little Horn 15-volume series by KUROKAWA Mitsuhiro

The main charactor of this series is Little Horn. He is a child Triceratops, three-horned face dinosaur. He satarted a long journey with his father Big Horn, and his friend Little Ptera, a child wing dragon. He makes new friends everywhere, and fights terrible enemies.





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Living Things That Support Agriculture by TANIMOTO Yuji/illus. by ISHIDA Ko

We eat grains, vegetables and fruits every day. Do you know that living creatures help farmers grow these crops? Ducks get rid of weeds, ladybirds eat aphids, shield bugs exterminate whiteflies... Various creatures are released into the fields and are playing active roles as building the soil and maintaining the environment of the fields. Let's get to know the activities of these amazing creatures! More and more farmers are using natural enemies instead of pesticides and herbicides. This book introduces 56 living creatures with easy-to-understand text and fun illustrations. Ages 8-up

ISBN978-4-338-08173-3 JPY5200, 150 pages, 290x230mm





Welcome to the World of Physics - To the End of the Universe by HABA Naoyuki/ illus. by UNO Atsumi

A Doctor of Physics and his third-grade son go to a space journey in a "100x Machine", a vehicle that flies 100 times further with each press of a button. They see the entire earth, the moon, the solar system, the Andromeda Galaxy, the Milky Way Galaxy, and finally, a cluster of galaxies. Each page has a column of natural phenomena explained from a physics perspective, such as "How we see things" and "Why the sky is blue". The author, a leading quantum mechanics researcher hopes physics spark in young children. A companion title "Into the Microscopic World" is also recommendable. Ages 7-up

ISBN978-4-338-34601-6 JPY1800, 47 pages, 297x210mm

SHIKO-SHA



Pippa Pippa's Magical Land of Colors

by KASUYA Nami

The little fairies "Pippa Pippa" are very good at collecting beautiful colors. Today, too, they set off on a journey to collect colors of grapes, lemons, and apples shining in the sunlight, the blue of the ocean, and colors of the sunsets. They are gifts from the nature. This is the latest work by the author of The King's Treasure and I Went to the Sea who shows bold compositions and exquisite free brush works. A colorful fantasy picture book that will reach the hearts of everyone from ages 0 to 100.

ISBN978-4-7834-0333-3 JPY1400, 24 pages, 250x250mm



The King's Treasure

by KASUYA Nami

The King gets a beautiful treasure box that is still empty. "What shall I put in?" He doesn't agree on 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.

ISBN978-4-7834-0320-3 JPY1200, 24 pages, 207x207mm



Mr. Bear

by KURATOMI Chizuko illus. by KAKIMOTO Kozo

Mr. Bear lived alone deep in the forest. When autumn winds blew, he missed friends and came down to the rabbits' village. He was a big bear with sweet heart who couldn't leave someone in trouble. At the same time, he caused unexpected results behind him! Since the series began in 1967, Mr. Bear has been welcomed by heart-warming stories. Ages 4-up

ISBN978-4-7834-0014-1 JPY1300, 24 pages, 250x250mm

Simplified Chinese, Thai



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 that makes the baby bird so happy. - Kazuo Iwamura's Little Squirrels series (6 titles) are the best story picture books to invite young children to the joy of "reading pictures" and learn something in the stories in four seasons.

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Friends of the Night



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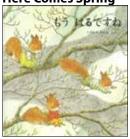
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The Red Sweater



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Here Comes Spring



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Friends of the Shower



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TOKUMA SHOTEN



Shinchan's Sheep

by KAWAMURA Midori/ illus. by SUGIHARA Tomoko

Shin-chan, a young boy, had a hard time sleeping at night. His father was away on a business trip and the wind was howling outside. His mother suggested, "You can sleep if you count sheep." But, he had no idea of a sheep at all! "Sheep has long hair." "Sheep makes sweaters." "Cutting the wool with scissors."... Having mother and brother's brief words of description, his images of sheep developed in far wrong direction... A picture book that shows how imagination can expand from words. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-198-65683-6 JPY1500, 24 pages, 257x182mm



Free Kid Gets Home

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 potato-brother in her new family! First published in 1995. A great humorous read-by-myself story book. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-19-860235-2 JPY1300, 112 pages, 215x155mm English(World), German



Dr. Cat's Animal Hospital

by NAKAGAWA Chihiro

The town's veterinary hospital was located at the foot of a mountain on the outskirts of town and the cat was always dozing by the side of the doctor during the day. But the truth was, he kept one eye open to observe the examination procedure, because at night, the cat turned into a mountain veterinary doctor! Humorous warm Nakagawa's story book. She has been translated children's books and created many children's picture books and stories, received awards including the Japan Picture Book Award Readers' Prize and the Noma Children's Literature Award. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-198-65503-7 JPY1700, 64 pages, 210x148mm

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ISBN978-4-19-865099-5 JPY1500, 40 pages, 215x300mm

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean, French, Thai

Who Brought the Lunch Box? by NAKAGAWA Chihiro

illus. by KOYOSE Junji

One day in the morning, a father called the little dwarfs. He asked them to deliver a lunch box to a child who had gone to "Dandelion" Island" for a picnic. The dwarfs packed the lunchbox and working cars onto the ferry and set sail for the island to complete their mission.

This is the seventh volume of the long-selling "Little Dwarfs" series where the dwarfs use the working cars to do all the missions humans ask them to do. This series has sold over 320,000 copies since its first publication in 2007.

What Happened on Sunday Picnic?



ISBN978-4-19-864407-9 JPY1500, 40 pages, 215x300mm

Who Made This Cake?



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Who Brought This Present?



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Who Rescued the Lost Kitten? Who Made This Hamster Wheel? Who Carried Back the Lost Red Button?



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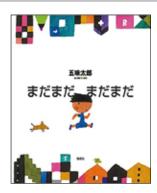


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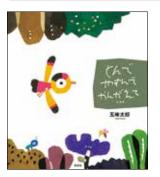
Run, Run, Run

by **GOMI** Taro

Ready, set, go! A boy starts running with a group of friends. A teacher with a flag of 1, 2, 3 waits at the finish line. But, the boy runs through and continues. He runs through the town, the crowded city of buildings, the village, the fields, the yard of cows and sheep, the forest... he continues enjoying different scenes of the world. Finally, he finds himself running toward the place where he came from, where all his friends and teachers waited for him with big smiles. Gomi's picture book of 2021.

ISBN 978-4-03-350090-4 JPY 1200, 32 pages, 260 x 230 mm KAISEI-SHA

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Fly, Rest, Think

by GOMI Taro

This time, the main character is a bird child. After flying a little, it rests a little, eats nuts, and flies a little again. "If I keep doing so, I will be able to fly far," thought the bird in high spirits! However, he faced a vast ocean with nowhere to rest. "What should I do?" He thought with full imaginations and then reached the idea, "I will be able to fly when I grow up. So, let's play in the forest for now!" Flying, resting, thinking - children are clever enough having fun at any time.

ISBN 978-4-03-350280-9 JPY 1300, 32 pages, 250x230mm KAISEI-SHA

Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese



Wake Up!

by GOMI Taro

Owl boy falls asleep comfortably on the crescent moon. Oh, oh!, he falls into the deep blue sky. (The book opens from the top to the bottom.) "Hey, wake up, you're going to die!" Bats shout loudly and the boy finally opens his eyes while falling...! The contrast between the peaceful owl in asleep and the panic of other animals is hilarious. Taro Gomi's beautiful color magic, published in summer 2022.

ISBN 978-4-87110-478-4 JPY 1400, 24 pages, 240 x 210 mm EHONKAN

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The Bus Frog

by TODA Kazuyo/illus. by SHIGERI Katsuhiko

"Bus frogs" are guides on the Frog Sightseeing Bus. They enjoy beautiful scenery from the interior of the bus where is warm even in winter, and they can sing loudly to entertain everyone. So, that's dream job for frogs. Now, for the first time in a while, a notice has been posted for "A Bus Frog Wanted". The frogs in the village are so eager to be chosen that they go to the pond every night to make their voices heard. A young boy, Kuko, is in such a hurry to the pond that he gets into an argument with his mother.... The three-dimensional illustrations draw readers into the world of the frogs. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-3330-2602-9 JPY1300, 32 pages, 250x220mm KOSEI SHUPPAN



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The Sumo Cat's Bakery

by MACHIDA Naoko

The bakery on the hill was run by a cat. She worked hard from early in the morning to bake delicious bread. She's a real go-getter! Dosukoi! Kneading the dough, rolling it out, putting it in the oven, and carrying it to the store shelves...every action is depicted with the movements of a sumo wrestler. Until the bread was baked, she could doze off for a bit. Even in her dreams, she stepped on the ring made of bread. This is a humorous picture book that combines the faithful job and sumo wrestling. Naoko Machida, a very popular author of *Cat Stays Home Alone, Cat and Cat, The Cat Who Wanted a Name*, etc. Ages 5-up

ISBN978-4-593-10412-3 JPY1500, 32 pages, 265x216mm HOLP SHUPPAN

FICTION



Gardo the Ghost Crocodile

Hina, a third grader, had just moved to a new school. She had no friends yet, that made her days gloomy. While she was still in sleepy eyes before going to school, Gardo the ghost crocodile appeared in front of Hina. Gardo was visible only to those who were alone and lonely. Humorous dialogues and lovely illustrations draw young readers into the heart-warming bittersweet fairy tale. Ages 10-up

ISBN978-4-03-530970-3 JPY1300, 96 pages, 210x160mm KAISEI-SHA

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Singing Shijimi Clams

by KOJIMA Naomi

The old witch wants to make clam soup for dinner. When she puts the clams into a bowl with water they open their mouth and start snoring. How cruel it would be to kill such cute clams! At night the witch wakes up from their chatter. Is this the sea or a river? They ask her. The old witch and her cat decide to take them back their native ocean. But, how? Hilarious story with cute black and white illustrations.

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