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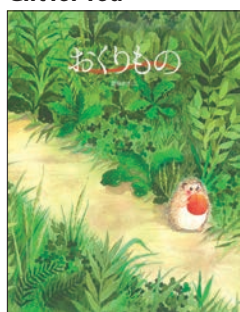
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The Secret Treasure

by TOYOFUKU Makiko

A cat was invited by other cats to eat fish together. When the cat refused, the other cats whispered, "What a strange guy. How can a cat dislike fish?" But, they didn't know the cat liked fish so much that he didn't want to eat it. There was another cat who liked birds so much that he didn't want to eat it... Sometimes it takes courage to be yourself, but it's a beautiful thing. A picture book that conveys such a message.

Gift for You



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The Stray Doll



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Dr. Yellow-Dotty

by IMAI Kyoko/ illus. by OKAMOTO Jun

Dr. Yellow-Dotty is a frog doctor who lives in a tree trunk by a small pond. An old ant who broke his leg, a calf who choked on a rubber ball, a bat who ripped his wing... the story is a stream of episodes depicting the doctor's treatments of various patients in the forest. The behaviors of the animals are based on their ecology and habits, which sometimes leads to harsh episodes like Dr. Yellow Dotty accidentally swallowing his own patient. Such realism and dry humor gives this series a charm like none other. An eight-volume fairy tale series. Illustrated on every spread in full-color.

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Swallowed a Patient



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Transforms to a Catfish



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JPY1300, 32 pages,
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FICTION

The Midnight Library Adventure

by MURANAKA Rie/ illus. by KITAMURA Yuka

There is a sleepover tonight at the library – not for kids, but for the stuffed toys. The library staff puts the toys on a book cart for a guided tour in the library, and take lots of pictures. After tucking the toys in their blankets, the workers all leave. Is the fun over? No, no – the true adventure awaits in the midnight! The toys discover that characters from books come to life after humans go home, and there is a big bear currently rampaging the library. Which book does it belong to? A first-reader story book showing children that library is where they can freely spread their imagination.

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JPY1200, 87 pages, 215x150mm





Treasure Bakery

by SHINJU Mariko

There is a bakery called "Treasure Bakery" with a line of people every day. One night, a burglar sneaks in thinking he would find treasure. "Quit being a thief and work here. If you try hard, you will find treasure." The baker tells the burglar, thus he begins his apprenticeship... The illustration of the breads looks appetizing on all pages, while characters are drawn simple with colors limited to yellow, white, and brown, creating a pleasing contrast. A book that naturally guides children to see that true treasure is not physical riches.

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Hi, I'm a Little Bear

by MURAKAMI Yasunari

A bear cub crawls out of its den with its mother, sensing the arrival of spring. While exploring the mountain, mother bear teaches the cub how to climb trees and find food, until finally the day comes when they must separate. On his first day alone, the cub runs into other creatures like raccoons, boars, a human, and another cub just like him. With the help of his companion, he finally manages to find food and goes to sleep with a full stomach... The cub's journey resembles that of children entering schools or other new environments. This subtly beautiful picture book is an anthem for all small children aspiring to grow up.

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Sweets Train

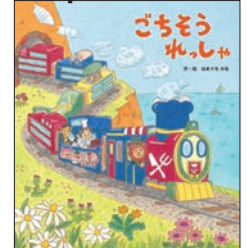
by HAMAGUCHI Kana

The twin rabbits are excited for their family trip by the Sweets Train; a train style dessert buffet! Harvest some fruits on the orchard car, then take them to the second car where the Penguin Parlor turns them into chilled deserts. The third car is a Japanese pastry shop that offers traditional tea ceremony, and the fourth car is a cooking lab. At the fifth car, take on an obstacle course to acquire more snacks. Finally, at the sixth car, a big birthday surprise is waiting for the twins! The second book in the *Yummy Train* series.

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Banquet Train



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Look My Favorite!

by KOBAYASHI Yukiko

Rabbit loves dressing up. As she decides what to wear, the double-spread shows all kinds of sweaters, shirts, skirts, pants, and dresses hanging in her closet. She goes to see her friend squirrel who loves to bake. The spread is filled with cookies of many shapes and flavors. Which ones should they take on a picnic? Umbrellas, teacups, and beautiful spiderwebs – Each one is different, and charming. Take your time to enjoy the variety and chose your favorite one. The book comes with a paper dress-up doll on the jacket flap.

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The Circus in the Rain

by INOUE Kotori

The Underwater Apartment is an apartment for creatures such as Crocodile, Frog, Turtle, Axolotl, Plesiosaur, and Kappa. When the rainy season begins, the residents are excited to go visit places on the land! Parks, orchards, and mountain tops are some of their favorite places. But today, they find something new – a circus tent. Seeing that the animals at the circus are feeling gloomy due to the rain, the water animals decide to perform instead! A lighthearted picture-book with cute and unique illustrations.

ISBN978-4-8054-5652-1
JPY440, 32 pages, 250x220mm



Mice Train

by YAMASHITA Haruo
illus. by IWAMURA Kazuo

The seven mice siblings don't want to enter nursery school. "It's too far," "I'm nervous meeting other kids," "We might run into a snake." After some thought, the mother has an idea. The night before their entrance, she rolls two balls of yarn all the way to their school, making them look like train tracks. As soon as seeing this, the siblings rush to form a mice train and head out to school! Lively text and detailed illustrations bring each character's personality to life. First published in 1983, the Seven Little Mice series continues to be loved over generations.

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Mice Go to the Beach



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Mice Fishing



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Little Red Truck

by MIYANISHI Tatsuya

The Little Red Truck got a mission to deliver the Racoon's luggage to Rabbit's house. When going out into town, he was scolded by a sports car and glared at by a garbage truck. There were lots of nice cars around and Red felt miserable for himself. Could he complete his mission?! Children can empathize with Little Red, and each volume features a variety of vehicles with different characteristics. A fun story picture book of Little Truck, who accomplishes his mission by cooperating with everyone.

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Little Red Truck and Pink Truck



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Little Red Truck & Green Truck



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What Are You Looking for, Dino?

by TOMIYASU Yoko/ illus. by AOKI Hiroe

An old stuffed dinosaur lives in a closet. His owner boy has grown up and no longer plays with him. One night, the dinosaur makes up his mind to set out on a journey to find "it" – something he's been wanting to find all along but can't remember the name of. This humorous story will keep the children engaged all the way up to the joyous ending where the dinosaur finally remembers what "it" is and meets somebody who cares for him. A heartwarming story by the award-winning author Yoko Tomiyasu.

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Breakfast



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14 Mice Family series

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 continued 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

A New House



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A Yam



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Winter



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Picnic



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Moon Viewing



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Washing Day



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Autumn Festival



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A Pumpkin



ISBN978-4-494-00874-2

Dragonfly Pond



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Lullaby



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New Year's Day



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The Mole Construction Company

by NAGASAKI Shingo

The squirrel family comes to ask the Mole 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

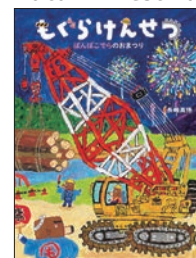
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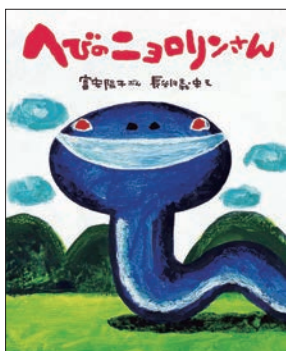
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Autumn Festival



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The Happy Snake

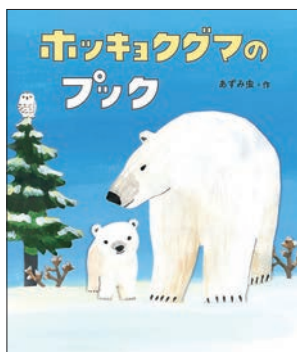
by TOMIYASU Yoko

illus. by HASEGAWA Yoshifumi

A big blue snake wakes up from hibernation and enjoys a walk in the spring field. After shedding its skin, it goes off looking for a bigger nest, and decides to live in the attic of an old lady's home... A humorous story picture book that depicts the contrast between a snake who always lives his daily life at his own pace and those around him who are amazed by the giant snake.

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JPY1500, 32 pages, 260x210mm



Pook, the Polar Bear

by Azumimushi

In a cold winter day, a small polar bear cub Pook was born. Soon the spring came, and the baby Pook got out of their burrow for the first time. Full of new encounters with arctic animals such as elks, snowy owls, ptarmigans. Pook's life adventure begins! Azumimushi, lives in Alaska, won awards including the Kodansha Publishing Culture Illustration Award. Using the technique of cutting aluminum plates, she has created loving picture books featuring wild animals in Canadian Arctic region.

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Anu, the Seal



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246x216mm
Korean



When a Whale Dies

by EGUCHI Eri/ illus. by KAWASAKI Shunichi

What happens when a whale dies? The book follows the corps of a sperm whale that sank to the ocean floor, as it gets discovered and slowly eaten away by other creatures. Although the whale ended its life, its body nourishes other lives. Depicting the progress of a food chain in an observational tone, this book captures the mystical wonders of the ecosystem through its beautiful illustrations. At the end of the book, readers can find a list and explanations of the creatures that appear in the story. Written by an author and illustrator both highly praised for their animal-themed books and artwork.

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JPY1800, 40 pages, 251x256mm

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The Sea Around Us

by KAWASAKI Shunichi

All seven species of sea turtles are reducing its numbers due to humans and are at the risk of extinction. This picture book follows baby sea turtles born on the beach as they set out on a journey in the vast ocean, encountering numerous threats. When creatures are eaten, where do they go? Are their lives lost, or just changes their form? A natural science picture book that makes us see how all lives are interconnected. More than thirty kinds of creatures are drawn in the book, which are all explained in detail in the visual encyclopedia at the end.

ISBN978-4-7735-0282-4
JPY1800, 48 pages, 250x250mm
KASETSUSHA



NON FICTION

The Lost Things

by Arthur Binard/ photos by OKAKURA Tadashi

A book about the atomic bombing of Hiroshima. On each spread there is a picture of a find: A clock which stopped at 8:15 am, gloves, a purple dress, half melted glasses, a diary. Each find tells the fate of its owner. The fate of Tamotsu e.g. who wore the glasses when the flash not only destroyed his glasses but also his entire face. All objects are looking for something, the gloves for the hands, the shoes for the boy who wore them or just for an answer to the question why. By giving these objects a voice, the book gives the dead a voice. Impressing.

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JPY1300, 32 pages, 266x191mm

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Noraneko Activity Book

by KUDOH Noriko

Here comes an activity book perfect for fans of the Naughty Cat series. Search and find, spot the difference, mazes, counting, word play, puzzles, quizzes... The book is filled with all kinds of games using pictures from the past *Naughty Cat* titles. After enjoying the story books, try this activity book and the fun will be double fold.

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JPY900, 56 pages, 210x210mm

Noraneko Naughty Cats Series

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Camping



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Show Me Your House

by MOMORO

When a girl hears that her parents are about to plan a new house, she starts to think. "What kind of house I like to live in?" The girl then goes on a journey to see how animals live and learns about the ingenuity and surprising structure of their houses. Ants have many rooms in the ground or polar bears make warm homes in the ice... Swallows, beavers, river mice, orangutans — amazing ideas to fit their unique lives. A fun introductory picture book to learn about animals' habitats, supervised by zoologist Tadaaki Imaizumi.

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JPY1400, 32 pages, 265x195mm

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Traditional Chinese, Korean



Toto the Kitten

by KURAHASHI Rei

A girl lives with six cats, all very different. Bobo, the big one who rules the roost. Lolo, the one with a bow tie. Dada, the one with long ears... and Toto the black cat, smallest of all. The book follows a usual day in Toto's life. No matter how small he is, he has his own rich personality. Whether it's breakfast time or nap time, play time or bedtime, Toto lives every moment to the fullest. Kurahashi's retro art style with pale-tone colors will invite children to a cozy reading time.

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Stay Home



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JPY1400, 32 pages, 265x195mm

PICK UP!



King's Cake

by ISHII Mutsumi/ illus. by KURAHASHI Rei

Millie is a pinky-size ceramic doll. She is a "fève" hidden in a King Cake (Galette de Rois). Whoever finds the fève in their serving is said to have good fortune guaranteed. One day, a mother of two boys buys the King Cake containing Millie. Listening to the conversations, Millie learns that the family is taking care of a little girl whose mother is sick. Millie desperately wishes that the girl will win the fève, but the fève goes to one of the boys... and a subtle but beautiful miracle awaits. Elegant illustrations will immerse readers in this heartwarming story.

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JPY1500, 32 pages, 266x207mm

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Traditional Chinese, Korean



Gustave Goes to Wonderland

by HIGUCHI Yuko

Gustave is a bizarre creature with a cat's head and octopus' legs. Its hands are like snakes, and its head has a tentacle. There are ten of them, all identical. One day, they set out on an expedition to find the mythical creature, Fickel Pernenx. What will be the outcome of this very strange encounter? Set in a bizarre imaginative world, all sorts of unknown creatures are illustrated with delicate detail. Throughout the book, readers will enjoy the charm of Yuko Higuchi's one and only unique art style. Second title in the *Gustave* series.

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Gustave



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FICTION

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.

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The Abandoned Cat



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Korean

The Bookstore Cat



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Korean, Spanish



ACTIVITY

The 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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JPY2273, 60 pages, 240x160mm

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Italian



Sushi Came to Buy Clothes

by TANAKA Tatsuya

A collection of seven funny scenes of Sushi that came to buy sashimi for clothes, ice cream for a hat, sausage for a car, in miniature photographs and witty dialogues. Tanaka 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.

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Sushi Goes on a Trip



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210x210mm

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Korean, English(World)



Two Hungry Wolves

by MIYANISHI Tatsuya

Two wolves were muttering to themselves. "Apples are delicious, but a mouse could be more delicious..." Then a mouse appeared, but they missed it... "It doesn't matter, as a chicken could be more delicious..." Then the chicken appeared!!, and they failed... One after another, the two failed repeatedly until they finally got thousands of apples. A fun story picture book with a stable structure. Presented by Miyanishi who won the Japan Picture Book Award, the Kodansha Publishing Culture Award, etc.

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The Barber Crayfish

by TATSUTOMI Kao

A gentle crayfish and its assistant crab run a tiny barber shop. The crayfish is famous for giving amazing haircuts, no matter what request his customer has. One day, however, one of his scissors gets ripped off while fighting a duck attacking his shop... A longtime favorite that excellently weaves in the anatomy of a crayfish into an engaging story, finally gets a hardcover edition after 20 years from its first publication. The comical depictions of insects and vegetables are a joy to read, while the story carries an earnest message about hardships and regeneration.

ISBN978-4-564-01942-5
JPY1350, 32 pages, 270x220mm



The Rooster's Flower

by SUZUKI Tomoko

One rooster lives in the yard of a tiny house. He believes his crest is more beautiful than any of the flowers. One day, a red rose blossoms in the yard. Which one is more beautiful? The two argued day and night. One day, the old man living in the house harvests the rose to decorate his window. Next morning when the sun rises, the rooster finally sees the beauty in all the flowers shining with dew drops. He crows with all his might, praising the flowers, hoping that it will reach the rose... With an abstract art style and a simple story, the author helps young readers explore what is true beauty.

ISBN978-4-564-01940-1
JPY1280, 28 pages, 270x210mm

Sunshine Day



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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Autumn Festival



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HIKARINOKUNI



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The Rabbit and the Hedgehog

by TASHIRO Chisato

Rabbit and Hedgehog are best friends. They live in the same house and enjoy doing same things together. But today, they have a problem for dinner - Rabbit wants shrimp curry and Hedgehog wants egg curry... After a big fight, Hedgehog goes out the door. As it gets darker and starts to snow, Rabbit's imagination runs wild. "What if he got attacked by wolves!?" Rabbit goes out to search... You may not get along all the time, but still, friends are the best thing to have. The first title in the humorous *Rabbit and Hedgehog* series.

Summer Day



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JPY1280, 32 pages,
260x220mm

Rainy Day



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260x220mm

PICK UP!



Favorites in the House

by TASHIRO Chisato

A child orangutan is alone at home while his mother is out grocery shopping. First, he plays in the playroom, pulling out all his toys. Next, he plays with the bathroom shower. Then, he has a picnic on the kitchen floor with all his favorite foods he found in the fridge. Toilet, stairs, laundry line... The little orangutan guides small readers in a lively tour of familiar places inside the house. Kids will enjoy this book both as a story book and as a cognitive book, spotting things they know while laughing at how freely the orangutan boy plays.

ISBN978-4-580-82222-1
JPY1200, 32 pages, 220x150mm
BUNKEN SHUPPAN

CRAYON HOUSE



ISBN978-4-86101-409-3
JPY2400, 32 pages, 240x240mm

Yukihira and the Hungry Elephant

by IWAMA Taketsugu/ illus. by KANIE Anzu

There is a person standing in the middle of a wasteland with a pot on the head. A hungry elephant comes along. The person grabs a handful of grass, puts them in a green ladle, and lights a green fire with a green match. Grass starts flowing from the ladle, growing wildly until it turns the whole wasteland into a field... A book about the simple joy of filling one's stomach and the act of giving. Kanie is known for her creative art style and charity initiative of donating picture books and art supplies to children affected by the 2011 Tohoku earthquake. *Giraffe* and *Whale* also in series.

Giraffe



ISBN978-4-86101-410-9
JPY2400, 32 pages,
310x220mm

Whale



ISBN978-4-86101-411-6
JPY2400, 32 pages,
220x310mm

HOLP SHUPPAN



Transform, Vehicles

by MIURA Taro

Transform! is a 12-page board book series for babies presented by Taro Miura. When you turn the page with a picture of an animal, a different illustration overlaps with just the animal's eyes showing through a die-cut hole. A cat transformed into a boat! A gorilla transformed into a locomotive! The dynamic change, vivid colors and unique shapes are graphically appealing, while the two eyes constantly gazed on the reader creates a peaceful feeling. Other titles in the series are *Working Vehicles*, *Animals*, and *Sea Creatures*.

ISBN978-4-593-10525-0

JPY1100, 24 pages, 150x150mm

Working Vehicles



ISBN978-4-593-10526-7

JPY1100, 24 pages,
150x150mm

Animals



ISBN978-4-593-10252-5

JPY980, 24 pages,
150x150mm

Sea Creatures



ISBN978-4-593-10253-2

JPY980, 24 pages,
150x150mm



The Forest Café

by KAMEOKA Akiko

The forest wolf was popular with customers for his delicious acorn coffee. One day, deep in the forest, the wolf entered a coffee shop with no sign and encountered the most delicious acorn coffee he had ever tasted. From that day on, the wolf went there every day and tried to imitate the techniques, but he could never get the same taste. The wolf asked the bear master to take him on as his apprentice. However, the bear master replied, "Don't just copy the recipes you've learned from others. Try them yourself..." With a comic-book-like panel layout and speech balloons, the book presents a wolf's life as tasteful as a cup of coffee.

ISBN978-4-593-10423-9

JPY1600, 40 pages, 210x170mm

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Simplified Chinese, Korean



The Typhoon Bear

by OKUYAMA Yuka

A little bear was called a "Typhoon Bear" as its behavior was just like a typhoon, such as dropping laundry in the garden or yelling on a street. That's why the little bear was all alone. Mick, a young guy who lived at the foot of a mountain, didn't dislike the little bear, though. One day, a typhoon approached the forest. Ignoring Mick's pleas to stop him, the bear went fishing alone and got caught in the storm... The book adorably draws how the little bear, who has never been treated kindly by others, expresses his love to the best of his ability. The illustrations are dynamic, yet restrained, allowing young children to focus on the story.

ISBN978-4-593-10411-6

JPY1500, 32 pages, 250x217mm

Rights Sold

Korean



The Cat Who Left Home Alone

by MACHIDA Naoko

After the human leaves the house, the pet cat is left alone. Just when you think the cat is lying quietly on the sofa, it opens the closet door and finds an entrance to "somewhere." A cafe, a hair salon, a bookstore, a movie theater, a fishing pond, a sushi restaurant, it enjoys one after the other. "Well, I guess it's about time to go home," the cat says, passing through that door once again to greet its owner at home. The carefree nature of cats unfolds by Machida's qualified paintings. A very popular story picture book.

ISBN978-4-593-10096-5

JPY1500, 32 pages, 256x207mm

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Cherry Blossom Fairies

by KITO Inori

Cherry blossoms are beautiful not only when they bloom, but also when their petals fall. This picture book personifies cherry blossom petals as they fall from their branch, like fairies. The petals dance with insects, get surprised by the speed of swallows, and ride on dandelion fluffs, until they finally land on the ground. Although brief, their travel through the air is filled with celebration of life. Simple, cute, and poetic picture book illustrated in cartoon style.

ISBN978-4-338-26146-3
JPY1500, 32 pages, 250x190mm



The Cat Who Had No 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

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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

ISBN978-4-338-26140-1
JPY1600, 32 pages, 280x240mm

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PICK UP!



Little Button

by OGAWA Yoko/ illus. by OKADA Chiaki

Little Button is a button placed right under the collar of Anna's favorite blouse. One day, Little Button's thread loosens, and she falls behind the toy box. In that dusty space, she meets a rattle, a bib, and a stuffed polar bear who all used to be Anna's favorite belongings but are now forgotten. Little Button comforts them by telling them how they helped Anna grow up and be the confident little girl she is. Yoko Ogawa and Chiaki Okada, both internationally acclaimed author & artist, give voice to childhood mementos through a gentle story about the meaning of growth.

ISBN978-4-569-78501-1
JPY1300, 32 pages, 250x190mm
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FICTION

Book Lover Friends

by KISARAGI Kazusa
illus. by ICHIKAWA Natsuko

Little Cheetah is a book lover who borrows 10 books at once at the library. Little Hippo is another book lover who re-borrows the same book over and over again. Two are book lovers, but they are different. Hippo knows, Cheetah has wide book recommendations in her mind. Cheetah knows, Hippo memorizes beautiful sentences and scenes. The two will teach children how to respect each others' differences. Ages 6-up

ISBN978-4-338-19236-1
JPY1100, 63 pages, 220x150mm

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Simplified Chinese





Me and Little Popov

by **AKIKUSA Ai**

Ai Akikusa is known for her hand-drawn illustrations portraying animals' lovely expressions and gestures in simple line and colors. This picture book is told from the eyes of Fox caring for a baby bird. As if reading a diary, readers follow Fox as he takes care of the bird, feeding it, bathing it, and teaching it songs, until the bird learns to fly and sets out to the wider world. Any reader who opens this mini-size picture book will experience a warm affection for a creature smaller than oneself.

ISBN978-4-7746-1143-3
JPY800, 24 pages, 182x120mm



Frogs' Hide and Seek in a House

by **OHMURA Tomoko**

Frogs sneak into a human home and start playing hide-and-seek. There are three in the entrance, can you find them? When a girl opens the front door, the surprised frogs all jump out. There they were! Shoes, rain boots, umbrellas, balls, plants... all sorts of things appropriate to the entrance is drawn vividly, assisting the cognition of small readers. Seven frogs are hiding in the playroom, ten in the bathroom, eighteen in the attic, and fifty in the yard! (All the answers are shown on the endpaper.) A new favorite story-game book for small children.

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Here Comes Food Trucks



ISBN978-4-7746-2309-2
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Traditional Chinese, French, Thai



Can You Wear Pants?

by **MIYANO Satoko**

For every child, learning how to wear an underwear by him or herself is a significant step. Little Piko, a lam girl, has mastered this already. She has all sorts of underpants and can wear them all without mistake. However, there is just one underpants that she insists on wearing backwards – the underpants with a teddy bear print on the back. Why could this be? Gentle, light-color illustrations delicately captures the mother's love and a child's joy of learning to do things on their own.

ISBN978-4-7746-1365-6
JPY900, 28 pages, 200x200mm

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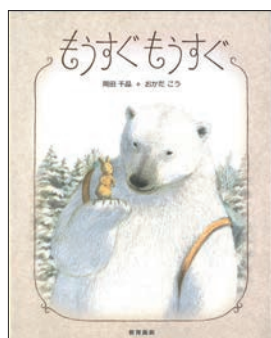


Forest Island and City Island

by **NISHIKAWA Naoko**

The protagonists of this book are two islands. Forest Island is covered with trees, and City Island is covered with buildings. Although very different, they are good friends. Every panel shows the two islands from one same angle, capturing the seasonal changes they undergo. The graphics are beautiful and emotional, while the text is subdued. Although the islands exchange very little dialogue, the deep-rooted affection between them is surprisingly convincing. A book based on the work chosen as one of the finalists for the Bologna Illustrators Exhibition, celebrating the beauty of living with others.

ISBN978-4-7746-2334-4
JPY1500, 32 pages, 292x195mm



Little Rabbit and Snow Bear

by **OKADA Chiaki & OKADA Ko**

Deep in the forest lives Bubu with his family. He is the youngest of the rabbit family and has never seen spring before. His elder brothers and sisters are sitting on a tree branch from where they can see the sea. Bubu can't jump that high. But soon it will be spring and he will be able to reach the branch. One morning Bubu hears the rumbling and sneaks out of the house while everyone else is still asleep. A huge polar bear is standing in front of him. Are you spring? Beautiful magical winter pictures which radiate warmth and tranquility.

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JPY1300, 32 pages, 262x214mm

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The Skeleton

by **TANIKAWA Shuntaro**/ illus. by **WADA Makoto**

The book starts with this striking line: "When I die, I want to be a skeleton." A boy continues to word his feelings about how he wants to play with his best friend and stay with her forever, even after he loses his body. A charming, humorous picture book about love republished twenty years after its first publication. Shuntaro Tanikawa (1931-2024) is one of the most highly regarded and beloved Japanese poets. His collaboration with the renowned illustrator Makoto Wada led to the creation of numerous classic picture books, *Skeleton* being one of them.

ISBN978-4-7746-0661-3
JPY1500, 28 pages, 257x210mm

The Devil



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257x210mm



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

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Icecream



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Little Walky's Ice Wonderland

by **SAKAI Sachie**

Little Walky's Miracle Adventure is a popular series starring Little Walky, a fluffy, round, imaginary creature who loves to travel on her foot. Visiting animal friends, mysterious shops, candy town, magical castles... In every volume, Little Walky travels to dreamy, dazzling locations that captivate small children. Whenever Little Walky stops by a house or a shop, there is always a cross section showing the inside of the building illustrated with adorable detail. The series contains twelve story books, a Christmas-themed sticker book, and a look-and-find gamebook.

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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 the 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 of four seasons.

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Friends of the Night



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Friends of the Shower



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A Snowy Birthday by IWASAKI Chihiro

In a collection of Chihiro Iwasaki's story picture books, Iwasaki draws views and feelings of protagonist little girl called Chii-chan with gentle water-color pictures. Her loneliness on staying home alone (*Stay Home Alone on a Rainy Day*), embarrassment and fascination on new neighbor friend (*The Boy Next Door*), delight when dreams come true (*A Snowy Birthday*) and so on are vividly expressed in each book. Since the first title appeared in 1968, Chii-chan stays as an icon of innocent little girl.

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Home Alone on a Rainy Day



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The Boy Next Door



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The Pretty Bird



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The Beach with Puppy



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Toto's Toast by TAKAHASHI Pechika

Little girl Toto loves to say "cheers," whenever she drinks something. Today, she takes her cup out into the forest, looking for more friends to say "cheers" with. An ant, a rabbit, a dog, an elephant, and even a ghost!? Each animal (and ghost) has their way and style of saying "cheers." A book that conveys to children, the joy of meeting others and expanding one's world. Presented by a multi-talented duo of Takahashi, a composer of nursery rhymes, and Sugihara, a graphic designer and art director.

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TOKUMA SHOTEN



FICTION

Lessons by Nana

by ITO Hiroshi

A girl's pet cat, Nana, is getting older and is not understanding many things anymore. She keeps asking for food, won't climb the fence, and even bites girls. However, over the years, Nana has done many things to the girl, as if she were another mother. She calls as "Lessons by Nana". That hasn't changed even now... A girl growing up and a cat getting older. Illustrated fiction for young people that conveys the love and sorrow for the passing of time.

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FICTION

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

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Who's Injured?



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Hungry Cow



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PICK UP!



FICTION

Standing Alone is Wonderful!

by NAKAGAWA Chihiro

The boy somehow feels standing out from the others. When he returns home from school, his mother is out and the door is locked. It's raining and cold, that makes him feel even more lonely. The boy walks through the shopping district looking for his mother, but he gets lost and his feeling alone is in max-voltage! However, after picking up some potatoes that an old lady had dropped, a circle of nosy people begins to surround the lost boy one after the other... A humorous illustrated story that conveys that even though you are alone, you are certainly connected to someone.

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NORA SHOTEN

Being Different Is Nice!



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Spring Is Here

A calf born in spring grows through four seasons. The snow melts, grass shoots appear and flowers bloom. The wind blows, a storm comes and then there is the stillness of the autumn. By the time spring comes, the calf grows into a cow with tiny yellow horns. By focusing on the white body part of the calf as snow and black part as soil, Taro invites readers into the seasonal travel with sophisticated short sentences.

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KAISEI-SHA

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Bus Stops

Here comes the bus like every other day, carrying many different people with different destinations. A painter gets off at the seashore. A salesman gets off at a residential area. Some are in a hurry, some are happy. Some have people meeting them at the stop while some are alone. By following the bus on its daily route, we get a glimpse into people's lives, and imagine stories behind them. Picture book composed of landscapes drawn with simple lines and shapes, and yet so beautiful. A picture book first published in 1985.

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World Spanish, Catalan



Penguins' Long Long Line

When you open this small, long rectangular picture book, the double-pages spread even wider. There are little penguins lined up in a row in this long rectangular scene. They are all holding a rope. "It's tug-of-war!" The boy exclaims, curious to see what is going on at the front. "Good luck with the tug-of-war!" But, he sees penguins are not taking the contest seriously. Who won? he wonders. "Winner? It's just fun to line up together, isn't it?" Gomi's picture book of 2024 is adorable showing best combination of characters, book format and its voice.

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JPY1300, 32 pages, 120x240mm
EHONKAN

Guess What!



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JPY600, 16 pages, 125x125mm
KAISEI-SHA

Taro Board Books

This board book series by Taro Gomi is all about enjoying die-cut holes. When there's a hole, you are tempted to poke your finger in it. Maybe you would like to go through it, or peek inside. Things might fall down, or run away from the hole. If there are two holes, you can pinch.



If there are three, you can grab. Every natural temptation is to be fulfilled in this simple and logical nine-book series made in the perfect size for the small hands of children.

Guess Who!



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FICTION

Sea Turtle



The Adventures of Little Horn 15-volume series

by KUROKAWA Mitsuhiro

Little Horn, a child triceratops, sets out on a journey with his father and his friend Pteranodon. On their way, they fight various predators such as the ferocious aquatic reptile mosasaurus, the dreadful carnivorous dinosaur carnotaurus, and many more. Little Horn demonstrates courage and wisdom, not only to protect himself, but also to survive with his fellow plant-eating dinosaurs and friend sea turtles. Children will enjoy stories following Little Horn's growth, becoming more and more attached to him as the volumes proceed. Good for reading aloud and for reading by myself.

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Monster Hotel Series

Happy Birthday Monsters!

by KASHIWABA Sachiko/ illus. by TAKABATAKE Jun

Monster Hotel stands in-between the small post office and the children's playground at the outskirts of a town. It looks so miserable and seems to break even now! Dracula who loves tomato juice, Frankenstein who is a coward fellow and various other monsters stay there. One day, when all the monsters get together to celebrate the devil's birthday, a human boy sneaks in the Monster Hotel. He is alone at home as his parents work late even on his 7th birthday today! The 1st title (published in 1991) of the long-run series. A humorous and heart-warming fiction for children. Ages 7-up

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KOMINE SHOTEN

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Invisible Man



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Dracula's Wife



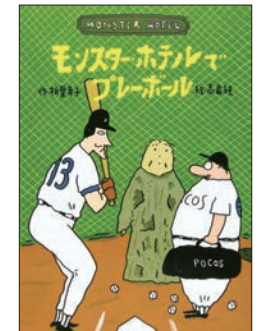
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Baseball Match



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FICTION



Ayano, the School Nurse Series Is Your Heart Lying?

by **SOMEYA Kako**
illus. by **HIZGI**

Ayano is a mysterious school nurse with long black hair and a deep voice. She greets children who visit the health room, listens to their problems, and gives them advice – while handing them a “special item” that will help them overcome internal struggles, such as envy, fear, or crushed pride. The items are magically effective but is not without side effects...A little bit spooky and painfully relatable YA novel consisting of serial short episodes. Eight volumes in series.

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KOMINE SHOTEN

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Heart Collection



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Try, Try, Try



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Yokai Family Apartment

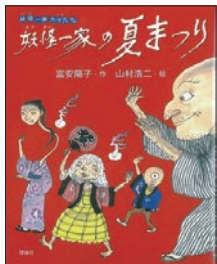
by **TOMIYASU Yoko**
illus. by **YAMAMURA Koji**

Tomiyasu is a master of writing stories about yokai, Japanese mythical monsters and ghosts. Her monsters are comical and gentle, sometimes clumsy, and never severely harm humans. In this series, seven monsters move into the basement floor of a newly built housing complex after losing their habitat by construction. The most important rule is “not to eat humans!” With the assistance of the city hall’s coexistence division, can they adjust to this new form of living? A ten-volume series presented by Yoko Tomiyasu, illustrated by the world-famous animator Koji Yamamura.

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Summer Festival



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School



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Amusement Park



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FICTION



Who Am I?

by ITO Miku/ illus. by HIRASAWA Geko

Fourteen-year-old Kotaro lost his memories after being hit by a car. While trying to adjust back to life, he notices something is odd. Why does his brother avoid him? Why are his classmates acting timid? Through interacting with his peers, including a neighbor girl and a boy who stopped going to school, Kotaro searches for his identity until he finally learns the truth about the accident. This YA novel excellently depicts the realities of a teenager. The memory-loss setting creates a natural reason and space for self-reflection, and the mystery element will keep the readers engaged all the way to the end.

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200 pages, 195x135mm

BUNKEN SHUPPAN



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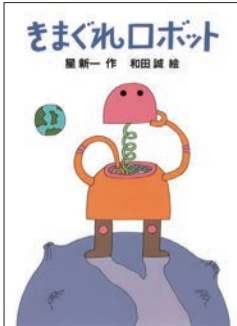
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